



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary City Council

Monday, May 4, 2015

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Wade Lnenicka and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 9 - Toni Jo Howard, Ken Suddreth, Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Russell Martin, Dan Campbell, Roy Acree, Terri Graham and Heather Corn

Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:46 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Bacon called upon Dr. Jeffrey Pennington of First Baptist Smyrna located at 1275 Church Street to give the invocation and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no Agenda Changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. JRM Management Check Presentation to Smyrna Education Foundation

Sponsors: Anulewicz

Ms. Angie Bolton commented about the Smyrna Education Foundation being able to give \$40,000 to Smyrna schools for things not typically in a school's budget over the past few years. They also have been able to connect the community with the schools, in particular the Wave of Excellence program.

She thanked the Mayor and Council for their vision and leadership in starting the Smyrna Education Foundation and also thanked Georgia Power for their initial financial start up gift.

She remarked that JRM management had been an outstanding supporter and contributor of the Foundation.

Mr. Bill Watson of JRM Management came forward to speak and noted that through events such as the Jonquil Festival and A Taste of Smyrna Festival, they are able to raise money for groups such as the Smyrna Education Foundation.

In previous years, the Jonquil Festival has raised \$5,000 in contributions but this years attendance at the festival allowed an increase in the amount presented.

Mr. Watson of made a check presentation to the Smyrna Education Foundation in the

amount of \$6,000.

B. Proclamation in Recognition of The American Lung Association - Women's Lung Health Week

Sponsors: Pritchett

Mayor Pro tem Melleny Pritchett read aloud the Proclamation in Recognition of The American Lung Association - Women's Lung Health Week and presented it to Melissa Bowers, the Area Director for the American Lung Association. The second full week in May has been designated in Smyrna as Women's Lung Health Week.

Ms. Bowers thanked Mayor Bacon for the proclamation and spoke about her role with the American Lung Association and both her personal and professional passion for this cause.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

A. Approval of Ordinance # 2015-05 - Annexation request 100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tracts of land lying and being in Land Lot 880. 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of .5585 Acres, being known as 2808 Spring Road, Smyrna GA - Wendy's International, LLC

Sponsors: Pritchett

Interim City Administrator, Toni Jo Howard read the background for this item. Wendy's International, LLC was the applicant seeking approval for annexation of approximately .5585 acre tract, parcel 17088000110 - all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 880 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia located at 2808 Spring Road, Smyrna, GA. Staff recommended approval.

Mayor Pro tem Melleny Pritchett called Senior Planner, Russell Martin to come forward and give a brief overview for this straight forward, 100% annexation. He stated this was a 100% annexation as Ms. Howard has stated in the background read and asked if there were any questions from Council. There were none.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett to approve item 2015-151, Ordinance #2015-05 for the annexation request; 100% owners requesting annexation of all tracts of land lying and being in Land Lot 880, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of .5585 Acres, being known as 2808 Spring Road, Smyrna GA - Wendy's International, LLC., seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privelage Licenses.

6. Formal business:

A. Approve the amendment to the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50, entitled Fire Prevention and Protection Article II, Codes, Section 50-26

Sponsors: Fennel

Mayor Bacon asked Ms. Toni Jo Howard to read the background for this item. This will be an amendment of 50-26 needed to align Smyrna with State and Metro Atlanta Counties as to the adoption of Fire Codes and staff recommended approval.

Councilmember Ron Fennel stated this was an opportunity for us to right size our model relative to an ambitious national standard more to a state standard in what is comparable to our region. This was a state requirement and he moved for approval.

Fire Chief Roy Acree came forward and stated this amendment would better align us with the County and our neighbors.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item #ORD2015-07 for the amendment to the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50, entitled Fire Prevention and Protection Article II, Codes, Section 50-26, seconded by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Fennel

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Lnenicka

B. Approve the Cobb Framework Agreement for the Windy Hill Road Boulevard Project between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Welch

Toni Jo Howard was asked to read the background and stated that this item was an agreement between both the City and the County defining the framework and commitments for both with respect to the Windy Hill Road Boulevard Project and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Staff recommended approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch to approve item #2015-153, the Cobb Framework Agreement for the Windy Hill Road Boulevard Project between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents, seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

C. Approve Cobb Framework Agreement Traffic Signal Operations between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Welch

Approve Cobb Framework Agreement Traffic Signal Mayor Bacon asked the interim City Administrator to read the background. Ms. Toni Jo Howard stated that The City of Smyrna and Cobb County wished to enter into an agreement to coordinate traffic signal timing along the Spring Road Corridor. This project funded by the County would upgrade 10 of our signals with an adaptive traffic control system which uses a central computer to detect real time traffic conditions and make adjustments for the actual traffic conditions. This item has been reviewed by staff and was recommended for approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch to approve item #2015-154 for the Cobb Framework Agreement Traffic Signal Operations between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents, seconded by Mayor Pro tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

D. Approve the appointment of Leslie Lightfoot to the Planning and Zoning Board for Ward 2

Sponsors: Blustein

Councilmember Andrea Blustein remarked that it was not easy to find a woman who wanted to serve on the all male Planning and Zoning Board, but Ms. Leslie Lightfoot was up to the challenge. Councilmember Blustein had herself served on the board for almost 10 years and thoroughly enjoyed it.

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to approve item #2015-150 for the appointment of Leslie Lightfoot to the Planning and Zoning Board for Ward 2, seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda was read aloud by the Interim City Administrator, Toni Jo Howard.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

A. Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes from April 20,

2015

Sponsors: City Council

B. Approval of Property/Liability insurance renewal with Georgia Local Government Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and authorize Mayor to execute any related documents

Sponsors: Lnenicka

C. Approve retroactive use of the Council Chambers for Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM for the Market Village HOA meeting

Sponsors: Anulewicz

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Ron Fennel mentioned the warmer weather season and talked about disaster preparedness and specifically the use of the city weather sirens. They are tested the first Wednesday of every month. He also explained the use of sirens for a severe thunderstorm watch that has the capability of producing tornadoes.

Councilmember Fennel remarked that the previous weekends gathering of protestors was uneventful in terms of any incidents. Both the City and County made sure it was a safe event for all involved.

Councilmember Lnenicka always looks forward to being in front of citizens and explaining what the City's doing and mentioned several upcoming meetings he would be attending. He congratulated Dr. Mel Pender who was inducted into the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. He enjoyed being there for the honor.

Councilmember Wilkinson spoke about the event at the library she attended entitled Women Warriors. These events are held the first Sunday of every month. The Smyrna Garden Tour would be held on Saturday, May 16th. She encouraged people to attend.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch reminded citizens that Food truck Tuesdays would start on Tuesday, May 5th. Additionally he spoke about receiving several calls regarding Concord Road and the cleanup. He encouraged citizens to contact him with issues so that he can follow up with Public Works.

Councilmember Teri Anulewicz also spoke about Food Truck Tuesdays. She mentioned the event would run for 22 weeks at Taylor Brawner Park. Citizens could check the City's website and Facebook page for the latest Food Truck vendors and bands each week. She said Happy Birthday to Williams Park who celebrated with a 10 year anniversary party and noted how much they have accomplished in their community in 10 years.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein will be having a Ward 2 meeting at the Smyrna Public Library on Saturday, May 16, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. She was hopeful that residents from Ward 2 would attend.

Councilmember Pritchett spoke about looking forward to Food Truck Tuesdays. Last year she was unable to attend due to health reasons so she planned on being there for opening evening. She also stated that she loves the Mayors Education Awards. It

was uplifting and exciting to see the gleam in the children's eyes and opined that it was one of great events the City does each year. She encouraged everyone to come out to Food Truck Tuesdays.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Mr. Tim R. of 1115 Pinehurst Drive, mentioned concerns regarding Concord Road. He met a car on the wrong side of the road because the barrels were lined up incorrectly. The other driver was unsure of where to go.

He also had a few issues from the construction on Concord Rd. and Councilmember Welch asked him to email him with the items that needed to be addressed. He said he understood at the Town Hall Meeting that there was discussion regarding a Mayoral Debate and wanted to know if anything had been decided

Alex Backry spoke about there being 12 meetings left before the next election. He has spoken to many, many people wanting to talk about term limits and he reiterated again that they would like to see it on the November ballot. He noted that the cities of Kennesaw and Marietta were considering term limits. In his research he has found that it only costs \$1000 to put an item on the ballot as a referendum. He declared that the people who pay the taxes would like to express their feelings.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting of the Mayor and Council for May 4, 2015 was adjourned at 8:18 PM.