

**Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – FINAL**  
**Admin. Conference Room @ A. Max Bacon City Hall**  
**December 06, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

*Present:*        *Derek Norton*                      *Glenn Pickens*        *Austin Wagner*  
                     *Travis Lindley*                      *Charles “Corkey” Welch*  
                     *Susan Wilkinson*                      *Tim Gould*            *Lewis Wheaton*

*Also, Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney)*

*Staff:*            *Joe Bennett (City Administrator), Frank Martin (Public Works Director),*  
                     *Penny Moceris (Deputy City Administrator), Russell Martin (Community*  
                     *Development Director), Jennifer Bennett (community Relations Director),*  
                     *Richard Garland (Parks & Recreation Director), Jill Head (Deputy City*  
                     *Clerk), Ashley Youmans (Special Projects Manager)*

**Mayor Derek Norton called the December 06, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:02 PM.**

A motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss Legal by Councilmember Travis Lindley; seconded by Councilmember Tim Gould. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to reenter regular session by Councilmember Travis Lindley; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens. The motion carried unanimously.

**Mayor Norton opened the discussion by reading through the Mayor and Council agenda for that evening.**

Item 3A.

Introduction and presentation of the Smyrna Youth Council Program. Ashley Youmans will introduce the program, and Mayor pro tem Gould will introduce the students and give them their oath of office. Ms. Youmans stated that there are 10 students, and they have had two meetings since October. The program runs through the end of the school year in May 2022.

Item 4A.

There was no discussion.

Items 6A & B.

Change orders for the Windy Hill project.

Item 6C.

There was no discussion.

Item 6D.

An authorization to release any interest the City has in the undedicated Aberdeen Way. City Attorney Scott Cochran explained that in 1974 the Council at the time voted to release any interest in this road. The deed had been completed, but it never made it to record. If this is approved, a new deed will be submitted in order to clear the title.

Items 8A-T.  
There was no discussion.

#### Ward Reports:

City Attorney Scott Cochran discussed a recent condemnation case. The City of Smyrna claimed the property the City condemned was worth \$350K while the opposing side claimed it was worth \$1.6M. Experts presented from both sides. The award was \$400K. There are five or six more similar cases out of 103 or 104 acquisitions.

Councilmember Glenn Pickens asked about the Sunday meeting regarding the brewery. He wondered if it was a town hall format. Mayor Norton stated there would be a presentation and citizen input. Stillfire representative(s) and Economic Development representative(s) will present and answer questions. Councilmember Lindley asked if representatives from Suwanee would be present. Mayor Norton was not sure at this point.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson thanked Deputy City Administrator for her hard work organizing the Rebuild Together Atlanta project. Some new hires from the police department were there with other staff, and the resident will get new gutters and a new deck.

Mayor Norton stated that Senator Jon Ossoff is assisting the Support Smyrna organization in getting its 501(c)3.

Deputy City Administrator Penny Mocerri stated that the Mt. Zion artwork is near completion. They are waiting on parts because of supply chain issues.

**Mayor Norton adjourned the December 06, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:36 PM.**