



Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Monday, February 18, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson and Councilmember Tim Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 7 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Scott Andrews, Ken Suddreth, Russell Martin and Tina Monaghan

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the February 18, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor B. Dwayne Hardin, The Embassy ATL, 2030 Powers Ferry Road delivered Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

The Mayor announced that Councilmember Ron Fennel would not be at the meeting.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

A. [V19-002](#)

Public Hearing - Appeal the decision of the License and Variance Board for request - V19-002 - Allow reduction of side setbacks from 35 feet to 10 feet - Land Lot 594 - 0.53 acres - 1639 Corn Road - The Woodbery Group - David Woodbery

Sponsors: Blustein

Mayor Bacon introduced the agenda item and announced that it was not an appeal. He then asked City Attorney Scott Cochran to explain the process for this hearing.

Mr. Cochran explained that it was not an appeal but rather a de novo hearing which means that it should be treated as a new hearing.

An announcement was made by Mayor Bacon that there was a sign language

interpreter present. The interpreter's name was Donna Flanders.

The Mayor then opened the public hearing and asked all those wanting to speak to come forward and take the oath.

Ms. Blustein asked Mr. Ken Suddreth, Director of Community Development to come forward and present the background information.

Mr. Suddreth reiterated that while the agenda item is listed as an appeal, it will be handled as a new hearing before the Council. The applicant was requesting to deviate from the development standards established by the City for the side setbacks of 35 feet. The applicant was requesting a variance to reduce the side setbacks to 10 feet to construct a five unit townhome building. Staff recommended approval of the requested variances with the following condition:

1) Approval of the requested variance shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted with the variance application.

The License and Variance Board approved the requested variance on January 9, 2019 with the additional stipulations that sound proof material be installed on the unit closest to the adjoining lot and that all units will have a sprinkler system. The applicant also agreed to shift the units west if the hydrology study revealed that this would be possible. The decision was to approve the variance 3 to 0. The adjoining property owner filed an appeal to that decision for Mayor and Council to hold a new public hearing.

Mayor Bacon asked Mr. Suddreth how close the homes would be to the property line at the closest point. As the closest point, the end unit building would be two feet from the property line.

Mayor Bacon asked the applicant to come forward to speak. Mr. David Woodbery of the Woodbery Group came forward to the podium.

Mr. Woodbery introduced himself and summarized his request. He clarified that the sound proofing would be on the internal walls of the unit and not on the outside. He felt that this would be sufficient to take care of the noise issue. As far as the moving west of the units, that information would not be available until after the hydrology study was completed.

Ms. Blackburn asked about the current status of the hydrology study. Mr. Woodbery said that the hydrology study would not occur until after the build was approved and the project moved into the full engineering stage.

Mr. Gould wanted to know how perspective buyers would be notified of the potential noise issue. Mr. Woodbery said that it would be done during the marketing part of the project. Buyers would be informed of the potential issues with being located close to areas zoned commercial as well as what was done to mitigate the issues. He also stated that it would only affect the building closest to the church.

The Mayor said that the City does have a sound ordinance so if a complaint was called in, someone would measure the sound, however, the applicant said that buyers would be informed of the situation in advance.

Councilmember Gould inquired about the sale price of the properties and asked for the applicant's thoughts about the area and how it would impact the sale of the homes

being built. The applicant answered mid 300's and went on to state that the area is in need of some redevelopment and the quietness of the area should attract potential buyers.

Mr. Norton wanted to make sure that the back corner was the only area impacted by being close to the church to which the applicant replied that was the only area of potential impact.

Councilmember Blustein asked about the square footage and price point of the homes. Approximately 2200 square feet with a potential for a little more depending on how the owner would want to build out and the mid \$300,000 range.

The Mayor said that the design for the units looked nice and he looks forward to seeing something positive in that area.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked the applicant if the homes would fall into the flood plain. Mr. Woodbery said that the flood plain is across the street by the creek. Ms. Wilkinson expressed concern about how noise levels impact the base level of homes from the vibration of bass as this has occurred in an area in her Ward.

Mayor Bacon said that at one point in time, there were buildings on the lot although it is currently undeveloped. He asked anyone wanting to speak to come forward.

Mr. Paul Kelly, son of the Deaf Baptist Church Pastor, spoke about the noise issue. Insulation would not prevent disturbing someone who was outside on their porch. Unless potential buyers were there during the hours of worship, they would not fully understand the level of the noise. People assume that deaf people are quiet but that is generally not the case. Looking into the future, if the initial purchaser is made aware and decides to sell the home after some time passes, how would future buyers be made aware.

Dr. Bruce Kelly, Pastor of the Deaf Baptist Church came forward to make comment. Please note that Dr. Kelly's comments were vocalized through sign language interpreter Donna Flanders. Dr. Kelly thanked everyone for allowing him to come out and comment. He gave some background information on how the church came to be located there including the process involved in finding a place where those that hear would not be disturbed by those who do not. His concerns include noise disturbing potential homeowners and increased traffic causing danger for church members which would limit the types of programs that the church could host. He presented a petition of those against the variance and offered copies to anyone who wanted one. He concluded by saying how proud he was to be part of the only deaf owned, deaf church in the area and hopes to be able to continue their many contributions.

Councilmember Welch asked Dr. Kelly what the service hours for the church are. Through the interpreter, Dr. Kelly said that services are Wednesday and Sunday, but that the church hosts events most days except for Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays which are lighter days.

The Mayor asked if any insulation for noise was installed when improvements to the church were made some years back. There are areas that are insulated toward the tops of the walls, but the remainder is not because the walls were cinderblock. The insulation in the attic is not sound proof and the floors are cement.

Ms. Wilkinson asked for some clarification regarding music during the week. Dr. Kelly

reviewed the normal program schedule stating that the music would mainly be on Wednesdays and Sundays.

Mr. Gould wanted to know if there was no setback request, would the church still have concerns. The answer was that at 35 feet, there would be no concern. If the fifth house was eliminated and the homes shifted further away, that would be ideal.

Mayor Bacon asked Dr. Kelly about the other property that was owned by the church. The property behind the potential townhomes is the other property owned by Dr. Kelly, not the church and it is north of the property.

The Mayor then asked Mr. Russell Martin of Community Development how close the church was to the property line. According to the paperwork on hand, the church is only two feet off the property line, but the building was there when the property was annexed into the City back in the 90's.

The public hearing was then closed by the Mayor.

Mr. Gould asked for clarification as to how the vote would work.

City Attorney Scott Cochran explained that with a motion to deny, a vote in favor means that the variance would be denied, and if it passes, then it would be over. If the motion to deny did not pass, then it is assumed that there would be a cross motion to approve.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein made a motion to deny V19-002 - Allow reduction of side setbacks from 35 feet to 10 feet - Land Lot 594 - 0.53 acres - 1639 Corn Road - The Woodbery Group - David Woodbery with a second by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The vote was a tie as follows:

Aye: 3 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Wilkinson

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

The prior vote ended in a tie. After consulting with City Attorney Scott Cochran, Mayor Bacon called for a new motion, he would need to vote to break the tie.

Councilmember Derek Norton made a motion to approve V19-002 - Allow reduction of side setbacks from 35 feet to 10 feet - Land Lot 594 - 0.53 acres - 1639 Corn Road - The Woodbery Group - David Woodbery. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve with Mayor Bacon breaking the tie carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Gould

Nay: 3 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Wilkinson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

B. [2019-56](#)

Public Hearing Only - Variance Request - V19-007 & 008 - Reduction

of the front setback from 35' to 15' and reduction of the rear setback from 30' to 15' for the construction of a new home - 0.113 Acres - Land Lot 519 - 2475 Adams Drive - Ronald Dickinson

Sponsors: Blackburn

Mayor Bacon said that items B, C, and D are all related to the same property. He opened the public hearing, and no one came forward to speak.

Ms. Blackburn asked Mr. Martin to come forward and present the information on the property.

Mr. Martin reviewed information regarding the property to Mayor and Council. Ronald Dickinson was requesting approval to annex the existing parcel on Adams Drive. Mr. Dickinson was proposing to demolish the existing home to construct a new home. The existing home is a one-story wood frame home that was built in the mid 1900's. The new proposed home is a two-story home with traditional architecture. The existing lot is a legal non-conforming lot with respect to the requirements of the R-15 zoning district. Therefore, as part of the annexation, Mr. Dickinson was requesting front and rear setback reductions to build the new home. The subject property is 0.113 acres in size and will be zoned R-15 (single-family residential) after the annexation. Due to the existing size of the lot and the requirements of the R-15 zoning district, the following variances will be needed to construct the new home:

- 1. Reduction in the minimum front setback from 35' to 15'; and*
- 2. Reduction of the minimum rear setback from 30' to 15'.*

Community Development recommends approval of the requested variance with the following conditions:

1. Approval of the requested variance shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted with the variance application.

2. The applicant shall dedicate 5' of right-of-way to the city along Adams Drive for the length of the property. All setbacks shall be taken from the existing right-of-way.

3. The property shall maintain the following minimum setbacks:

- Front - 15'*
- Side - 10'*
- Rear - 15'*

Mayor Bacon asked the applicant, Mr. Ronald Dickinson to come forward and speak.

Mr. Dickinson thanked Mr. Martin for his presentation and Mayor and Council for all that they have done for the City. He said that the house is the last ugly property in the area and he feels that tearing down the old house and building a new one will further help to better the neighborhood.

This was a public hearing only and no vote was taken.

C. [2019-37](#)

Approval of Ordinance 2019-01 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tract of land lying and being in Land Lot 519, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 0.113 acre tract, being known as 2475 Adams Drive, Smyrna GA 30080. The effective date will be March 1, 2019 and reside in Ward 3.

Sponsors: Blackburn

The presentation of information for this can be found under item 4B.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tract of land lying and being in Land Lot 519, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 0.113 acre tract, being known as 2475 Adams Drive, Smyrna GA 30080. The effective date will be March 1, 2019 and reside in Ward 3. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

D. [2019-59](#)

Final Vote - Variance Request - V19-007 & 008 - Reduction of the front setback from 35' to 15' and reduction of the rear setback from 30' to 15' for the construction of a new home - 0.113 Acres - Land Lot 519 - 2475 Adams Drive - Ronald Dickinson

Sponsors: Blackburn

Public hearing and the presentation of information for this can be found under item 4B.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve variance request - V19-007 & 008 - Reduction of the front setback from 35' to 15' and reduction of the rear setback from 30' to 15' for the construction of a new home - 0.113 Acres - Land Lot 519 - 2475 Adams Drive - Ronald Dickinson. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

E. [ORD2019-03](#)

Public Hearing - Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update section 908 in regards to the loading space requirements - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

Mayor Bacon announced the Items 4E through 4I are all amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and the Public Hearing and presentation of information will be held collectively.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones gave the background information. While reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, staff found several typing errors and discrepancies that need to be updated to reflect the current standards. Senior Planner, Rusty Martin, will be presenting the information.

The Mayor read aloud all five of the code amendments that were to be discussed and voted upon.

Mayor Bacon then opened the public hearing, and no one came forward.

Senior Planner, Russell Martin presented each of the amendments and offered explanations for the changes. While reviewing the Zoning Ordinance, staff found several typing errors that needed to be updated to reflect the current standards within Section 908 which focuses on loading space requirements. In the required loading berths table, there were a few areas that have overlapping requirements, which can cause confusion over which requirement to follow. By clarifying the gross floor area, it eliminates any confusion and potential problems with the loading berth requirements. Community Development Department recently reviewed Article XIII of the Zoning Ordinance related to the building permit process. There were a few discrepancies between how the Ordinance currently reads and what is being implemented through the Community Development Department. To improve the permitting process and eliminate any inconsistencies, Community Development is proposing to amend Sections 1304, 1305, and 1306 of the Zoning Ordinance, which relate to the permitting requirements, the duration of permits and the issuance of Certificate of Occupancies. The City Zoning Ordinance does not currently provide a parking requirement for guest parking in townhome and condominium communities. Community Development is proposing adding a minimum parking standard in the Zoning Ordinance for guest parking in townhome and condominium communities. The Community Development Department recently reviewed Appendices F, G, H, and I of the City's Code of Ordinance related to urban design guidelines along the Atlanta Road, Spring Road, South Cobb Drive and Windy Hill Road. To eliminate any inconsistencies and redundancies, Community Development is proposing to repeal Appendices F, G, H, and I of the Code of Ordinance. While reviewing Section 717 of the Zoning Ordinance to repeal several related appendices, Community Development staff noticed a few changes within Section 717 that were required to match what is currently enforced. In addition, the Community Development Department cleaned up any existing typing or grammatical errors. All of the aforementioned Zoning Code Amendments were heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission on December 10, 2018 and were recommended for approval by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Wilkinson inquired about something listed in the appeal procedure in regards to the UDC. Mr. Martin stated that it was an oversight and will be corrected.

Mr. Norton thanked staff for going through and finding the discrepancies.

Mr. Gould clarified that nothing of significance was being changed and that everything could be categorized under general housekeeping which Mr. Martin confirmed.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked for some further clarification regarding the urban design guidelines. Mr. Martin explained that the changes just made the guidelines uniform across the Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Bacon again invited anyone seeking to make comment to come to the podium. No one came forward, so the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Gould thanked Community Development for working on the task of making the corrections which makes it easier for people to do business in the City of Smyrna.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve ORD2019-03 Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update section 908 in regards to the loading space requirements - City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

F. [ORD2019-04](#) **Public Hearing** - Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update the building permit requirements - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

The public hearing and presentation of information for this can be found under item 4E.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve ORD2019-04 Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update the building permit requirements - City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

G. [ORD2019-06](#) **Public Hearing** - Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add guest parking for townhome and condominium communities - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

The public hearing and presentation of information for this can be found under item 4E.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve ORD2019-06 Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add guest parking for townhome and condominium communities - City of Smyrna with a second by Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

H. [ORD2019-07](#) **Public Hearing** - Code Amendment to the City's Code of Ordinance to repeal Appendices F, G, H, and I - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

The public hearing and presentation of information for this can be found under item 4E.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve ORD2019-07 Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal Appendices F, G, H, and I - City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

I. [ORD2019-08](#) **Public Hearing** - Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update Section 717 - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

The public hearing and presentation of information for this can be found under item 4E.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve ORD2019-08 Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to update Section 717 - City of Smyrna; a second was made by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

5. **Privilege Licenses:**

There were no privilege licenses.

6. **Formal Business:**

A. [2019-53](#) Authorization to increase sewer rate per thousand gallons from \$7.25 to \$8.10 effective February 1, 2019, to be billed on the March 2019 bills. To recognize that Cobb County Water approved an 11.6% increase to the wholesale sewer rate charged to the Cities effective January 1, 2019.

Sponsors: Fennel

Ms. Saddler Jones provided the background information for this agenda item. Cobb County increased the per thousand gallon sewer rate charged to the City from \$4.22 to \$4.71 effective on the February 2019 bill (for January usage) without any prior notification to the City of Smyrna. This is an increase of \$0.49 or 11.61% on the February bill. Based on consumption, this will be an additional \$50,000 worth of fees on the City's monthly bill. The new rate will be effective for February usage. Notification, as well as the new rate, will be on the March bill (for February usage). The last increase done by Cobb County was about seven years ago. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Bacon asked Councilmember Welch to handle the agenda item since Mr. Fennel was absent.

Mr. Welch restated that the increase to City residents was due to an increase at the

County level. He also said that he would have preferred a smaller annual increase rather than the large increase all at once.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve and authorize to increase sewer rate per thousand gallons from \$7.25 to \$8.10 effective March 1, 2019 with a second by Councilmember Tim Gould.

Motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Gould

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Blackburn and Councilmember Wilkinson

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

B. [2019-55](#)

Approval of Cobb Framework Agreement ("CFA") between Cobb County Georgia and The City of Smyrna, Georgia for Nickajack Road Quiet Zone Railroad Crossing Project funded by SPLOST for \$108,750.00 and the County will contribute \$326,520.00 for a total cost of \$435,000.00.

Sponsors: Fennel

A summary of the background information was presented to Council by City Administrator Saddler Jones. The Quiet Zone project involves the design and installation of a new quiet railroad crossing. The crossing is located on Nickajack Road in Cobb County approximately 0.25 miles Northwest of the intersection with Cooper Lake Road. The project is SPLOST funded with the County contributing \$326,250.00 of the \$435,000.00 total project cost. The City will contribute the remaining \$108,750.00 dollars. The Cobb Framework Agreement (CFA) must be approved in order to move the project into the design phase. Cobb County will be the primary party responsible for coordinating the design/engineering and construction phases of the project. Both Public Works and Engineering Departments recommended approval.

Mr. Welch made known that this project was part of the 2016 SPLOST and that the majority of the expense is being handled by the County.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the Cobb Framework Agreement ("CFA") between Cobb County Georgia and The City of Smyrna, Georgia for Nickajack Road Quiet Zone Railroad Crossing Project funded by SPLOST for \$108,750.00 and the County will contribute \$326,520.00 for a total cost of \$435,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

C. [2019-42](#)

Approval to accept a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Aid Grant funded by the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and awarded through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in the amount of

\$300,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Subgrant Agreement and related documents on behalf of the City of Smyrna.

Sponsors: Gould

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones reviewed the pertinent information for this agenda item. She explained that the purpose of the grant is to fund a study that will provide an analysis, a preferred plan and strategy for addressing the future transportation and land use issues and opportunities related to the development of transit systems serving the City of Smyrna. The original grant application (the 2017 TIP Project Solicitation-Studies and Non-Capital Investment Application) was authorized for submittal by Mayor and Council in May 2017 and requested a grant of \$400,000. The city allocated the required match amount of \$100,000 as a CIP budget item in the FY19 budget. In December of 2017, the city was notified that the grant amount awarded was \$300,000. This subsequently reduced the required match from the city from \$100,000 to \$75,000. Due to funding delays at the Georgia Department of Transportation the contract was not officially forwarded to the city until this month. A Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued for the purpose of selecting a consultant to conduct the transit study on the City's behalf. Community Development staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Gould thanked Community Development for their hard work and persistence in obtaining the grant. He looks forward to the reviewing and utilizing the information that comes out as a result of the study.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve to accept a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Federal Aid Grant funded by the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and awarded through the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) in the amount of \$300,000 and authorize the Mayor to execute the Subgrant Agreement and related documents on behalf of the City of Smyrna. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read the consent agenda aloud to the Mayor and Council.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones with a second by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Gould

Absent: 1 - Councilmember Fennel

- A. [2019-61](#) Approval of the February 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- B. [2019-62](#) Approval of the February 4, 2019 Pre Council Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- C. [2019-46](#) Approval of the January 31, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- D. [2019-40](#) Approval of the FY18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$15,329.00 for the purchase of Wanco Message Board Sign and Trailer and have the Mayor sign any related documents.
Sponsors: Norton

9. Committee Reports:

Mr. Derek Norton thanked the Parks and Rec Department and Staff for putting on the Daddy/Daughter Dance. He and his daughter had a wonderful time.

Ms. Maryline Blackburn thanked the Ward 3 residents that came out and attended the meeting. She welcomed new staff to the City. Ms. Blackburn spoke of a lecture on Tunis Campbell that was held in the Library for Black History Month and said it was an incredible experience.

Mr. Charles "Corkey" Welch thanked everyone who came out to the recent Arbor Day festival as there were many in attendance. He also thanked all of the citizens that attended the Budget Input meeting that took place on February 11, 2019 at the Community Center.

Ms. Susan Wilkinson announced that Gloria Stowers, from the Cobb Cluster of the Southern Order of Storytellers will visit the Library on Thursday, February 28, 2018 at 4:00pm in the meeting room. She will share stories based on the book, Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Lavine in honor of Black History Month.

Mr. Tim Gould congratulated the Campbell High School Girls' Varsity Basketball team for winning their first playoff game. He also gave a big thanks to Parks and Rec for their recent work on the baseball field that the City partners with the high school. Mr. Gould announced that applications for the Citizens Academy were now available and invited everyone to apply. Last, but not least, he thanked the Community Development Department for their recent informative meeting regarding economic development as it relates to attracting and keeping new businesses in the City.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Elesia Glover, 1693 Donna Lynn Drive, came to speak about the Unity in the Community event. She highlighted the upcoming Black Heritage Celebration which will take place on Saturday, February 23, 2019 beginning at noon at the Community Center. There will be music, food, speakers, and a children's area as well. She invited everyone to come out and be part of the festivities.

Lisa Adeleke, 4257 Mill Grove Lane SW, signed up to speak about the Black Heritage Celebration. She has lived in the City for a little over ten years and loves living in Smyrna. She was excited about the upcoming event and how it highlights the city's diversity. Ms. Adeleke concluded by thanking Councilwoman Blackburn for spearheading the Unity in the Community event.

Temi Alexander, 2289 South Cobb Drive, also came to speak about the Black Heritage Celebration. She felt that the event will be wonderful for people of all ages and she highlighted some of the many things that will be going on including authentic African food tasting, music, as well as a fashion show. Ms. Alexander invited everyone present at the meeting to attend the celebration.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Bacon adjourned the February 18, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting at 8:32 PM.