

**Pre-Council Meeting – Final  
January 19, 2021  
6:30 PM**

*Present:*      *Derek Norton*                      *Tim Gould*                      *Travis Lindley*  
                    *Lewis Wheaton*                      *Susan Wilkinson*                      *Austin Wagner*  
                    *Glenn Pickens*                      *Charles “Corkey” Welch*

*Also, Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney)*

*Staff: Joe Bennett (Interim City Administrator), Penny Mocerri (Interim Assistant City Administrator), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Joey Staubes (Planner II, Community Development), Kevin Moore (City Engineer), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

**Mayor Derek Norton called the January 19, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.**

**Review of the Agenda for the January 19, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting**

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by asking Public Works Director Frank Martin to provide some background on the Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG). This is a grant that the City receives annually and will be used to resurface roads. There is a 30% match requirement.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked for a list of the roads to be resurfaced which Mr. Martin said he would provide.

The Mayor announced that items 4A, 4B, and 4C would be tabled at the request of the applicant because it ties in with a closing that has not yet occurred.

Discussion was had about item 4D which was the rezoning of the old bank property at 1298 Concord Road. This falls into Ward 6 and Councilmember Gould had concerns and felt like this needed to be tabled until some of them could be addressed. General Commercial allows for such a wide variety of uses and while any were addressed by Community Development, there are some that should still be added.

Councilmember Wilkinson felt like General Commercial was not the right zoning because it backs up to residential lots and it doesn't fit in with the comprehensive plan for the area.

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton also made known that it didn't feel right to him either.

Councilmember Gould was going to speak to the applicants to ask that it be tabled until further discussion could be had.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin explained that the intention is to utilize the space for offices of a company that builds metal buildings. By zoning it General Commercial, the codes specifically prohibit the storage of commercial vehicles and supplies outside which was a big concern of many. The other zoning designations do not protect against this.

Items 4E, F, and G are all related to the rezoning and annexation of a property at Campbell Road. This property is in Ward 1 and Councilmember Glenn Pickens reviewed the recent changes to the plans. Changes include a decrease in townhomes and the addition of some single family homes. There were five variances added to address the setbacks of the single family homes. Additional changes specifically requested by Councilmember Pickens were to eliminate the dead end and to create an additional exit which allows for better traffic flow.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin explained that there were stipulations added to address the concerns that were brought up at the Committee of the Whole meeting. The townhomes will be mostly brick with some flexibility as to the rest of the design to allow flexibility for the builder. The builder will need to negotiate with Cobb County about the school entrance/exit situation since the city has no say on that.

Mayor Norton commended Councilmember Pickens for all of his hard work on this project. He worked with the community as well as the developer to come up with the best possible plan.

The proposed median on Campbell Road was a concern for many. At this point, it is just a concept and not set in stone, but the hope is to find another way to address traffic at that busy intersection.

Councilmember Austin Wagner expressed frustration at the last minute changes. The changes are good but the lack of time to thoroughly review the changes are what bothered him. He would appreciate more time to review changes such as this in the future.

**Mayor Norton adjourned the January 19, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting at 7:00 PM.**