

Pre-Council Meeting - Final
July 2, 2018
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor A. Max Bacon Andrea Blustein Charles (Corkey) Welch
Maryline Blackburn Ron Fennel

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Scott Stokes (Public Works Director), Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow) and Avern Gumb (Intern)

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

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones gave the City Administrators report.

1. She began with the Hands Free Video that Staff launched last Thursday. The Mayor was not in attendance for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, so she told the Mayor they would show it to him later.
2. Ms. Jones mentioned the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Water Shed Grant. KSB will be receiving \$7,000.00 from Keep America Beautiful. KSB will be working with Richard Garland and Maxwell Ruppensburg to do a stream bank restoration at Lake Court Park. The Grant award will be pushed out on social media once KSB gets the official notification from KAB.
3. Starting September 1, 2018, the Parks Maintenance will be taking over the maintenance of the sport fields and the Veterans Memorial lawn area Ashford Gardeners were notified by a letter.
4. Parks staff will begin the process of turf planting 120,000 square feet and re-sodding 20,000 square feet at Riverline Park starting next Monday, July 9th.
5. Scott Andrews will be out of the office Thursday, July 5, 2018 & Friday, July 6, 2018.
6. City Offices closed on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day.
7. A retirement luncheon honoring Scott Stokes will be Thursday, July 5, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at Brawner Hall.

Mayor Bacon discussed the agenda. He informed that there was an agenda change. Under the Consent Agenda item (E) will be removed regarding rejecting all bids for the resurfacing projects. They will replace this agenda item with the approval of the bid for the resurfacing projects with Baldwin Paving. The Mayor explained how they would make this change during the meeting. He asked Councilmember Corkey Welch if he was okay with the change and Mr. Welch agreed.

The Mayor mentioned the light poles on Concord Road, he felt there were many lights out and some knocked down by cars running into them. He wanted someone to get in touch with Georgia Power and made aware of the lights. Mr. Stokes inquired if they Mayor had any contacts with Georgia Power. The Mayor replied that he really did not know anyone at Georgia Power any longer, so Scott Stokes said he would start going up within Georgia Powers to get some results in getting the lights repaired and working.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming Council training provided by GMA on Sexual Harassment and Hostile Work environment. The Mayor felt that these training were important for the council to participate. The class will be combined and be on September 16, 2018 during a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn brought up the Newly Elected training she attended when first elected. She informed the other councilmembers that during the training they expressed the issues of cell phone usage while on they are on the Dias. She felt cell phone usage by councilmembers sent the wrong message out to constituents. Councilmember Welch said he uses his phone at times to look up addresses when people are talking so he can see where they are and what the surrounding property looks like. He felt cell phones were used appropriately or at least he used his that way. Ms. Blackburn would still like cell phones not allowed while they are on the Dias.

Mayor Bacon agreed that the council should be listening to the applicants and speakers when they are presenting and no one should be talking or on their cell phones during the council meetings. He thought cell phone should be turned off.

Councilmember Ron Fennel thanked Scott Stokes for his 39 years of service to the city. There was discussion with the Mayor and Council regarding Mr. Stokes retirement and his move to another community.

Councilmember Welch brought up the charge for soccer fields and he felt they needed to discuss the amount charged for field use to soccer associations. Richard Garland brought this up during the last meeting and he felt they needed to discuss this further. The Mayor and other councilmembers advised they should talk about this more at a future meeting.

Mayor Bacon asked if anyone had anything else to add, no one had anything further he called the pre council meeting to adjourn at 6:35 PM.