



City of Smyrna

Meeting Minutes - Draft Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna
A. Max Bacon City Hall /
Council Chambers
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Monday, December 5, 2022

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Administrative Conference Room

Roll Call

Present 7 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Absent 1 - Councilmember Travis Lindley

Also Present 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff 8 - Jennifer Bennett, Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Brian Marcos, Russell Martin, Eric Randall, Kristin Robinson, and Keith Zgonc

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the December 5, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:30 PM.

2. Review of the December 5, 2022 Mayor and Council Agenda

A. [PRE2022-14](#) Review of the current Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Norton reviewed the Mayor and Council agenda.

- Scott Cochran, City Attorney, noted that for item 2022-481 (Public Hearing - Appeal the denial by the License and Variance Board for Variance Request V22-055 - Allow encroachment into the 75-foot impervious surface area setback - Lot 696 - 1921 Sadler Drive - Eddie Karr by Wayne S. Melnick who resides at 1921 Sadler Drive SE, Smyrna, GA 30080 as filed with the City Clerk's office on September 1, 2022 at 4:12 PM via electronic email) the standard for the variance is two-pronged:

1. The shape, size, topography, slope, soils, vegetation and other physical characteristics of the property; and
2. Are there unusual circumstances where the strict adherence to the minimum standard conditions create an undo hardship?

Eric Randall, City Engineer, was asked by one of the representatives of the applicant if they had received any reported flooding issues from two other properties in an adjacent area. The answer is, no, they have not received any reports of flooding.

- Councilmember Welch asked what the timeline is for item 2022-544 (Authorization to submit the Comprehensive Plan Update to Department of Community Affairs for review and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents). Mr. Martin stated that this plan was supposed to be completed by the end of October, but ARC has lost many planners. The only changes that were made were due to changes Council made

legislatively to zoning, or an annexation that added property to the map, or if there were areas that needed to be cleaned up. Mr. Welch asked if this will come back to Council for final approval. Mr. Martin stated that they are requesting that this plan be submitted to the DCA for review for approximately 30-60 days. While under review, Council can make changes, and it will come back to Council for final approval. The current plan is about 90% the same as the 2017 plan.

No further discussion took place.

3. Other Business

Councilmember Welch asked about the revarnishing to the dais in Council Chambers and whether additional work has to be done at the ceiling. Mr. Bennett stated that they are replacing the theatrical lighting. Mr. Welch asked if the 2022 SPLOST Budget had been amended. Kristin Robinson (Asst. City Adm/Finance Dir.) stated that the only amendment was to move money from the pedestrian bridge to S. Cobb. Mr. Welch stated that he received a text that at the downtown fountain, there was an overflow of trash after the College Football Saturday event. Mr. Bennett said to reach out to him with concerns.

Councilmember Wheaton stated that the Silent Railroad Crossing project is finally starting.

Chief Zgonc thanked Mayor and Council for considering the salary increases (COLA and merit) for staff. The added bonus for public safety will go a long way to keeping employees.

Councilmember Hines thanked public safety for their role at the Home for the Holidays event and for keeping it safe.

4. Executive Session (As Needed)

5. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the December 5, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:44 PM.