

**Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – Final
HR Conference Room @ A. Max Bacon City Hall
May 3, 2021
6:30 PM**

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

Also, Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney)

Staff: Joe Bennett (City Administrator), Penny Mocerri (Assistant City Administrator), Heather Peacon-Corn (City Clerk), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Joey Staubes (Community Development Planner II), Andrea Worthy (Economic Development Director), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)

Mayor Derek Norton called the May 3, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the May 3, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by noting that some research was being done to determine if variances could be added to the consent agenda if no one was present to speak for or against the request. Other local cities do this, and it saves a lot of time. The City Attorney said he would look into it to make sure that it could be done in a way that would meet all requirements.

Councilmember Travis Lindley spoke of the request on Morris Lane. A resident had contacted him earlier in the day with concerns about rain and run off from construction that became evident after the day of heavy rains.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin explained that it is a recorded lot of record that already had a house on it. The old house has been torn down and a new one will be constructed. There is no drainage required however if the problem persists, matters can be reviewed.

Item I under land issues was the Edgeline request which went from ten townhomes to now eight detached homes along with some other changes that were discussed at previous meetings.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked how the common area would be handled since there were no details on the documents provided.

Mr. Rusty Martin explained that once the developer figures out how much room is left after the required retaining pond is constructed, they will determine a plan for how to best utilize any common area.

Next item for discussion was the proposed Fireworks Ordinance. City Attorney Scott Cochran explained that this allows the City to enforce everything that the State currently has in place.

Mayor Norton asked if there were any questions about the Bond item on the agenda and noted that after discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting, the parking deck was added to the proposed list of projects.

Public Works Director Frank Martin was there to answer any questions about the pipe contract but there were none.

With agenda review complete, Mayor Norton spoke about a meeting that was had with Cobb County regarding road projects. The County already has money put aside for the 285 area as well as the South Cobb/Windy Hill area. Things are heading in the right direction for some important projects to get underway.

Mayor Norton and City Attorney Scott Cochran both wished City Clerk Heather Peacon-Corn happy Municipal Clerk's Week.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked about the reasoning for cancelling the September 7, 2021 meeting. There would not be a quorum since so many people would be out of town for vacation. She wanted to know if the cancellation was something that should be discussed further and potentially voted on.

Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett announced that the bands for the June concert series are now booked. The opening act will be a Campbell High School student that writes and performs county music.

At 6:42 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Lewis Wheaton to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation. Councilmember Austin Wagner seconded the motion. The motion to enter into Executive Session was approved 7 to 0.

At 6:50 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Austin Wagner to close Executive Session. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion. Motion to close Executive Session was approved 7 to 0.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the settlement. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion. The motion to approve the settlement was approved 6 to 1 with Councilmember Susan Wilkinson voting in the negative.

Mayor Norton adjourned the May 3, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:55 PM.