

Pre-Council Meeting - Final
June 3, 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 Cochran (City Attorney), Rusty Martin (Interim Community Development Director), Kristin Robinson (Finance Director), Jered Sigmon (Budget Officer), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Landon O’Neal (Management Fellow), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)

Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Norton called the Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones spoke about a meeting that took place earlier in the day with Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Tim Gould, Dr. Walker, and Deputy Chief Joe Bennett about vaping and the problems that it is causing in Campbell High School.

Mayor Max Bacon arrived at 6:06pm.

Ms. Saddler Jones announced that she will be out of the office on annual leave on Friday, June 7, 2019. Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews will be in the office and available in her absence.

Review of the Agenda for the June 3, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Bacon opened discussion of the agenda.

Councilmember Blackburn spoke up about the agenda item pertaining to the budget. She was under the impression that the vote was going to take place at the June 17, 2019 meeting to allow for more time to discuss and review.

Mayor and Council discussed the subject of positions and reclassifications in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Some discussed wanting to wait for the results of the survey from Carl Vinson to come back before making any concrete decisions. Most were in favor of adopting the budget as is with further discussion taking place before hiring any of the new positions.

The positions will be discussed in further detail at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Saddler Jones explained that before any new positions are posted, the department head must first come to her for approval. Before she moves forward, she seeks approval from the Mayor. None of the new positions in the FY 2020 budget will be advertised without further discussion and approval.

Interim Community Development Director Rusty Martin offered some explanation for the requested change to the alcohol ordinance regarding the outdoor seating enclosure requirement.

City Clerk Terri Graham announced that the next Cobb Municipal Association meeting will be in Acworth on June 11, 2019 at 6:30pm. She asked that anyone interested in attending let her know so that she could RSVP.

Ms. Blackburn spoke of the Memorial Day ceremony and how wonderful that it was. She thanked all of those who attended. She also invited everyone to her birthday party which would be taking place on Friday, June 7, 2019.

Mr. Norton stated that a company had approached him about the proposed scooter ordinance. This particular company asks permission to come into cities and pride themselves on safety including providing helmets to riders. Ms. Saddler Jones added that there was going to be a staff meeting the next day to review a possible scooter ordinance for the City.

Mr. Fennel thanked the City for helping Whitefield Academy with their land disturbance permits. He also noted that speeding on the East/West connector has been an issue with a recent fatality.

Mr. Gould thanked the Police Department for the extra patrols for speeders in Ward 6.

Mr. Welch stated that an individual had recently contacted him in regards to the bike park at North Cooper Lake Park. She is not a city resident but is very excited about the park and wanted to know when construction was supposed to begin.

Ms. Wilkinson had a citizen contact her regarding speeding on San Fernando Drive. She feels that perhaps the speed limits in residential areas should be lowered and also expressed concern about the possibility of scooters in the city.

City Attorney Scott Cochran stated that his part of the Windy Hill project is nearing completion.

Mayor Bacon brought up the bus stop agreement. He also discussed his concerns regarding areas from the budget report where there were overages.

Mayor and Council reviewed some code violations from around the City. They were going to refer these concerns to the Marshals so that they could be looked into further and would like a progress report in the near future.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the Pre-Council Meeting at 6:51 PM.