



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 18, 2019

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 12 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Scott Andrews, Ken Suddreth, Russell Martin, David Lee, Joe Bennett, Louis Defense, Ashley Youmans, Tina Monaghan and Dan Campbell

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the March 18, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Bernard McQueen, International Gospel Outreach Church (1101 Windy Hill Rd) delivered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Item 4A will be tabled until the April 1, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. [2019-101](#) Character Education Presentation from Griffin Middle School

Mayor Bacon asked that those present for the Character Education Presentation to come forward. The theme was "Care of Self, Care of Others, and Care of Community". In attendance were Griffin Middle School Educators Lori Quintana, Laquincia Brown, and Roderick Langston. Students that presented were Heritage Jinadu, Makayla Brown, Kendahl Wright, Alon Fratti, and Takai Elliott. A brief video was shown that highlighted the food drive that was put on by the Leading Hope student organization last Thanksgiving.

B. [2019-102](#) Citizen's Police Academy Graduating Class Ceremony and Presentation of Certificates

Sponsors: Norton

Councilmember Derek Norton, Chief David Lee, SGT. Louise Defense, and Officer Heather Knight participated in the presentation. The participants/graduates spoke about the impact that the class had on their lives. The names of the graduates were

announced, they collected their certificates and photos were taken. The seventh graduating class of the Smyrna Citizen's Police Academy were Aria Marshall, Cedric Lumsden, Katina Cunningham, Michael Welch, Paula Moon, and Triana Arnold-James.

C. [2019-100](#) Proclamation in Recognition of Women's History Month

Sponsors: Blackburn

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn read aloud the first annual Proclamation in Recognition of Women's History Month. The proclamation was presented to Mayor A. Max Bacon in honor of his mother Mrs. Dorothy Moseley Bacon.

4. **Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:**

A. [2019-106](#) **Public Hearing** - Zoning Request Z19-007 - Modification of currently approved site plan and building elevations for Riverview Landing - 16.859 Acres - Land Lots 58, 171, 172, 174, 175 - Riverview Road and Nichols Drive - The Ardent Companies, LLC - ***This zoning request will be tabled to the April 1, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting at the request the applicant.***

Sponsors: Fennel

Mayor Bacon asked Mr. Fennel to table the item until the April 1, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting.

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to table Zoning Request Z19-007 - Modification of currently approved site plan and building elevations for Riverview Landing - 16.859 Acres - Land Lots 58, 171, 172, 174, 175 - Riverview Road and Nichols Drive - The Ardent Companies, LLC - to the April 1, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting at the request the applicant. Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion to table.

The motion to table was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

B. [2019-45](#) **Public Hearing Only** - Zoning Request Z19-002 - Rezoning from R-20 & GC to R-15-Conditional for two single-family homes at a density of 1.89 units per acre - 1.09 Acres - Land Lot 349 - Greenridge Street - Kimberly Norwood Properties, LLC

Sponsors: Wilkinson

The background information on this item as well as 4C and 4D was presented by City Administrator Saddler Jones. Kimberley Norwood Properties was requesting rezoning from R-20 & GC (in Cobb County) to R-15-Conditional for a property on Greenridge Street for the construction of two new single-family residences at a density of 1.89 units per acre. The Planning and Zoning Board heard the zoning request at the February 11, 2019 meeting and made a recommendation for approval by a vote of 6-0. Community Development recommended approval of the requested rezoning with conditions.

The Mayor announced the Public Hearing and no one came forward.

Community Development Director Ken Suddreth presented information regarding the zoning and annexation request. Kimberley Norwood Properties was requesting rezoning from R-20 & GC to R-15-Conditional for a property on Greenridge Street for the construction of two new single-family residences at a density of 1.89 units per acre. Both homes will be accessed from Greenridge Street via front entry-garages. The applicant has submitted building elevations and floor plans for both residences in the rezoning application. The submitted elevations reflect a more traditional style home with a mixture of exterior façade materials and architectural elements. The Planning and Zoning Board Heard the zoning request at the February 11, 2019 meeting and made a recommendation for approval with conditions by a vote of 6-0. Community Development recommends approval of the request rezoning from R-20 & GC to R-15-Conditional for the construction of two new single-family residences at a density of 1.89 units per acre with the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

(Requirement #1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10 and 17 from Section 1201 of the Zoning Code is not applicable)

- 1. The stormwater management facility shall be placed and screened appropriately to be unobtrusive to homes inside and outside the development. The storm water detention plan shall be designed to create at least a 10% reduction in a 2-year to 100-year storm event. The City Engineer shall approve all plans.*
- 2. All utilities within the development shall be underground.*
- 3. The developer shall be responsible for any traffic improvements (including additional right-of-way dedications) deemed necessary by either the City or the County during construction plan review. Sidewalks shall be provided by the developer inside the subdivision and outside the subdivision adjacent to any public right-of-way consistent with City's requirements for the extent of the development. A grass buffer with a minimum width of 2' shall be provided between the back of curb and sidewalk.*
- 4. No debris may be buried on any lot or common area.*
- 5. The developer will comply with the City's current tree ordinance (unless noted elsewhere). All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the developer during construction.*
- 6. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.*
- 7. All yards and common areas are to be sodded, and landscaped. Irrigate as appropriate.*
- 8. All single-family and/or duplex residential lots shall provide the following at the time of certificate of occupancy: either four 3" caliper trees or three 4" caliper trees. The following species of trees may be used: Nuttall Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Allee Elm, and Village Green Zelkova. Other species may be used if approved by the City.*

Special Conditions

- 9. The development shall maintain the following setbacks:
Front - 25'*

Side - 7.5' – Adjusted to 10' therefore no longer a need for a waiver.
Rear - 35'

10. Driveway - 22' minimum length from building face to back of sidewalk.
11. The right-of-way along Greenridge Street shall be increased to 50 feet. Therefore, a dedication of approximately 5' feet is required along Greenridge Street.
12. The developer shall provide a 5' sidewalk with a 2' grass buffer along Green Ridge Street for the length of the development.
13. The composition of the homes in a residential subdivision shall include a mixture of elements including; but not limited to: brick, stone, shake, hardy plank and stucco. No elevation shall be comprised of 100% hardy plank siding.
14. Approval of the subject property for the R-15 zoning district shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the submitted site plan dated 2/8/2019 created by Sean J. Murphy.
15. The architectural style, composition and treatment of the residences shall be in substantial conformity to the renderings/elevations submitted on 1/11/2019. However, should minor modifications be required during the Plan Review process, said modifications shall be subject to the review and approval of the Director of Community Development.

Councilmember Wilkinson added that there needed to be a completed hydrology report available before any permits would be given.

Applicants Sean Murphy and Tom Ashe came forward and were sworn in by City Attorney Scott Cochran.

Mr. Murphy reviewed the reasoning for some of the variance requests including being able to keep the costs down to meet the needs of the area.

Mr. Fennel thanked them for continuing to invest in the City of Smyrna and for taking the risk of developing in this particular area.

Ms. Wilkinson thanked them for developing in the area as well.

Ms. Blackburn dittoed what was already said and asked about the price point for the homes. Mr. Ashe stated that the homes should start around \$325,000.00.

Mr. Gould asked why they wanted to be annexed into the City rather than stay in Cobb County. They responded that they wished to continue the quality relationship that they have developed with the City of Smyrna.

This agenda item was Public Hearing only so no motion was made.

C. [2019-63](#)

Approval of Ordinance 2019-02 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tract of land lying and being in Land Lot 349, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.09 acre tract, being known as Greenridge Street, Smyrna GA. The effective date will be April 1, 2019 and reside in Ward 5.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tract of land lying and being in Land Lot 349, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.09 acre tract, being known as Greenridge Street, Smyrna GA. The effective date will be April 1, 2019 and reside in Ward 5. Councilmember Ron Fennel seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

D. [2019-116](#)

Final Vote - Zoning Request Z19-002 - Rezoning from R-20 & GC to R-15-Conditional for two single-family homes at a density of 1.89 units per acre - 1.09 Acres - Land Lot 349 - Greenridge Street - Kimberly Norwood Properties, LLC

Sponsors: Wilkinson

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve Zoning Request Z19-002 - Rezoning from R-20 & GC to R-15-Conditional for two single-family homes at a density of 1.89 units per acre - 1.09 Acres - Land Lot 349 - Greenridge Street - Kimberly Norwood Properties, LLC with a second by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

5. Privilege Licenses:

A. [LIC2019-03](#)

Public Hearing - Privilege License Request LIC2019-03 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring - 2500 South Cobb Drive - AVAMC Company LLC dba On the Range with Willie T. Chandler as the agent.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

Ms. Saddler Jones gave the background information. Willie T Chandler will be the registered agent responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Mr. Chandler has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. Willie T Chandler has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing the sale of alcohol. A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Bacon opened the public hearing and asked anyone wishing to speak come to the podium and be sworn in by City Attorney Cochran. Six people including the applicant came forward and were sworn in.

Ms. Wilkinson asked the applicant to come forward and asked him to provide some information about the application and proposed establishment.

Mr. Chandler spoke of his history in the food industry, his desire to be involved in the

community, and what he intends to do with the business. He has culinary experience and feels the food should be the emphasis with the alcohol being a side bar.

Ms. Wilkinson asked about the alcohol in a gun store aspect. Mr. Chandler explained the proposed methods of making sure that things are done correctly and to the letter of the law.

Ms. Wilkinson stated that would be a good time for those wanting to speak to come forward.

Mayor Bacon called forward those wanting to speak on the matter.

Ms. Lisa Adeleke spoke in opposition. She feels that alcohol and firearms do not mix.

Mr. Michael Adeleke spoke in opposition. He is concerned about the potential problems that alcohol can cause.

Mr. Alex Backry spoke in opposition. He felt that it was not a good mix.

A gentleman who will be working in the restaurant with the applicant spoke about how everyone associated with the establishment intends to take every precaution possible to prevent negative scenarios from happening.

Ms. Nancy McGill asked about potential methods for keeping track of those who have been drinking. She also wanted to know if the sale of food was required to purchase alcohol.

Mr. Jay Wallace, owner of Adventure Outdoors, spoke about the potential restaurant and methods that are taken by the establishment to ensure the safety of both employees and customers.

Ms. Wilkinson asked Mr. Wallace for some feedback and reassurance in terms of the issue of concern of alcohol and firearms.

The applicant came forward to respond as well. He explained the he is TIPS trained and certified which gives a person the knowledge that they need to be able to handle alcohol related situations.

Ms. Blackburn asked if there was anything in writing that specified how alcohol limits would be handled. Mr. Chandler stated that TIPS rules and regulations could be found online.

Mr. Welch added that it was a matter of perception that was causing concerns, but the reality differs greatly.

Ms. Blustein wanted to know why it couldn't be just beer and wine. The applicant stated that he wanted to offer what surrounding establishments did in order to be able to compete.

Mr. Wallace pointed out that there is a banquet hall that serves alcohol there as well and there have been no problems. The vision is for the store to be a community center and the goal is to have people come there just to eat.

Ms. Wilkinson asked about the responsibility on the staff to ensure safety.

Mr. Wallace said that he thought of scanning driver's license but was concerned it would drive people to go elsewhere and felt that stamps would be effective without making people feel awkward.

Mr. Marshall Moon, a door greeter at Adventure Outdoors, spoke that he was in opposition and felt that it created a danger for people such as himself.

Mr. Gould asked if alcohol could be removed from the restaurant to which the applicant stated that alcohol would not be able to leave the eating area.

Mr. Norton asked Mr. Wallace to speak about the training that his employees have in regards to alcohol. He explained that there are many reasons that people are not allowed to purchase firearms beyond alcohol and the training is there in how to handle these situations.

Mr. Fennel thanked the applicant for investing in the City. He explained a bit about the TIPS program. He thanked them for insuring on proper training for employees which is also required by law. He noted that he would be supporting the application.

Mr. Chandler stated that he initially approached Mr. and Mrs. Wallace a year ago and that the entire process has taken a long time and has been well thought out.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney if the application met all of the requirements to be approved. Mr. Cochran explained that the application did meet all of the requirements and that the law is clear and there was no reason to deny the application.

Ms. Wilkinson stated that she is excited to welcome the business to her Ward and is grateful for the process that occurred which allowed citizens to speak their minds and hear firsthand, the information from the applicant. She announced that she was in support of the application.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve Privilege License Request LIC2019-03 - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring - 2500 South Cobb Drive - AVAMC Company LLC dba On the Range with Willie T. Chandler as the agent. Councilmember Derek Norton seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Blackburn

B. [LIC2019-09](#)

Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2019-80 - Beer and Wine Package - 5220 South Cobb Drive - Clipper Petroleum Inc. dba Clipper #77 with Edward Hong as agent.

Sponsors: Fennel

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read aloud the background information. Edward Hong will be the registered agent responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Mr. Hong has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. Edward Hong has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing

the sale of alcohol. A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Staff recommended approval.

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

City Attorney Cochran swore in the applicant Mr. Hong.

Mr. Fennel thanked the applicant for opening a business and offering much needed services in the area. He asked the applicant to come forward and share some information about his business.

Mr. Hong stated that they will be selling BP motor oil, convenience store items, and a Bojangles restaurant will be attached. He has been in business in the City for ten years at other locations.

Mr. Fennel checked with Mr. Suddreth to make sure that all requirements had been met and they had.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mr. Fennel thanked the applicant for opening a business in Ward 7.

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to approve Privilege License Request 2019-80 - Beer and Wine Package - 5220 South Cobb Drive - Clipper Petroleum Inc. dba Clipper #77 with Edward Hong as agent. Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

6. Formal Business:

- A. [2019-92](#) Approve the Certification of Agreement for the Allocation and Distribution of Proceeds from the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and Authorize the Mayor to sign any related documents.

Sponsors: Fennel

Ms. Saddler Jones provided the background information for this agenda item. The Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) is a one-time state and local tax. This tax applies to all new and used vehicles purchased through a dealership or from a private individual. The tax is collected by the county tax commissioner and dispersed to the state, county, school district, and cities based upon the formulas prescribed by law. Pursuant to HB 329 that was passed in 2018, an amendment changed the manner of distribution of the proceeds of the alternative ad valorem tax on motor vehicles to be effective July 1, 2019 and remaining in effect until amended by law. Staff recommended approval of the Agreement.

Mr. Ron Fennel who Chairs the Finance Committee explained that this was based on a State mandate and the vote shows compliance on behalf of the City.

Mayor Bacon said that the City had no choice but to approve the mandate but expressed concern over the amount of revenue that the City could potentially lose as a result of it.

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to approve the Certification of Agreement for the Allocation and Distribution of Proceeds from the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT) between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and Authorize the Mayor to sign any related documents. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

B. [2019-119](#)

Approval and adoption of the City of Smyrna Investment Policy.

Sponsors: Fennel

A summary of the background information was presented to Mayor and Council by City Administrator Saddler Jones. Historically the City has not utilized investments as a tool to maximize the benefits of our revenue streams. We would like to approve and adopt an investment policy to allow staff a framework by which we can begin to generate additional funds based on the cash flow needs of the City. The City is governed by State law on the types of investments that are appropriate for public funds to safeguard these assets. The Finance and Administration Committee has discussed the need for this policy at recent meetings. At our last meeting, a draft policy was presented to the committee for review and comment. Staff recommended approval and adoption of the Investment Policy.

Councilmember Fennel shared how proud the City is of its responsible stewardship and thanked his two predecessors for their hard work. He felt that it would be a good idea to approve a policy that allows the City to make safe investment of funds to assist in growing the City's revenue.

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to approve and adopt the City of Smyrna Investment Policy with a second by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

C. [2019-115](#)

Authorization of a contract extension with Zagster, Inc. for Bike Share Program Services until March 7, 2020 in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones reviewed the pertinent information for this agenda item. Zagster, Inc. is offering a one-year extension to the contract that expired on March 8, 2019. The change to the contract will be a new reduced price of \$62.50 per bike per month, down from \$120 per bike per month. Staff requests the authorization of a contract extension with Zagster, Inc for the City's Bike Share program that expired on March 8, 2019. The contract extension will amend the contract end date to end on March 7, 2020. Staff recommended approval of the contract extension.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve the authorization of a contract extension with Zagster, Inc. for Bike Share Program Services until March 7, 2020 in the amount of \$15,000.00. Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

D. [2019-96](#)

Approval of "No Parking" signs along the 1600 block section of Corn Road

Sponsors: Blustein

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones advised Mayor and Council as to the background on Based upon site observations, large vehicles are parking along the 1600 block of Corn Road between the intersection of Corn Rd & Jonquil Dr and the westernmost dead-end roadway section. This is causing damage to existing infrastructure and creating safety concerns. The City Engineer and Chief of Police have evaluated the site and recommend the installation of no parking signs.

Ms. Blustein stated that this has been a problem area for some time and feels that the large trucks and school buses were creating a safety hazard by parking in the area.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein made a motion to approval of "No Parking" signs along the 1600 block section of Corn Road with a second by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones read aloud the consent agenda.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson requested item C of the Consent Agenda be voted on separately, Mayor Bacon suggested they vote on items A, B, D and E.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve items A, B, D, and E from the Consent Agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones. Councilmember Ron Fennel seconded the motion to approve.

The motion to approve items A, B, D and E, carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

- A. [2019-117](#) Approval of the March 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. [2019-118](#) Approval of the March 4, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes.
- D. [2019-105](#) Approval of the February 28, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- E. [2019-103](#) Approval to use Council Chambers for Vinings Forest HOA Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Sponsors: Gould
- C. [2019-86](#) Approval of the February 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to table approval of the February 14, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes until the April 1, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting with a second by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.
- The motion to table was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 6 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel
- Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

9. Committee Reports:

Mr. Ron Fennel noted that Fiscal Year 2020 Budget preparations were under way and he thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Mr. Tim Gould stated that Campbell Middle School Foundation had a great fundraiser the other week that was very successful. A lot of hard work and effort was put into the event and he thanked everyone involved. Mr. Gould noted that Campbell High School Education Foundation was hosting a golf tournament fundraiser on April 29th. Local musician Pat Terry will be performing live on Friday, March 22nd at the Community Center.

Mr. Charles "Corkey" Welch reminded everyone that there will be a shredding event on Saturday, March 23rd at the Aline Wolfe Adult Recreation Center from 9:00am to noon.

Ms. Maryline Blackburn welcomed new employees to the City. There was a book discussion at the library for Women's History Month and it was a wonderful event with great attendance. She thanked Library Director Mary Moore for her hard work on that event. Ms. Blackburn thanked the women who came out to support and celebrate the first Women's History Month Proclamation. She acknowledged Ms. Deana Bonner, former NAACP President who was in the audience.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Mr. Alex Backry, 3459 Shawnee Trail, spoke about the Lake Court Park project and the amount of time that Croy Engineering spent at the site as well as the amount the City had paid Croy for their work on the project. He would like to see the middle man eliminated, the City Engineer used more, and the Finance Department given more control of how much money is spent.

Ms. Laura Mireles Anzures, 2344 Old Spring Road, spoke about E-SPLOST and how it seems that the County is under the impression that there is no more growth expected for the City of Smyrna. She would like to see the City coordinate with the County and be proactive rather than reactive when it comes to schools and the need for more classrooms.

Mr. Leonard Robinson, 1809 Teasley Drive SE, spoke about how he and some other Smyrna Citizens attended a three day seminar on Sustainability recently. He was surprised that there were three tables full of citizens but no officials from the City were there. He and others from the Sustainable Smyrna group would love to work with the City.

The Mayor offered some responses to the Citizen Input. He noted that he had no knowledge of the sustainability seminar. He attended a meeting with the school board recently and felt that they were very off on their predictions for Smyrna and the lack of answers that were provided to those in attendance. He would like to see all of the schools on the same level playing field throughout the County.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Bacon adjourned the March 18, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting at 9:13 PM.