



City of Smyrna

Meeting Minutes - Final

Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna
A.Max Bacon City Hall /
Council Chambers
2800 King Street
Smyrna, GA 30080
770-434-6600
www.smyrnacity.com

Monday, April 18, 2022

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall

Roll Call

Present 7 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present 1 - Jeffrey Tucker

Staff 8 - Joe Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, Eric Randall, Carol Sicard, and Joey Staubes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the April 18, 2022 Pre-Council meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:28 PM.

2. Review of the April 18, 2022 Mayor and Council Agenda

A. [PRE2022-07](#) Review of the April 18, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the Mayor and Council agenda:

1. Invocation and Pledge:
Deacon Justin Kier, International Gospel Outreach Church (1101 Windy Hill Rd.)
2. Agenda Changes: Mayor Norton stated that he understands there will be some changes. They will come back to this at the end.
3. Mayoral Report: No discussion.
4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

A. 2022-190 Apartment Complex Name Change Request 2022-190 - Change from Edison at The Battery, 5000 S. Lincoln Trace Avenue, to The Edison. The applicant is Emma Venegas, Regional Manager with Windy Ridge Multifamily Partners, LLC.
Ward 1 / Councilmember Pickens - No discussion

B. 2022-147 Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z22-002 - Allow rezoning from GC to R-15 for an addition to a single-family home - 0.38 acres - Land Lot 453 - 3382 Ridgecrest Road - PLR Properties Inc.
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley - No discussion

C. 2022-148 Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z22-003 - Allow rezoning from LC to R-15 for the construction of a new single-family home - 0.35 acres - Land Lot 520 -

2635 Hickory Hill Drive - Harold Shoemaker
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley - No discussion

D. 2022-149 Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z22-004 - Allow rezoning from R-15 to RDA-Conditional for the development of two-single family homes - 0.35 acres - Land Lot 632 - 2761 Mathews St - McBev One LLC
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

Councilmember Lindley asked about the rewording of a stipulation concerning construction traffic. Community Development Director Russell Martin stated that it was taken care of in the zoning stipulations.

E. ORD2022-10 Public Hearing - Approval of a code amendment for Section 712 of the Zoning Ordinance related to the use of temporary screening for drive-in theaters - Community Development Department
Ward / Citywide

F. ORD2022-11 Public Hearing - Approval of a code amendment to Sections 82-15 and 82-16 of the City's Sign Ordinance related electronic wall signs for large scale retail tenants - Community Development Department
Ward / Citywide

Items 4E and 4F will be removed as discussed at the end of the meeting.

5. Privilege Licenses: No privilege licenses.

6. Formal Business:

A. 2022-184 Approval to award of RFP 22-027 to Premier Events for an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 for the production and management of a celebration of the sounds and tastes of Smyrna taking place in conjunction with the City of Smyrna Birthday Celebration in October, 2022.
Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett stated that the announcement of the acts for this event can be publicized some time in June.

B. 2022-178 Approval to award RFQ 22-031 for Dunn Street Drainage Improvements to Ardito Construction Company, 1290 Austell Road, Marietta, Georgia, 30080, in the amount of \$138,000.00 to be paid out of Water CIP Storm fund.
Ward 6 / Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Gould

Councilmember Welch asked where this drainage project is located. Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Gould stated that it is south, the second entrance into the baseball field.

C. 2022-191 Award RFQ 22-028 Splashpad/Sprayground for Riverline Park to the highest scoring qualified bidder, Integrated Construction and Nobility, Inc., and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.
Ward 7 / Councilmember Wheaton - No discussion

D. 2022-194 Approval to upgrade the outdoor warning system (OWS) siren software to Motorola OptiWarn outdoor warning software through Mobile Communications

America (MCA), 2241 Tucker Ind. Rd., Tucker, Ga. 30084, utilizing SPLOST 2022 funds in the amount of \$152,747.50.

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

E. 2022-213 Approval of new pay grade bands and pay adjustments as recommended in the UGA Classification and Compensation Study effective April 4, 2022 for \$1,316,133 to implement, increasing pay to new minimum pay for current employee and vacant positions and to address pay compression and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward / Citywide

Human Resources Director Carol Sicard said that if approved, this will be retroactive to April 4, 2022.

F. 2022-210 Approval of the award of Bid RFP 22-032 Design-Build Village Green Park to the lowest responsible bidder Winter Construction (5616 Peachtree Road, Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30341) for an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 to be paid from the Land Sale agreement with Village Green Realty, LLC in the amount of \$600,000.00 and amend the FY 2022 adopted budget to pay the remainder from ARPA grant funds and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

G. AGR2022-07 Approval of the agreement between the City of Smyrna and Winter Construction Company (5616 Peachtree Road, Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30341) for the Downtown Improvements - Green Space located in front of Smyrna Community Center and Smyrna Library in the space previously occupied by the traffic circle and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley

City Administrator Joe Bennett stated that the total for this project is \$2.961 million.

H. AGR2022-08 Approval of the Master Agreement for Energy Related Equipment Sale and Installation between Georgia Power Company (241 Ralph McGill Blvd., Atlanta, GA, 30308) and the City of Smyrna for install of certain energy efficient related equipment throughout the City and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward / Citywide

Councilmember Welch expressed concern that the cost estimates on these projects are too low, and that the costs will actually be much higher.

Mayor Norton stated that approving this does not commit any City funds. This would be a "pay-as-you-go" situation where the Council can pick and choose which projects to prioritize and move forward with.

City Engineer Eric Randall stated that cost estimates cannot be guaranteed more than 30 days out.

7. Commercial Building Permits:

A. 2022-195 Approval of the issuance of a commercial building permit for construction of a new McDonald's restaurant - 5150 South Cobb Drive - Hudson Company.

Ward 7 / Councilmember Wheaton

Councilmember Wheaton stated this is a teardown and rebuild. The BP gas station

that is there will be removed and a new McDonald's will be built.

8. Consent Agenda:

A. MIN2022-23 Approval of the March 17, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

B. MIN2022-24 Approval of the March 21, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

C. MIN2022-25 Approval of the March 21, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

D. AGR2022-09 Approval to upgrade UKG (Ultimate Kronos Group) Workforce Central timekeeping platform to UKG Ready cloud-based platform under the US Communities Contract using FY22 budgeted funds. Impact thereafter is \$4,659 per year.

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

E. AGR2022-10 Approval of Property/Liability Insurance annual renewal with Georgia Local Government Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) for \$675,567 and authorize Mayor to execute related documents

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

F. CON2022-02 Approval of Signal Retiming for 24 signalized intersections on sole source contract to Kimley Horn (3930 East Jonesboro Road, Suite 350, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092) in the amount of \$182,940.00 to be paid from Professional Services as budgeted in the FY22 approved budget and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents. Two other companies were non-responsive to this request for quotes.

Ward / Citywide

Mr. Randall stated this should be 34 signalized intersections, not 24.

G. 2022-176 Approval of the closing of the Market Village upper area around the fountain, including blocking vehicle access from Atlanta Road and portions of the Market Village streets/vehicular access and parking for the purpose of special event series on Saturday, November 5 and Saturday, December 3, 2022 titled "College Football Saturday in Smyrna."

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley - No discussion

H. 2022-182 Approval for two-day outdoor New Orleans style crawfish and music focused event organized and managed by Atkins Park and Redbird Events. On Saturday, April 23 from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm (outdoor music ending at 10:00 pm) and Sunday, April 24 from 11:00 am until 11:00 pm (outdoor music ending at 10:00 pm) in the upper portion of the Market Village with street closures to vehicular traffic.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley - No discussion

I. 2022-183 Approval of Secrets of Smyrna taking place on Saturday, October 22 and Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm with three 45-minute performances per night with street closings to include Memorial Place between Church Street and Atlanta Road with request to utilize the paver/steps area of the front of City Hall for check-in for each tour, making use of the outdoor power outlets at the City Hall location.

Ward 3 / Councilmember Lindley - No discussion

J. 2022-204 Approval of Amendment No. 3 to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sub Recipient Agreement No: CD21-C21SA-A and CD21-C21SA-F to extend the termination date for the agreement to December 31, 2022 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward / Citywide - No discussion

K. 2022-205 Approval of the Kings Springs Elementary 5th Grade Celebration Parade on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 starting at 2:45 pm with rolling road closures and police presence following the attached route from North Cooper Lake Park to Kings Springs Elementary.

Ward 4 / Councilmember Welch - No discussion

9. Ward / Staff Reports: Ward / Staff Reports

10. Show Cause Hearings:
There are no Show Cause Hearings.

11. Citizen Input:
Speaking time for citizen input will be limited to three minutes.

12. Adjournment:

3. Other Business

Joe Bennett stated that he has been in communication with Butler Snow LLP about the district maps. They are working iterations of it and the maps should be available in June pending any scheduling conflicts.

Penny Mocerri stated that the next Committee to Honor Fanny Williams meeting will be April 20, 2022. It is a virtual only meeting. Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Gould stated that a professor from Georgia Tech will be part of the meeting to talk about the process he experienced when working with the 9/11 Pentagon Memorial.

Mayor Norton mentioned the next Racial Trust Building Initiative.

City Engineer Eric Randall said he is in communication with Joel Usher from Vinings Estates Board to discuss Norfolk Southern and the cutting of trees in City and state buffers. He will keep the Council apprised.

Mayor Derek Norton left the pre-council meeting at 6:47 PM for the Council to discuss items 4E and 4F outside of his presence.

Councilmember Charles Welch stated that he is going to have an agenda change and make a motion to have items 4E and 4F removed from the agenda. Councilmember Travis Lindley stated he would second the motion.

4. Executive Session (As Needed)

5. Adjournment

The April 18, 2022 Pre-Council meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM.