



Meeting Minutes - Final  
City Council

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Tuesday, September 4, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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**Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Derek Norton

**Also Present:** 8 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Jennifer Bennett, Dan Campbell, Roy Acree, Brian Marcos and Frank Martin

**Call to Order**

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:03 PM

**1. Invocation and Pledge:**

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch provided the invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Agenda Changes:**

There were no agenda changes.

**3. Mayoral Report:**

- A. [2018-356](#)** Proclamation in Recognition of Constitution Week, Sept 17-23, 2018, Fielding Lewis Chapter, (National Society Daughters of the American Revolution)

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch thanked the members of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution who were present and read the proclamation which declared September 17th-23rd as Constitution Week. Councilperson Welch gave those present from the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution a chance to speak about the organization.*

*Members of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution took a few moments to tell the Mayor and Council about their organization as well as who their Primary Patriot and ancestor was.*

*The six members of the organization were then presented with the Proclamation in*

*Recognition of Constitution week by Councilmember Welch and photos were taken.*

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

**5. Privilege Licenses:**

There were no Privilege Licenses

**6. Formal Business:**

- A. [RES2018-06](#)** Approval of Resolution 2018-06 extending the emergency 911 surcharge and allowing to the State of Georgia to collect on the City's behalf

**Sponsors:** Welch

*City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones presented the background information on this Resolution. This agenda item was in reference to extending the \$1.50 emergency 911 surcharge and allowing the State of Georgia to collect on the City's behalf. Staff recommends approval of this Resolution which is something that must be reaffirmed every year.*

*Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch reiterated that this is approval of a Resolution that is required by law.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve Resolution 2018-06 extending the emergency 911 surcharge and allowing to the State of Georgia to collect on the City's behalf; a second was made by Councilmember Tim Gould. The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

- B. [RES2018-07](#)** Approval of Resolution 2018-07 to collect prepaid wireless 911 surcharges in the amount of \$1.50 per retail transaction and as outlined in O.C.G.A. 46-5-134.2(b)(1)

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Ms. Saddler Jones provided the background. HB 75 regarding 911 charges was altered to authorize local jurisdictions to file for prepaid wireless 911 surcharges in the amount of \$1.50 per retail transaction which will be collected by the State and distributed to local jurisdictions. Staff does recommend approval of this Resolution.*

*Councilman Charles (Corkey) Welch explained that this was an approval of a Resolution required by the State of Georgia.*

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-07 to collect prepaid wireless 911 surcharges in the amount of \$1.50 per retail transaction as outlined in O.C.G.A. 46-5-134.2(b)(1). Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

- C. [RES2018-08](#) Approve Resolution 2018-08 to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan required for compliance with Federal regulations for the Smyrna Emergency Management.

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Ms. Saddler Jones, City Administrator explained that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is the product of a joint effort between Cobb County Emergency Management Agency and all municipalities within Cobb County. This plan is updated every five (5) years in order to remain in compliance with Federal regulations for Emergency Management.*

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-08 to adopt the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan required for compliance with Federal regulations for the Smyrna Emergency Management. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

- D. [2018-370](#) Award RFP 19-004 Lake Court Park Storm Drain Rehabilitation to the lowest bidder Tucker Grading & Hauling, 102 Roberts Way, Canton, GA 30114 for \$206,031.65, from the Water CIP Fund and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

**Sponsors:** Welch

*Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones explained that the City of Smyrna Public Works department requested bids for the rehabilitation of storm drain piping and appurtenant structures at Lake Court Park and 6 vendors submitted bids as follows:*

<i>Tucker Grading &amp; Hauling</i>	<i>\$206,031.65</i>
<i>Ardito Construction Company</i>	<i>\$320,078.68</i>
<i>Tople Construction &amp; Engineering</i>	<i>\$245,625.25</i>
<i>Site Engineering Inc.</i>	<i>\$366,485.00</i>
<i>K.M. Davis Contracting Company</i>	<i>\$289,778.50</i>
<i>L-J, Inc.</i>	<i>\$415,346.00</i>

*Public Works and Purchasing reviewed the bids and recommended awarding to the lowest bidder Tucker Grading & Hauling for \$206,031.65. The project will be funded out of the Water CIP Fund.*

*Councilman Welch gave location information for this project.*

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch made a motion to Award RFP 19-004 Lake Court Park Storm Drain Rehabilitation to the lowest bidder Tucker Grading & Hauling, 102 Roberts Way, Canton, GA 30114 for \$206,031.65, from the Water CIP Fund and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion received a second

from Councilmember Tim Gould.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

**E.** [2018-374](#)

Award RFP 19-006 Traffic Signal & Fiber Adjustment to the lowest bidder Bass Signal Corp., 251 Industrial Park Dr., Milledgeville, Ga. for \$244,900.00 funded by 2016 SPLOST and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

**Sponsors:** Welch

*City Administrator, Ms. Saddler Jones provided background information that Public Works requested bids for the adjustment of traffic signal fiber heights on Georgia Power poles throughout the City. The only bid received was from Bass Signal Corp. Milledgeville, Ga. in the amount of \$244,900.00. It was the recommendation of Public Works, Croy Engineering and Purchasing whom have reviewed the bid to award to Bass Signal Corp. in the amount of \$244,900.00 which will be funded out of 2016 SPLOST.*

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch made the motion to award RFP 19-006 Traffic Signal & Fiber Adjustment to the lowest bidder Bass Signal Corp., 251 Industrial Park Dr., Milledgeville, Ga. for \$244,900.00 funded by 2016 SPLOST and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

**F.** [2018-377](#)

Approval to award RFP 19-007 for the replacement of eight (8) cardiac monitors, in the amount of \$220,647.75 funded from CIP, to Physio-Control, Inc. 11811 Willows Rd. NE, Redmond, Washington and to allow Finance to amend the budget appropriately and authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents.

**Sponsors:** Fennel

*Background information was provided by the City Administrator. The City of Smyrna's current inventory consists of 10 cardiac monitors, however Smyrna Fire has determined that 8 are sufficient. The estimated FY19 cost was \$240,000, and Smyrna Fire is able to replace all eight monitors for \$220,647.75 which is to be funded from FY 2019 CIP. The preference is Lifepack 15 V4 due to consistency with other local agencies and efficiency of the product. The sole provider of this equipment is Physio-Control.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke of the helpfulness of the planning and estimates involved in creating the CIP and that minor adjustments will need to be made in regards to this and the next item.*

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to award RFP 19-007 for the replacement

of eight (8) cardiac monitors, in the amount of \$220,647.75 funded from FY 2019 CIP, to Physio-Control, Inc. 11811 Willows Rd. NE, Redmond, Washington and to allow Finance to amend the budget appropriately and authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

**G.** [2018-378](#)

Approval to award RFP 19-008 of Fire Engine 5, in the amount of \$548,727.00 funded by the Vehicle Replacement Fund, to Ten-8 Fire Safety Equipment, 1591 Collier Rd., Forsyth, Ga. 31029, utilizing the Fire Rescue Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) through the National Purchasing Partners Government Division (NPPGov), and allow Finance to amend the budget appropriately and authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents.

**Sponsors:** Fennel

*Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones provided the background information for this agenda item. Fire engine 5, which is beyond its useful service life, is a 2001 American LaFrance fire engine. This scheduled replacement will allow Smyrna Fire to purchase a 2019 Pierce Velocity fire engine as the replacement vehicle. Purchasing Manager and the Fire Department recommend this purchase which is coming out of the FY 2019 Vehicle Replacement Fund.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel reported that there was cost savings in regards to this item.*

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to award RFP 19-008 of Fire Engine 5, in the amount of \$548,727.00 funded by the Vehicle Replacement Fund, to Ten-8 Fire Safety Equipment, 1591 Collier Rd., Forsyth, Ga. 31029, utilizing the Fire Rescue Group Purchasing Organization (GPO) through the National Purchasing Partners Government Division (NPPGov), and allow Finance to amend the budget appropriately and authorize the Mayor to execute necessary documents. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

**7. Commercial Building Permits:**

There were no commercial building permits.

**8. Consent Agenda:**

*City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones read aloud the consent agenda.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones. The motion was seconded by Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** 1 - Councilmember Norton

- A. [2018-372](#) Approval of the August 20, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes  
**Sponsors:** City Council
- B. [2018-373](#) Approval of the August 20, 2018 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes  
**Sponsors:** City Council
- C. [2018-375](#) Approval to allow road closures for the Smyrna Open Streets event on October 14, 2018 from 1PM - 7PM. Road closures include portions of Powder Springs St. SE, Hughes St. SE, Belmont Pl. SE, Belmont Blvd. SE, and Ward St. SE.  
**Sponsors:** Blackburn

## 9. Committee Reports:

*Councilmember Ron Fennel announced that the Finance/HR Committee is working on a tentative schedule of September 13th to wrap up the report. Once it is finalized it will be formally proposed and posted in the appropriate locations.*

*Councilmember Tim Gould thanked the Mayor for forming an Education Committee which he will chair. He will serve on this Committee with Councilmembers Maryline Blackburn and Susan Wilkinson. Mr. Gould stated that the #1 key for successful longterm communities is good schools.*

*Councilmember Susan Wilkinson announced that the Smyrna Police and Fire Department will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony that will last approximately 45 minutes. This is the first official ceremony hosted by City of Smyrna. On September 9, 2018, in the library meeting room, there will be music recital from Atlanta Symphony Orchestra members beginning at 3pm. She thanked the Mayor for the creation of the Transportation Committee which she will be chairing and serving on with Councilmembers Andrea Blustein and Charles (Corky) Welch.*

*Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch invited residents to come to paper shredding event that will take place on September 8, 2018 from 9am until noon.*

*Councilmember Maryline Blackwell talked about having participated in the Smyrna library mystery reader program which takes place monthly. She thanked everyone who came out for Labor Day 5K race. She welcomed the new Deputy City Clerk Tina Monaghan.*

*Councilmember Andrea Blustein had no report.*

*City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones offered her condolences and asked to please keep Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews in thoughts and prayers as he lost his grandmother.*

**10. Show Cause Hearings:**

There were no show cause hearings.

**11. Citizen Input:**

*Alex Backry of 3459 Shawnee Trail asked if a decision in regards to a referendum of term limits had been made and requested an update on this within the next week or so. He also discussed the article in the Marietta Daily Journal about a property on Spring Road. He mentioned that he felt the City needed to have a plan in place for this property and that speculation using tax payer's money is not wise. He would like to see private enterprise handle that property so that the City may decrease Bond debt rather than increase it with another project.*

**12. Adjournment:**

Mayor A. Max Bacon adjourned the September 4, 2018 meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:41pm.