



Meeting Minutes - Final  
City Council

Monday, November 6, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Max Bacon

**Also Present:** 6 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Scott Andrews, Terri Graham, Kay Bolick and Dan Campbell

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 PM

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Jamie Auton, of King Spring Baptist Church located at 3732 King Springs Road delivered the invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes

3. Mayoral Report:

*Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton stated that Mayor Bacon was ill and unable to attend the meeting, so he would be running the meeting.*

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Veteran's Day Poppy Weekend (Nov 10-12, 2017)

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton called on Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch who read the Proclamation in recognition of Veteran's Day, Poppy Weekend (November 10-12, 2017) and presented it to Barbara McGee from the American Legion. She accepted the proclamation in recognition of Veteran's Day Poppy Weekend. She also asked the audience to come and support the event.*

B. Recognize Smyrna Blue All-Star Rookie League (8u) - 2017 GA State Champs

*Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton asked if the Smyrna Blue All Star Rookie League (eight*

and under) and Coaches would come to the podium. They were recognized as the 2017 Georgia State Champs. Mayor Pro Tem Norton noted that this is the second time in three (3) years that the team had won the state championship. This year they won the championship on July 26, 2017 in Warner Robins, GA. He introduced Coach Chuck Martin who in turn introduced each member of the team and coaches.

Players: Asher Adams, JD Aufderheide, William Backus, Andrew Biggers (Big Poppy), Luke Darsey, Cam Denis, Luke Linder, Jackson Martin, John Paolino, Landon Ryan, Hayes Stephens and the Coaches Corbin Adams, Davis Linder and Brian Stephens.

Coach Martin related the season to the Council about how they came to win the championship. He also thanked the Council for recognizing the team and pointed out how much Smyrna means to them. He continued to expound on travel sports, it is different than when he was young. When a young person shows interest in a sport, such as a travel sport, there is a loss of community. Due to the decisions made by Mayor, Council and the Parks and Recreation Department for fields and areas for sporting events their efforts encourage teams to come together and play. The city keeps the fields nice and playable. Because of volunteers that run the Smyrna Little League organization, the boys get to come together and play the sport they love but more importantly they have the sense of community. They play other teams, but those teams do not have what this team has, they have Smyrna. Because of what the city provides for the children they have memories that will last a lifetime. The team presented a signed program and a signed copy of their championship to the city as a token of their appreciation.

Mayor Pro Tem Norton requested that the coaches and players stay for a moment while he tells another story. He called on Samantha Timmons and Jarrod Simmons from the Atlanta Braves. He revealed a story about a player on the team that overcame unbelievable adversity to be a part of this State Championship Team. Jackson Martin was diagnosed with Perthes Disease right before his sixth birthday. All he wanted to do was play baseball, through times in a wheelchair and leg brace, Jackson never complained. He kept his eye on the prize to play baseball again. Last Spring the doctor agreed to let Jackson play, if his dad coached the team. Even though Jackson went through quite a bit of pain, he was able to play. At the start of the year, Jackson had 60 percent bone regeneration in his hip which allowed him to move quicker with less pain. During his eight (8) year old baseball season he played every day for six (6) weeks and pursued their goal as a team of winning the State Championship together.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton introduced the representatives from the Atlanta Braves organization who wanted to be at the council meeting to celebrate the teams' victory and Jackson's remarkable recovery to play the game he loves. The Atlanta Braves had been following the team's accomplishments and Jackson's story closely. Samantha Timmons and Jarrod Simmons brought forth gift bags for each of the players from the Atlanta Braves. Mr. Simmons works with the youth baseball. He worked with Smyrna Blue along with other championship teams to have a day at SunTrust Park to recognize all their accomplishments. The entire Council congratulated each of the team members and wished them all well.

Jackson Martin asked to speak. He loves his baseball team. Smyrna Blue definitely helped him get into the State Championship. He thanked the coaches who helped him when he got into a slump, which he did a few times. He loves his dad and everyone on the team. He thanked the team.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton reminded everyone that there is an election in the City of Smyrna on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. He asked if there were any candidates present that would like to speak briefly.

Marshall A. Moon came forward to announce that he is running for Ward 3 Council seat. He wanted the citizens to know that he would do the best job he could if elected.

Maryline Blackburn came forward, she addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that she was running for the Ward 3 Council seat. She has been a resident of the City of Smyrna for 17 years. She believes that she has contributed her time, energy and efforts during the 17 years to enhance the quality of life in Smyrna.

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

There were no Land Issues, Zoning and annexation.

#### 5. Privilege Licenses:

##### A. Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2017-391 - Beer and Wine Pouring - 2590 Spring Road SE - Chettinad Foods and Bakery LLC dba Aachis Indian Cuisine with Antony Arputharaj as agent.

**Sponsors:** Norton

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read the following background for this item: This item is a privilege license request (2017-391) for Beer, Wine, and Liquor Pouring located at 2590 Spring Road SE by Chettinad Foods and Bakery LLC dba Aachis Indian Cuisine with Antony Arputharaj as agent.

This is a new application for a privilege license for Chettinad Foods and Bakery LLC dba Aachis Indian cuisine for the sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor (retail pouring). Antony Arputharaj will be the registered agent, responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Mr. Arputharaj has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop (Certificate attached). A background investigation by the Smyrna Police Department failed to find information that would preclude issuance of the license.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton announced the Public hearing; no one came forward to speak for or in opposition for this Privilege license, or to make comment.

Councilmember Charles Welch asked the applicant, if he was aware of the random compliance checks the Smyrna police department conducts. He asked if he trained his employees to follow proper measures and to ID anyone purchasing alcohol. Mr. Arputharaj answered, yes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve Privilege License Request 2017-391 - Beer and Wine Pouring - 2590 Spring Road SE - Chettinad Foods and Bakery LLC dba Aachis Indian Cuisine with Antony Arputharaj as agent; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bacon

## 6. Formal Business:

- A.** Approval to Award Georgia Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program to GMA-GIRMA and adopting a Resolution to add membership in a Fund of Georgia Interlocal Risk Management (GIRMA) and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents

**Sponsors:** Blustein

*City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read the background for this program. All legally organized fire departments in Georgia are required by House Bill 146 to provide certain cancer benefits effective January, 2018. This program provides financial protection to the firefighter and their family in the event they contract cancer attributed to the job. The program provided a lump sum cancer benefit as well as long term disability coverage. The city needs to obtain coverage for the lump sum Cancer Benefit to provide that portion of the program, as the City of Smyrna already provides long term disability coverage for our employees.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to award Georgia Firefighters' Cancer Benefit Program to GMA-GIRMA and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents; seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bacon

## 7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits

## 8. Consent Agenda:

*City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones Read the Consent Agenda aloud for Council vote.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones; seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 5 - Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 1 - Mayor Bacon

- A.** Approval of the October 16, 2017 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

**Sponsors:** City Council

- B.** Approval of the October 16, 2017 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: City Council

- C. Approval of the October 12, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: City Council

- D. Approval to hire Janet Liberman as Keep Smyrna Beautiful Director

Sponsors: Welch

- E. Authorize Atkins Park Tavern to operate a beer/wine/specialty one-item cocktail station, beyond the boundaries of the premises (of Atkins Park Tavern) covered by the license, at the Star 94 "Woofstock" event in the downtown area Saturday, September 29, 2018 (11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.) and Sunday, September 30, 2018 (11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.) - at an assigned vendor space within the approved event. The exact location is within the food service area for the event/festival, on Village Green Circle, near the intersection of Atlanta Road and Village Green Circle. Village Green Circle will be closed for the duration of the two-day festival.

Sponsors: Norton

- F. Authorize Atkins Park (Tavern) Restaurant & Bar to operate a beer trailer or station at the following events with specified dates and time frames (indicated below) . All events listed are City of Smyrna approved events with the beer trailer or station having the same assigned location, on sidewalk, on King Street (closed street, within the event space), at the intersection of King St. and West Spring Street, directly across the street from City Hall. Trailer/station placement timing will be in concert with event setup, understood to be set up within event setup and street closing approvals and removed prior to street opening following each event. The beer trailer/station is a component of each event, with the events organized by and/or with the City of Smyrna as official City of Smyrna events.

Spring Jonquil Festival:

April 28, 2018 10:00 am to 6:00 pm &

April 29, 2018 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

City of Smyrna Birthday Celebration:

August 4, 2018 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Taste of Smyrna:

September 15, 2018 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Fall Jonquil Festival:

October 27, 2018 10:00 am to 6:00 pm &

October 28, 2018 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Sponsors: Norton

- G. Approval of Atkins Park to extend premises to include the sidewalk and seven parking spaces directly connected to and in front of Atkins Park's patio: Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28, 2018; event set-up is Friday, January 26, 2018, for the 7th Annual Smyrna Oyster Mardi Gras Festival January 27 & 28, 2018. No street closing are required or requested by Atkins Park

Sponsors: Norton

- H. Approval of 2018 15th Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration Weekend in the Market Village Friday, March 16, 2018 12:00 PM - 10:45 PM and Saturday, March 17, 2018 11:00 AM - 10:30 PM . Atkins Park Tavern requests street closing for the 2018 St. Patrick's Day Celebration to include West Spring Street from Atlanta Road and terminating at the end of the fountain area at the corners of Atkins Park Tavern and Corner Taqueria.

Sponsors: Norton

- I. Approval of Atkins Park Annual Crawfish Boil April 28, 2018, from 1:00 pm - 10:45 pm and Sun., April 29, 2018, from 1:00 pm-10:00 pm. Atkins Park Tavern requests street closing to include West Spring Street from Atlanta Road to King Street (add-on) connecting to Spring Jonquil Festival event site (King Street continuing to Village Green Circle).

Sponsors: Norton

## 9. Committee Reports:

*Councilmember Andrea Blustein for Ward 2: thanked everyone who was present at the Ward meeting on Saturday.*

*Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch for Ward 4: reminded the public of the election and encouraged everyone to go out and vote.*

*Councilmember Susan Wilkinson for Ward 5: announced several events regarding Parks and Recreation. A public input session for North Cooper Lake Park will be held on November 9, 2017 6 PM to 8 PM at the community center. They are looking for ideas of what the public would like to see in the future for Parks and Recreation.*

*She also wanted to mention the Mike Brown memorial wall that will be dedicated to Deputy Chief Mike Brown on Friday, November 10th at 11:00 AM at the Police Station on Atlanta Road. The Annual Veterans Day ceremony will be Saturday November 11, 2017.*

*Councilmember Doug Stoner for Ward 6 spoke about break-ins that are occurring in local neighborhoods. They are getting into unlocked cars even parked in driveways. They have not broken into cars by doing damage, but if the car is unlocked and available they are taking what they can. He asked for citizens to call 911 when they see something out of the ordinary and let the police handle issues. He suggested that individuals not try to intercede. He also suggested with the Holiday season upon us*

*and more packages being delivered that it might be a good idea to ask neighbors to pick up packages to reduce the chance of break-ins. Amazon, UPS and FedEx have announced ways to keep holiday packages from being stolen.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel for Ward 7: Has scheduled a meeting for November 14th at 4:30 PM for a Finance & Administration Committee. He noted the 3 most important items on the agenda as, the General Services Agreement for the engineering firm, an updated IT policy and an end of year budget amendment. He also added a reminder for keeping the public safe. Since the time change it is getting darker earlier, we all need to use extra caution and pay attention to bikers and pedestrians.*

*He also added a Personal note for friends and citizens Smyrna lost this week.  
Buddy Purvine passed away yesterday  
Pastor Shell Osborne's Mother passed  
Jennifer Bennett's Mother passed*

*Councilmember Fennel also stated that the Post Office has agreed to the meeting for the zip code designations in Smyrna for Ward 7.*

*City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones expressed her condolences to Jennifer Bennett for the recent passing of her mother.*

*City Clerk Terri Graham reminded Smyrna voters that Tuesday, November 7, 2017 is Election Day. Ward 3 voting will be at the Community Center and Senate Seat District 6 would have voting at all precincts with the exception of Ward 7 which is not in District 6. She also reminded voters that everyone that lives in Wards 1-6 are not in Senate District 6, it would be advisable to Cobbelection.org.*

*The Secretary of State has a webpage: <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> this website allows you to find out if you are registered, where you vote and looks up your precinct. It is very important that people get out and vote.*

## **10. Show Cause Hearings:**

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

## **11. Citizen Input:**

*Alex Bakry of 3459 Shawnee Trail, Smyrna talked about the Windy Hill project. He asked the city to hold a Town Hall meeting before the program is finalized. The last public meeting on this project was a year ago and citizens need to be updated on the project. He suggested the meeting to be advertised on the papers and other avenues. He expressed his pride for the candidates.*

*Timothy Riegsecken of 1115 Pinehurst Dr. Smyrna stepped to the podium and stated that, the recent article in the Marietta paper stated that 3 lobbyist are on the Smyrna Council. He informs that it is a class 1 felony to be a federal employee and be a lobbyist.*

*Kristin and Michael Seagraves of 1428 Collier Drive, Smyrna, have lived in their home for 28 years. A construction company working on a development has large-semi trucks delivering material and driving into the neighborhood, driving up on curbs causing damage, into yards and destroying yards on private property. She asked if the*

*trucks can use another route where they can get out without so many turns on that are on narrow roads and will not need to back into driveways or backyards.*

**12. Adjournment:**

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton adjourned the meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:49 PM