

Pre-Council Meeting - Preliminary
August 19, 2019
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Max Bacon Derek Norton Ron Fennel
Charles “Corkey” Welch Andrea Blustein Tim Gould
Maryline Blackburn Susan Wilkinson

Also, Present: Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Tom Boland (Economic Development Manager), Landon O’Neal (Management Fellow), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the August 19, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones began her report by speaking about a meeting that she, Roy Acree, Scott Cochran, and Jennifer Bennett had with the procurement office for the City of Atlanta. The meeting was in regards to the Independent Air Quality Testing which Smyrna, Cobb County, and Atlanta are going to participate and fund jointly. The City of Atlanta will pay \$54,500 while Cobb County and Smyrna will contribute \$39,600. The funding is slated to come from the contingency fund.

Review of the Agenda for the August 19, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Bacon opened the discussion of the agenda by inquiring about item 6B Alleyway Abandonment on Roswell Street. Since all of those involved have not responded, it was decided to table it until the September 16, 2019 Mayor and Council meeting.

Councilmember Charles “Corkey” Welch decided to support the extended work hours on King Springs Elementary because it is necessary in order to meet the construction deadline. After speaking with staff, the company is going to try to route the trucks in a direction that will require the least amount of backing up which will greatly cut down on noise.

Mayor and Council discussed the annexation study. Clarification was given about the additional \$20,000 that will be needed above the \$25,000 that was already budgeted for the study.

The Mayor mentioned that he intended to announce information about the upcoming qualifying during the Mayoral Report. City Clerk Terri Graham will also speak about qualifying during the Committee Reports portion of the meeting.

Mayor Bacon opened up the meeting for any announcements.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn noted that during her recent trip to Alaska, she discovered that many establishments are using wheat straws rather than plastic.

Councilmember Ron Fennel stated that he would like to see Smyrna go for the All American City Designation. Some other local cities already have this designation and many of the recently added programs such as Youth Council meet the requirements of this program. Mayor and Council were in agreement to move forward with research into the cost and requirements for this program. Mr. Fennel also thanked Assistant City Administrator and the Deputy City Engineer for joining him at a recent meeting with the railroad in reference to a much needed quiet zone.

Councilmember Charles “Corkey” Welch spoke about a recent accident on Sherwood Lane and inquired about the possibility of installing speed humps in order to cut down on the accidents that occur in that area which is a cut through street. He also asked about the next meeting which will take place on Tuesday, September 3 since that Monday is Labor Day.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson attended the tree scarves event and was very happy with the turnout. She said that the event was very nice.

Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews asked Mayor and Council about a potential date for a reception for the Art Council. The idea was to have it before a meeting and then acknowledge the artists during the Mayoral Report.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones made an announcement for Janet Liberman from Keep Smyrna Beautiful (KSB) who was unable to attend the meeting. The Bulky Trash Day event that took place on Saturday, August 17, 2019 was a huge success with over 318 vehicles in attendance.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the August 19, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:24 PM.