

**Pre-Council Meeting - Preliminary
October 5, 2020
6:30 PM**

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

Also Present: *Jeffrey Tucker (Assistant City Attorney)*

Staff: *Joe Bennett (Interim City Administrator), Penny Mocerri (Interim Assistant City Administrator), Heather Peacon-Corn (City Clerk), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), Landon O’Neal (Management Fellow), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

Mayor Derek Norton called the October 5, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the October 5, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by assigning the reading of the Proclamation on National Pregnancy and Infant Loss to Councilmember Tim Gould. The couple that requested the proclamation are neighbors of Mr. Gould in Ward 6.

Mayor Norton asked about the tabling of the Campbell Road and Spring Road agenda item. He requested any updates if they were available. Community Development Director Rusty Martin explained that the latest updates included less units and a new entrance. They were still waiting on the revised traffic study which is why there was a request to table.

Since Councilmember Charles “Corkey” Welch was unable to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting, he was asked if he had any questions specific to the agenda. Councilmember Welch asked about the bus stop contract extension. Mayor Norton gave him the details on the contract, and he was satisfied with the information.

Mr. Rusty Martin, Community Development Director reviewed the building permit. This was a project that was already approved but changes had to be made because they hit rock which required design changes to the project.

Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Tucker explained that since the property on Windy Hill was voted to be taken for use by the City, it required a vote to rescind since it was no longer needed. This move will save money on the project.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked how road closings will work for citizens in the areas affected. Public Works Director Frank Martin explained that there will be only one road closing

at this time. Once a certain point is reached than the detour will be reversed but the route for the detour will remain the same. The only change will be the direction of travel.

Councilmember Wilkinson recently spoke with a Smyrna Grove resident in reference to concerns about trash. The resident was wondering if businesses could add more dumpsters as well as waste cans in front of their stores to help cut down on the trash. This same resident also made mention about the possibility of adding murals around the City. They moved to Smyrna from Nashville, so they spoke firsthand about the murals in that City and the positive impacts that the works of art have had for both residents as well as tourists. Ms. Wilkinson was going to forward the Nashville mural website to Mayor and Council for their review.

Interim Assistant City Administrator Penny Mocerri pointed out the living walls projects that have taken place in Atlanta and surrounding areas and suggested that this might be a good partnership for the City to join in which would increase the art scene.

Both Mayor Norton and Interim City Administrator Joe Bennett made mention of paint on the roads in two separate areas of the City. They asked Public Works to see if there was any way to clean it up. Mr. Frank Martin said that he would see what could be done to clean it up.

Councilmember Tim Gould inquired if there was a way to market SPLOST projects. A resident had reached out asking about the City's projects. It would also be a good way to encourage people to vote yes for SPLOST because they would see what such funding could do for the City. Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett mentioned that the project list has been on the front page of the City website since June for people to review.

There was no further questions or comments.

Mayor Norton adjourned the October 5, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:44 PM.