



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - FINAL Committee of the Whole

Thursday, February 25, 2021

6:00 PM

***REVISED

Smyrna Community Center Magnolia Room
200 Village Green Circle SE

MASKS REQUIRED / TEMPERATURE WILL BE CHECKED

Roll Call

Present 9 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Austin Wagner, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, Councilmember Lewis Wheaton, and Jennifer Bennett

Also Present 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff 8 - Joe Bennett, Penny Mocerri, Heather Peacon-Corn, Chris Addicks, Julie Barwig, Caitlin Crowe, Richard Garland, and Russell Martin

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 6:15PM.

2. New Business

A. [COW21-15](#)

2021 Event Review and Discussion - Community Relations, Jennifer Bennett

Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett review the following events scheduled for the City for 2021:

2021 Event Dates

****These events require street closings/traffic management and cleanup, in most cases (multiple depts)*

Parks & Recreation events provided by Parks & Recreation / exception is Casper's Friendly Carnival & Coming Home for the Holidays – for street closings approvals).

Golf Tournament (Mayor's Golf Tournament) has historically appeared on the printed event calendar each Spring - managed through Parks & Recreation.)

- **** Jonquil City Jog - Saturday, April 24, 2021 CHANGE DATE TO NOV*
- **** Spring Jonquil Festival - Saturday, April 24 & Sunday, April 25, 2021 B.*

Watson confirmed 1/8/2021 – JRM keep requesting permission to hold this event (previous attendance over two days was 60,000)

Possible Reschedule

- **** Food Truck Tuesdays - Tuesdays from June 15 – Oct. 12, 2021 (removing July 6 and Sept. 7, 2021)*
- *Outdoor Market – NO DATES AS OF YET 8:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. - (No Market on days of FALL/SPRING Festival, Birthday Celebration, Woof Stock)*
- *Arthur Bacon Golf Tournament - Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2, 2021 –*

DELAYED UNTIL NEW DATE ANNOUNCED

- *Garden Tour - Saturday, May 15, 2021 – Event CANCELLED – CONFIRMED J. BARWIG 1/8/21*
- **** Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021 J. Mills confirmed 1/26/2021*
- **** 1st Concert (June) - Saturday, June 12, 2021*
- **** 2nd Concert (July) - Saturday, July 17, 2021 – BAND BOOKED / TENTATIVE based on COVID/vaccinations*
- **** Taste of Smyrna - Saturday, September 18, 2021 B. Watson confirmed 1/8/2021*
- **** Woof Stock w/ Star 94 - Saturday, September 25, 2021 P. Tedeschi confirmed 1/26/2021 – one day this year instead of two*
- **** Birthday Celebration – Saturday, October 9, 2021*
 - o *Oct. date moving forward (on a non-UGA home game day) (Move Culture & Spirit for 2022 – inaugural in 2022)*
 - *(Hispanic Heritage activities TBD for Sept. 15 – Oct. 15)*
- **** New Idea: Potential small Music/Brew Series in Ward 7 – “Brews & Boos?” or “Brews & something” in October – small concerts with brewery specials / radio partner / development partnership / pets / ...day of week/time not yet explored ...maybe Friday afternoon (Economic Development perspective/focus)*
- **** Fall Jonquil Festival - Saturday, October 23 & Sunday, October 24, 2021 B. Watson confirmed 1/8/2021*
- **** Casper’s Friendly Carnival - Friday, October 29, 2021 J. Mills confirmed 1/26/2021*
- **** Jonquil City Jog - Saturday, November 6, 2021 Moved from April – date not yet confirmed with Race Director*
- **** Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2021 J. Mills confirmed 1/26/2021*
- **** Coming Home for the Holidays” and Tree Lighting Tuesday, Nov 30, 2021 J. Mills confirmed 12/6/2021*

There was additional discussion regarding moving the Arthur Bacon Golf to a 1 day tournament to allow for more people to participate. Mayor Bacon was going to reach out to former Mayor Max Bacon regarding his thoughts for the event.

Additionally, the Riverview Park area could support a food truck event that would draw people to the area as well as promote the park in Ward 7.

The Birthday celebration will be moved to October for better weather and enjoyment.

For all events there will need to be further discussion regarding social distancing, disinfecting as well as available PPE for staff and guests.

B. [COW21-17](#)**Discussion regarding Riverview Park Dedication - Community Development, Rusty Martin**

Community Development Director Rusty Martin reviewed the following:

As part of the Riverview Landing Mixed Use Development, the developer has agreed to transfer approximately five acres of property to be used as a public park along the banks of the Chattahoochee River. The park has been amenitized by the developer with a public parking area, public bathrooms, a small stage and sitting area, and a boat launch. Maintenance of the detention pond within the park will remain the responsibility of the Riverview Landing Owners Association. This will be the first park within the Smyrna city limits that will be located on the river.

The agenda will reflect the following wording for this item:

Accept dedication of Riverview Park in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. Said acceptance is subject to the requirement that the Riverview Landing Owners Association, Inc. remain obligated to maintain the detention pond within the park as currently required by the amended and restated Master Declaration and is also subject to all drainage easements contained within

such Master Declaration.

3. Review of the March 1, 2021 Mayor and Council Agenda

A. [COW21-16](#) Review of the March 1, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the March 1, 2021 Mayor and Council meeting agenda:

1. Pastor Dyke Verkerk from Life Church Smyrna would give the invocation and pledge.

4A. 3302 Atlanta Road, Edgeline LLC

Community Development Director Rusty Martin reviewed this item with Council. Edgeline, LLC is requesting the rezoning of the subject property on the south side of Atlanta Road from NS to RM-10-Conditional for the development of a ten (10) unit townhome subdivision at a density of 9.3 units per acre. The ten (10) units will be split between two (2) buildings ranging between 3 to 7 units per building. The community will be comprised of three (3) thirty-five-foot-wide townhomes and seven (7) twenty-two-foot-wide townhomes. The townhomes will consist of a mixture of front and rear loaded two-car garages. The floor areas of the townhomes will range between 2,000 sq. ft. and 2,400 sq. ft. The townhomes will employ a variety of traditional architectural features. The building facades will include, but not be limited to brick, stone, cement-fiber siding, wood or cement-fiber shingles, and other materials per the attached rendering. The applicant has provided elevations and floor plans for both townhome products for review with the zoning application. Staff is recommending that the development shall not be gated.

The Planning Board recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 at the August 10, 2020 meeting.

Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from NS to RM-10 for the development of three single-family units at a density of 9.3 units per acre with conditions.

Mr. Martin reviewed the conditions and answered Councils questions.

4B. The dedication was previously discussed on the COW agenda.

5A. The applicant, Mr. Matthew Bowman had previously been before Council for a property he leased. However the property ended up falling within the state distance limits and he was unable to use the property for its original purpose. He has a new location he wishes to bring before Council.

The background was given by Mr. Martin.

6A. Per the City Administrator's contract, a vehicle is provided as part of the compensation package. The vehicle previously assigned to the former City Administrator was given to Environmental Services back in September to replace their assigned car that has

un-repairable and the Interim City Administrator has been using the assigned Police Chief Vehicle for the last six months. The City needs to purchase a new vehicle for the City Administrator, and return the Smyrna Police Department outfitted vehicle to service at the police department. The Finance Director has received a quote for a 2021 Ford Explorer and need to amend the budget to account for this expenditure. The funds will come out of contingency for this expenditure.

The requested action is for the approval to amend the budget for the purchase a 2021 Ford Explorer XLT in the amount of \$37,922.85 for the City Administrator and authorize the Finance Director to sign and execute all documents.

7A. A commercial building permit has been issued at 3395 Atlanta Road for the construction of a new 17,807 square foot church building for Covenant United Methodist Church. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,208,000 and ADE Builders, Inc. is listed as the general contractor for the project.

Consent Agenda:

There were no issues with the minutes.

4. Other Business (as needed)

Mayor Norton asked Council for any additional discussion:

Glenn Plckens had no report.

Austin Wagner had no report.

Corkey Welch asked about an area behind the recycling center that needed garbage clean up.

Travis Lindley had no report.

Lewis Wheaton had no report.

Susan Wilkinson discussed a homeowner on Stone Creek Road that wants to meet regarding that area being a flood plain. Joe Bennett and Kevin Moore will be a part of the discussion.

Tim Gould spoke about the outcome regarding a variance in his Ward was deferred to Mayor and Council for the March 15, 2021 meeting.

Julie Barwig, from KSB / Environmental Services spoke about some cleanup events coming up in Ward 7 this Saturday. They would be working with The Great American Cleanup would be working on a community cleanup in the next few weeks.

250 Dogwood seedlings were planted by Eric Dennis on King Valley and some were given to residents and Griffin Middle School.

Hefty Energy Bag program has about 1500 starter kits distributed and they would like to have the Recycling Center as a primary drop off location.

The community Garden received a refresh on recent work days and 88% of the beds are leased.

Kathy Chapman has announced her retirement as of March 31.

There is a shredding event on March 13th at the recycling center.

Susan Wilkinson asked about Adopt a Mile day. The next is April 17th.

Assistant City Administrator Penny Moceri spoke about the Racial Trustbuilding first virtual webinar on March 18 at 6:00pm.

5. Executive Session (as needed)

6. Adjournment