

**Pre-Council Meeting - Final**  
**May 20, 2019**  
**6:00 PM**

*Present: Mayor Max Bacon                      Tim Gould                      Charles “Corkey” Welch*  
*Maryline Blackburn                      Derek Norton                      Andrea Blustein*  
*Susan Wilkinson                      Ron Fennel*

*Also Present: Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Ken Suddreth (Director of Community Development), Rusty Martin (Senior Planner), Kevin Moore (City Engineer), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

**Mayor Max Bacon called the Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.**

**City Administrator Report**

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones introduced the new Management Fellow Landon O’Neil whose first day was May 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. O’Neil took a few minutes to share some information about himself.

Ms. Saddler Jones announced that Budget Officer Jered Sigmon and his wife had their little girl on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and that mom and baby are doing great.

The Keep Smyrna Beautiful Garden Tour was very successful. The event grossed \$16,000.00 and proceeds will go towards Smyrna Schools.

**Review of the Agenda for the May 20, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting**

Mayor Bacon opened discussion of the agenda.

The Mayor asked if there were any updates on the wall in Williams Park. Apparently, the developer is open to possible solutions. One of the key questions is there a way to implement a traffic calming solution, create safe sidewalks, and keep the wall intact.

Mayor and Council discussed possible traffic calming solutions for the area by Mr. Junger’s property which has been a problem for some time.

City Engineer Kevin Moore explained that the current traffic calming plan was simple. There was no plan to reconstruct the entire area but rather to add a crosswalk, additional signage, and revise the curb line. This was not a planned SPLOST expenditure. He also pointed out that the current plan for Mr. Junger’s property dictates that parts of the wall will be removed to make room for a driveway and sidewalks from each home to the sidewalk. Mr. Moore summarized his involvement with the project to date.

City Attorney Scott Cochran reminded Mayor and Council that this is a rezoning issue and that is where the focus should remain.

Discussion occurred over the fact that the current plan dictates that parts of the wall are removed and the concern of how this and the removal of trees will affect the integrity of the wall.

There was talk of potentially moving the driveway from the current plan so that the wall could remain untouched. Staff made mention of the safety issues relating to the intersection nearby that would be a factor with such a plan.

Senior Planner Russell Martin reviewed the site plan and current survey with Mayor and Council.

There was mention made of safety issues relating to the current sidewalk which is not ideal. Council wanted to know if this created potential liability issues or if it was fine to leave it in order to keep the wall intact. Mr. Junger had mentioned several times at the last meeting that he felt the sidewalk needs to be redone to make the area safe.

Director of Community Development Ken Suddreth reminded everyone that the issue at hand is one of zoning. It is not the City's responsibility to come up with a plan but rather to make a decision on the plan that was already submitted. There were several attempts at coming to a mutual solution with both parties but that did not happen. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make known what it is that he wants and then move forward from there.

It was decided that some simple background information would be presented and then the applicant would be asked to speak rather than starting at the beginning since the item was already discussed at great length at a previous meeting.

The proposed Senior Living complex on the East/West Connector was discussed. A detailed letter from the developer was provided to the Mayor to answer some questions that came up at the last Committee of the Whole Meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2020 budget was briefly discussed. Staff offered to meet with Mayor and Council to review any concerns and answer any questions that they may have before the June 3, 2019 meeting when the vote will take place.

Council suggested that the scooter ordinance be tabled to a later meeting in order to gather more information and get more citizen input before taking it to a vote. It was felt that the ordinance as presented did not cover all of the issues of concern for safety.

Staff let Council know that Taylor Brawner Park had been removed from the Restaurant District agenda item so the areas being voted on were Concord Linear Park, the Gazebo adjacent to the Arboretum, and connecting the Smyrna Market Village Restaurant District with the Belmont Hills Restaurant District by way of the multi-use trail on Atlanta Road.

**Mayor Bacon adjourned the Pre-Council Meeting at 6:57 PM.**