



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Draft City Council

Monday, April 7, 2014

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 7 - 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: 6 - Eric Taylor, Tammi Saddler Jones, Chelsea Jackson, Dan Campbell, Terri Graham and Lisa Moore

Call to Order

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Max Bacon called on Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to deliver the Invocation and to lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. 2014-065 Proclamation in Honor of Patriots Day, April 19, 2014

Sponsors: Welch

The Mayor requested Wayne Brown and Larry Guzy come forward to accept the proclamation establishing April 19, 2014 as Patriot's Day. Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch read aloud the proclamation. Mr. Guzy, who is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, stated the requirement to join their organization is to have an ancestor who was a patriot or a supporter of the cause of American Independence. The organization will assist prospective members in finding a qualifying ancestor.

The Mayor called Susan Thayer to come forward to discuss her candidacy for a seat on the Cobb County School Board. The election will be held May 20, 2014.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

There were no Land, Zoning or Annexation Issues.

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses.

6. Formal business:

- A. ORD2014-05** Approve the Amendment to the City of Smyrna 's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 102, entitled Utilities, Article 1, Section 102-7 Water and Sewer Rates and Reconnect Fees.

Sponsors: Anulewicz

Councilmember Andrea Blustein recused herself due to a possible conflict of interest and left the meeting for this discussion and vote. City Administrator Eric Taylor gave the background on this amendment. City Staff has reviewed the water rate ordinance and it was determined that the method of calculation should be clarified in the ordinance so that it states the rate is calculated solely by meter size and not by the number of residential or commercial units. This has been reviewed by staff and by the city attorney and they recommend approval.

Councilmember Teri Anulewicz arrived in the Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve ORD2014-05, an amendment to the City of Smyrna 's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 102, entitled Utilities, Article 1, Section 102-7 Water and Sewer Rates and Reconnect Fees, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

Recuse: 1 - Councilmember Blustein

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

City Administrator Eric Taylor read aloud the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. 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. 2014-072** Approval of March 17, 2014 Mayor & Council Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: City Council

- B. 2014-066** Approval to use Council Chambers on April 17, 2014, from 6:30pm until 9:00pm for the Vinings Forest Annual HOA Meeting

Sponsors: Lnenicka

- C. **2014-074** Approval for the use of Council Chambers by the American Planning Association Sunday, April 27, 2014 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sponsors: City Council

- D. **ORD2014-06** Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, this matter was approved at the January 21, 2014 & February 3, 2014 Mayor & Council meetings, this ordinance will effectuate this agreement.

Sponsors: City Council

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Ron Fennel mentioned that the Police Department has been very busy and are working with Cobb County to solve a missing persons case that should see a resolution in the next few days. The next "Coffee with a Cop" will be held at the Chick-fil-a on South Cobb Drive, April 21st from 8:00 - 10:00 AM. This event is an opportunity for the community to meet Police Officers on a one on one basis and understand what the department is doing in the community. Mr. Fennel highly recommended these events. Chief Lee has been dedicated to connecting the community with Police Officers. Chief Day continues to work on opportunities in the Fire Department and he is appreciative of what is being accomplished by the department.

Taylor Brawner House's "Art in the Park" is a success and outstandingly showcases many Smyrna artists. He commended the staff who put the event together and to the citizens who came out to celebrate the arts in Smyrna. It is a great event and he looks forward to it being an annual event.

Mr. Fennel, Mr. Welch and Mayor Bacon attended the Grand Reopening of Wade Ford on Friday, April 4th. The Ford Company spent nearly \$3 million on this newly renovated facility in Smyrna. A member of the Ford family and the CEO of Ford attended the festivities and by their attendance demonstrated how important this local business is to the company now and in the last 30 years. He applauded Steve Ewing and his team on the renovation and the commitment that the Ford Motor has made to this business being a success in the City.

Mayor Bacon reiterated that the "Art in the Park" event at the Taylor Brawner House is still ongoing through Sunday, April 13th. The Mayor also added that Officer Meredith Ramaley was named by the Governor for her work on the Child Welfare Task Force.

Councilmember Wade Lnenicka thanked the citizens of Ward 6 for inviting him to several of their Home Owner Association meetings. March 19th, he hosted the Oak Ridge Estates HOA. April 6th, he met with the Vinings Glen Homeowners Board. There have been a number of events since the last Council meeting, including one on March 26th at Taylor Brawner Park to dedicate the Sharon Darby Healing Garden in memory of the long time Smyrna resident. Ms. Darby owned a business in the community and was very active and involved in many organizations within the City. This garden came from a bequest from her estate and serves as a legacy to her memory. Mr. Lnenicka announced that he will be attending the Vinings Forest HOA meeting in the Council Chambers on April 17th at 6:30.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson thanked the citizens of Ward 5 who attended her

community meeting on March 29th at the Wolfe Center. She thanked Chief Lee and Chief Day for attending the meeting and answering residents' questions. She also thanked the guest speaker, Dr. Bill Marchione, who gave a presentation on the history of Smyrna and particularly the history of some Ward 5 neighborhoods. Ms. Wilkinson announced the "Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt" which is Saturday, April 12th from 7:00 to 10:00 PM at Tolleson Park and will include a "Movie by Moonlight" event. She encouraged people to register on the City website for this event.

Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch echoed Mr. Fennel's comments on the Wade Ford event. It was a first class event for the Smyrna car dealership. He attended the "Art in the Park" event and encouraged citizens to attend to see the artists and their artwork.

Councilmember Teri Anulewicz commended the 47 City employees who signed up for the Wellness "Couch to 5k" challenge in preparation to participate in the the Jonquil City Jog on Saturday, April 26th. The Jonquil Festival is April 26 - 27.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein reminded Ward 2 residents of an upcoming community meeting on April 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Taylor Brawner Hall. She has several speakers lined up to speak at the meeting. She mentioned the upcoming holidays, Passover and Easter, and hoped that residents enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett announced the Vision process is going in full force and the Kick-Off event will be Monday, April 14th at 8:00 AM at the Wolfe Center. There are currently between 225 - 250 citizens participating in the process. There will be an online survey which the community will be asked to complete. There will also be people at the Jonquil Festival to which citizens can speak about the process. This process will give Smyrna residents a chance to give their input on how we can make Smyrna a better place, and what citizens would like to see happen in Smyrna in the next 10 years. There are 11-15 Focus Groups and a Steering Committee who will be meeting to discuss their areas of interest. At the Kick-Off event, the address of the website will be announced which will have a link to the survey and a place to make comments or ask questions. Ms. Pritchett thanked the Vision Committee, which consists of herself, Ms. Anulewicz, Mr. Fennel, Eric Taylor, Jennifer Bennett, and Ken Suddreth and representatives from Market Street, for their work on this process. Ms. Pritchett attended the "Revive Consignment Shop" grand opening this week. This new business is in the "Best Buy" shopping center on Highway 41. It has household items, furniture and clothing items.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

The Mayor called Kerby Siglin, 1526 Wedmore Court, to come forward for Citizen's Input. Mr. Siglin started a business called Green Sweep Energy Audits. This company works in compliance with Georgia Power to provide homeowners with home energy audits. The audits can help homeowners find ways to save money on their energy usage. The audit usually costs between \$200 - \$400 which Georgia Power will reimburse along with a percentage of the expenses that homeowners incur to correct problems in their home. Mr. Siglin's company is on the approved contractor list on the Georgia Power website for BPI assessments. Green Sweep Energy Audits may be reached at 404-606-8011.

The Mayor called Bill Mathis, 1599 Roswell Street for his comments regarding water issues. He discussed the problems on his property due to water damage which he alleges Croy Engineering caused. The Mayor stated that it was his understanding that this problem was being solved. Mayor Bacon stated he would look into this issue personally.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.