



Meeting Minutes - Final  
City Council

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Monday, October 19, 2015

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

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**Roll Call**

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Wade Lnenicka and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Also Present:** 10 - Scott Cochran, Mike L Jones, Eric Randall, Tom Boland, Russell Martin, Ken Suddreth, Dan Campbell, Terri Graham, Heather Corn and Jennifer Bennett

**Call to Order**

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:30 PM

**1. Invocation and Pledge:**

The Invocation and Pledge was led by Rev. Debra A. Walters, King Chapel AME Church located at 2600 Davenport Street, Smyrna, GA

**2. Agenda Changes:**

Mayor Bacon announced that items 4 A and 4 B would be tabled to November 16, 2015 and item C under the consent agenda would be voted on separately from the Consent agenda as a stand alone item.

**3. Mayoral Report:**

**A.** Proclamation in Recognition of Cobb County Diaper Day, October 26, 2015

**Sponsors:** Blustein

*Councilmember Andrea Blustein read aloud the Proclamation in Recognition of Cobb County Diaper Day. Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett offered to accept the proclamation on behalf of the committee.*

**B.** Proclamation In Recognition of "Campbell High School Day" October 23, 2015

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

*Councilmember Teri Anulewicz read aloud the Proclamation in Recognition of Campbell High School Day and presented it to a staff member from the school. Great thanks was expressed to the Mayor and Council for their commitment to the community.*

#### 4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A.** Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-008 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family homes - 1.27 Acres - Land Lot 488 - 1091, 1107 & 1121 Bank Street - Pritchard Brothers, Inc. The applicant has requested to table this rezoning to November 16, 2015.

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to table item 2015-166 to November 16, 2015 for a Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-008 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family homes - 1.27 Acres - Land Lot 488 - 1091, 1107 & 1121 Bank Street - Pritchard Brothers, Inc., seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

- B.** Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-016 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of 5 new single-family residences at a density of 3.81 units per acre - 2.36 Acres - Land Lot 593 - 1505, 1515, 1525, 1529, 1533 and 1537 Spring Street - Pradera Group, LLC. The applicant has requested to table this item to November 16, 2015.

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to table item 2015-261 to November 16, 2015 for a Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-016 - Rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of 5 new single-family residences at a density of 3.81 units per acre - 2.36 Acres - Land Lot 593 - 1505, 1515, 1525, 1529, 1533 and 1537 Spring Street - Pradera Group, LLC., seconded by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

- C.** Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-018 - Approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber services - 1,600 Sq. Ft.- Land Lot 776 and 809 - 2825 Park Road - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC

**Sponsors:** Pritchett

*Community Director Ken Suddreth came forward to speak about the Google hut agenda items. He gave a description of each item as well as an overview of the three. Each would be voted on separately and there would be public hearings for each as well. Mr. Suddreth noted that the Planning and Zoning Board had approved the items at the previous meeting with a vote of 6 - 0. Each item had slightly different conditions which would be read aloud and noted for the official records.*

*Item 2015-307 for zoning request Z15-018 was explained as follows:*

Google Fiber Georgia, LLC is seeking approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the construction of a utility hut at 2825 Park Road. The utility hut will provide Google Fiber Georgia, LLC the opportunity to install the necessary infrastructure to provide high-speed internet service.

The City of Smyrna was one of nine cities in the Metro Atlanta area selected as an installation site for Google's ultra-high-speed internet service (Google Fiber). The nine selected cities include: Atlanta, Avondale Estates, Brookhaven, College Park, Decatur, East Point, Hapeville, Sandy Springs and Smyrna. The process for attracting Google Fiber to Smyrna began in 2010 when staff expressed interest through the City of Smyrna IT Department. The announcement in 2014 that Smyrna was among nine cities being considered began the process of evaluating the feasibility of infrastructure and processes, leading to selection of Smyrna and, now, this first step in the process of beginning the installation of infrastructure to supply network connections up to 100 times faster than basic broadband for Smyrna residents. The infrastructure is expected to make service an option for all areas of Smyrna.

1. The utility hut shall be installed in substantial compliance with the development plans submitted on August 14, 2015 and created by Bechtel Infrastructure and Power Corporation.
2. The applicant shall be bound to the elevations submitted August 14, 2015. Approval of any change to the elevations must be obtained from the Director of Community Development.
3. The proposed chain-link fencing shall be black coated vinyl fencing.
4. The applicant will comply with the City's current tree ordinance (unless noted elsewhere). All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the applicant during construction.
5. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.
6. All landscape plans shall, at a minimum, meet the following screening requirements:
  - a. The intent of the landscape area(s) shall be to address the following:
    - i. Screening to enhance aesthetic appeal;
    - ii. Control or direct vehicular and pedestrian movement;
    - iii. Reduce glare;
    - iv. Buffer noise;
    - v. Establish privacy; and
    - vi. Promote public health and safety.
  - b. Plantings are to be a mix of rows of evergreen trees and shrubs, deciduous trees and taller evergreen trees, or a combination of both;
  - c. Species are to be ecologically compatible to site and appropriate for design situation;
  - d. Minimum height of plant materials at installation is to be five feet for trees;
  - e. Final approval of the required landscape plan must be obtained from the Community Development Director or designee.
7. The applicant shall remove all asphalt on the abandoned road and city property from the proposed utility facility to the pedestrian bridge. The area where the asphalt is removed should be sodded and landscaped as appropriate.
8. The applicant shall relocate the existing dumpsters on Park Circle to another suitable location. The City's Public Works Director shall review and approve all locations.
9. A new development plan reflecting the stipulations described above shall be submitted to Community Development Department and held on file as the approved plan of record for the development.

Mr. Suddreth showed pictures of the huts as well as a location map of the three huts. All would be located on City properties. The proposed site plans were shown and it

was explained that these were concrete structures with a pebble finish that sat on a concrete pad. Each would have HVAC units located at the front and rear of the hut to control climate in the hut, as well as backup generators in the event of power outages or other power failure.

Google representative, Mr. Scott Simcock, came forward and offered his appreciation for the consideration of the three parcels. He explained these huts were the cornerstone of the fiber optic network for Smyrna. He noted they were agreeable to all the listed conditions as well as the addition of Condition #7 to all three huts.

The public hearings were called for all three special land use permits for Google Fiber Huts and Mr. Ray Vito of 1191 Powder Springs Street came forward. He had a few questions regarding special land use permit Z15-019 special land use permit for Google Huts about timing, height of the building and noise.

Mr. Simcock responded that the huts would be 9' tall. The generator decibel level was 75 - 80 decibels. The generator would only run in the case of a power failure. Additionally, the HVAC units had a decibel rate of about the same and would run continuously to keep the equipment cool. The monthly testing of the generator equipment would be scheduled so as to not disturb neighbors, so possibly during the day on a weekday when the least amount of people are home.

The question of timing was asked again by Councilmember Fennel and Mr. Simcock replied that they expected hut construction to begin at the start of the next quarter. Construction would move quickly.

Councilmember Wilkinson had a question about the fringes of the city being eligible for service and Google assured that their intention was to reach as many residents as possible.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett to approve item 2015-307 for a zoning request Z15-018 for a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber services - 1,600 Sq. Ft.- Land Lot 776 and 809 - 2825 Park Road - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC, subject to all stipulations as detailed by Mr. Suddreth (Community Development Director), seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**D.**

Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-017 - Approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber services - 1,600 Sq. Ft. - Land Lots 428, 520, 521 & 522 - 2618 Powder Springs Street - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

*This item was discussed in detail under item 4C. with the following conditions:*

*Item 2015-308 for zoning request Z15-017 was explained as follows:*

*Google Fiber Georgia, LLC is seeking approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the construction of a utility hut at 2618 Powder Spring Street. The utility hut will provide Google Fiber Georgia, LLC the opportunity to install the necessary infrastructure to provide high-speed internet service.*

*The City of Smyrna was one of nine cities in the Metro Atlanta area selected as an installation site for Google's ultra-high-speed internet service (Google Fiber). The*

nine selected cities include: Atlanta, Avondale Estates, Brookhaven, College Park, Decatur, East Point, Hapeville, Sandy Springs and Smyrna. The process for attracting Google Fiber to Smyrna began in 2010 when staff expressed interest through the City of Smyrna IT Department. The announcement in 2014 that Smyrna was among nine cities being considered began the process of evaluating the feasibility of infrastructure and processes, leading to selection of Smyrna and, now, this first step in the process of beginning the installation of infrastructure to supply network connections up to 100 times faster than basic broadband for Smyrna residents. The infrastructure is expected to make service an option for all areas of Smyrna.

Community Development recommends approval of the requested Special Land Use Permit with the following conditions:

1. The utility hut shall be installed in substantial compliance with the development plans submitted on August 14, 2015 and created by Bechtel Infrastructure and Power Corporation.
2. The applicant shall be bound to the elevations submitted August 14, 2015. Approval of any change to the elevations must be obtained from the Director of Community Development.
3. The proposed chain-link fencing shall be black coated vinyl fencing.
4. The applicant will comply with the City's current tree ordinance (unless noted elsewhere). All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the applicant during construction.
5. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.
6. All landscape plans shall, at a minimum, meet the following screening requirements:
  - a. The intent of the landscape area(s) shall be to address the following:
    - i. Screening to enhance aesthetic appeal;
    - ii. Control or direct vehicular and pedestrian movement;
    - iii. Reduce glare;
    - iv. Buffer noise;
    - v. Establish privacy; and
    - vi. Promote public health and safety.
  - b. Plantings are to be a mix of rows of evergreen trees and shrubs, deciduous trees and taller evergreen trees, or a combination of both;
  - c. Species are to be ecologically compatible to site and appropriate for design situation;
  - d. Minimum height of plant materials at installation is to be five feet for trees;
  - e. Final approval of the required landscape plan must be obtained from the Community Development Director or designee.
7. A new development plan reflecting the stipulations described above shall be submitted to Community Development Department and held on file as the approved plan of record for the development.

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve item 2015-308 for a zoning request Z15-017 for a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber services - 1,600 Sq. Ft. - Land Lots 428, 520, 521 & 522 - 2618 Powder Springs Street - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC., subject to all stipulations as detailed by Mr. Suddreth (Community Development Director), seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

**E.** Public Hearing - Zoning Request Z15-019 - Approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber

Services - 1,600 Sq. Ft. - Land Lots 386 & 387 - 4201 North Cooper Lake Road - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC

Sponsors: Fennel

*This item was discussed in detail under item 4C. with the following conditions:*

*Item 2015-309 for zoning request Z15-019 was explained as follows:*

*Google Fiber Georgia, LLC is seeking approval of a Special Land Use Permit for the construction of a utility hut at 4201 North Cooper Lake Road. The utility hut will provide Google Fiber Georgia, LLC the opportunity to install the necessary infrastructure to provide high-speed internet service.*

*The City of Smyrna was one of nine cities in the Metro Atlanta area selected as an installation site for Google's ultra-high-speed internet service (Google Fiber). The nine selected cities include: Atlanta, Avondale Estates, Brookhaven, College Park, Decatur, East Point, Hapeville, Sandy Springs and Smyrna. The process for attracting Google Fiber to Smyrna began in 2010 when staff expressed interest through the City of Smyrna IT Department. The announcement in 2014 that Smyrna was among nine cities being considered began the process of evaluating the feasibility of infrastructure and processes, leading to selection of Smyrna and, now, this first step in the process of beginning the installation of infrastructure to supply network connections up to 100 times faster than basic broadband for Smyrna residents. The infrastructure is expected to make service an option for all areas of Smyrna.*

*Community Development recommends approval of the requested Special Land Use Permit with the following conditions:*

- 1. The utility hut shall be installed in substantial compliance with the development plans submitted on August 14, 2015 and created by Bechtel Infrastructure and Power Corporation.*
- 2. The applicant shall be bound to the elevations submitted August 14, 2015. Approval of any change to the elevations must be obtained from the Director of Community Development.*
- 3. The proposed chain-link fencing shall be black coated vinyl fencing.*
- 4. The applicant will comply with the City's current tree ordinance (unless noted elsewhere). All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the applicant during construction.*
- 5. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.*
- 6. All landscape plans shall, at a minimum, meet the following screening requirements:*
  - a. The intent of the landscape area(s) shall be to address the following:*
    - i. Screening to enhance aesthetic appeal;*
    - ii. Control or direct vehicular and pedestrian movement;*
    - iii. Reduce glare;*
    - iv. Buffer noise;*
    - v. Establish privacy; and*
    - vi. Promote public health and safety.*
  - b. Plantings are to be a mix of rows of evergreen trees and shrubs, deciduous trees and taller evergreen trees, or a combination of both;*
  - c. Species are to be ecologically compatible to site and appropriate for design situation;*
  - d. Minimum height of plant materials at installation is to be five feet for trees;*
  - e. Final approval of the required landscape plan must be obtained from the Community Development Director or designee.*
- 7. A new development plan reflecting the stipulations described above shall be submitted to Community Development Department and held on file as the approved plan of record for the development.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2015-309 for zoning request Z15-019 for a Special Land Use Permit for the installation of a utility hut for Google Fiber Services - 1,600 Sq. Ft. - Land Lots 386 & 387 - 4201 North Cooper Lake Road - Google Fiber Georgia, LLC., subject to all stipulations as detailed by Mr. Suddreth (Community Development Director), seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

## 5. Privilege Licenses:

- A. Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2015-291 - Beer and Wine Pouring - 2680 Cobb Parkway - Coffee House Holdings Inc. dba Starbucks #8371 with Joseph George Del Savio as agent. This item was tabled on October 5, 2015 to October 19, 2015 at the request of the applicant.

**Sponsors:** Pritchett

*Interim City Administrator Mike L. Jones read the background for this item and stated the following:*

*This request was for a new application for a privilege license for Coffee House Holdings, Inc. dba Starbucks # 8371 for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring). Coffee House Holdings, Inc. is the owner and Joseph George Del Savio is the agent applicant.*

*Joseph George Del Savio will be responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Mr. Dell Savio has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. (Certificate attached). This application for a privilege license request was tabled to October 5, 2015 at the September 21, 2015 meeting of the Mayor and Council due to the applicant/agent not being available 9/21/2015.*

*A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of this license. Joseph George Del Savio has agreed to abide by the guidelines set forth by the City of Smyrna ordinance governing the sale of alcohol. Approval of a privilege license for the sale of beer and wine (retail pouring) for Coffee House Holdings, Inc. dba Starbucks # 8371 with Joseph George Del Savio as the registered agent is recommended by staff.*

*The public hearing was called and no one came forward to speak in favor of or in opposition to this item.*

*Mr. Del Savio was present along with his attorney, Ms. Stephanie Capasuto. Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett thanked the applicant for being there and asked him a few questions. He has previously held an alcohol privilege license in the City of Atlanta. There are currently seven Starbucks that serve alcohol in the metro area including Johns Creek and West Paces Ferry. Councilmember Fennel thanked them for investing in the City and asked Mr. Del Savio if he understood the seriousness of the compliance checks. He said he and the staff did understand that anyone who served alcohol to an under aged person and was caught would be arrested and go immediately to jail.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Pritchett asked that he explain the training used to prepare servers. He replied that all servers would be required to apply for and receive an alcohol servers permit as well as have complete extensive training on their knowledge of procedures for the serving of alcohol.*

*Councilmember Fennel remarked that there was slight concern about the drive thru at this location and he asked for understanding and reassurance that no alcoholic*

*beverages were being served at the drive thru.*

*It was mentioned by Councilmember Lnenicka that a stipulation as to no sales in the drive thru be added to the current motion and request. Mr. Del Savio was in agreement.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett to approve item 2015-291 for a privilege license request for Beer and Wine Pouring located at 2680 Cobb Parkway the applicant Coffee House Holdings Inc. dba Starbucks #8371 with Joseph George Del Savio as agent, seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

## 6. Formal business:

- A.** Approval of Network Hut License Agreement for the City of Smyrna, the purpose of which is to allow Google Fiber Georgia, LLC access to City owned properties in order to construct structures (a.k.a. Huts) that will house network equipment and fiber for Hut Site 108 located on the north side of Powder Springs St., Hut Site 114 located within the North Cooper Lake Park and Hut Site 129 located adjacent to Fire Station # 3 off of Spring Rd on Park Rd and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

*Interim City Administrator Mike L. Jones read the following background for this item: This item is for the approval of Network Hut License Agreement for the City of Smyrna, the purpose of which is to allow Google Fiber Georgia, LLC access to City owned properties in order to construct structures (a.k.a. Huts) that will house network equipment and fiber for Hut Site 108 located on the north side of Powder Springs St., Hut Site 114 located within the North Cooper Lake Park and Hut Site 129 located adjacent to Fire Station # 3 off of Spring Rd on Park Rd and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents...Body Simultaneously with this contract is the processing of three special land use permits requesting approval of proposed Hut locations.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve AGR2015-03 for a Network Hut License Agreement for the City of Smyrna, the purpose of which is to allow Google Fiber Georgia, LLC access to City owned properties in order to construct structures (a.k.a. Huts) that will house network equipment and fiber for Hut Site 108 located on the north side of Powder Springs St., Hut Site 114 located within the North Cooper Lake Park and Hut Site 129 located adjacent to Fire Station # 3 off of Spring Rd on Park Rd and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents, seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

- B.** Approval of the Transfer of Development Parcels 31, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 49, 50 in the Concord Road Corridor from the City of Smyrna to the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority.

Sponsors: Welch

*Mike L. Jones, Interim City Administrator read the following background:  
This item is a request for the approval of the transfer of designated development parcels in Concord Road Corridor Development Concept from the City of Smyrna to the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority for the purpose of marketing and subsequent disposition.*

*In May, 2014, the Mayor and Council authorized a study that would formulate several development concepts for the remnant right-of-way parcels (approximately 7.5 gross acres) along the north side of Concord Road) created by the Concord Road widening project. Proposals to conduct the study were solicited through the City's Request For Qualifications process. Three (3) firms were interviewed and the Sizemore Group, in partnership with Marthasville Development, was awarded a contract in the amount of \$29,700 to conduct the study.*

*Several development concepts (linear park, partial development and full development) were formulated and presented to the stakeholders and the public (See Attachment 1: Smyrna/Concord Road Report Final). Based on the preferences of the stakeholders and the feedback from the public it was determined that the most desirable concept incorporated limited development with a majority of the corridor being preserved as a passive use linear park.*

*At the January 12, 2015, Committee of the Whole meeting the final report findings were presented to the Mayor and Council. The consultant was instructed to refine the partial development concept. At the February 23, 2015 Committee of the Whole meeting the refined partial development concept was presented, reviewed and supported by the Mayor and Council. At the August 17, 2015, meeting of the Mayor and Council the proposed partial development concept for the Concord Road Corridor was unanimously approved.*

*The approved scenario recommended development of the nine (9) easternmost ROW remnant parcels (Parcels: 31, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 49 and 50 See Page 2 of Attachment 3: Concord Rd.-Total Take ROW Plat). These nine (9) parcels encompass approximately two (2) acres (See Attachment 4: Rendering of Proposed Development Parcels). The balance of the remnant ROW parcels along Concord Road (approximately 3.5 acres) were recommended to be developed as a passive use neighborhood linear park (See Attachment 5: Concord Linear Park Concept Rendering).*

*At the September 15, 2015, meeting of the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority, the Authority members unanimously approved a motion expressing their support of the partial development concept and requesting that the designated development parcels in that concept be transferred from the City of Smyrna to the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority for marketing and disposition purposes. The DRAFT minutes of that meeting are attached (Attachment 6: 2015 9 15 DDA DRAFT minutes).*

*It is recommended that the designated development parcels in the Concord Road Corridor Partial Development Concept be transferred from the City of Smyrna to the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority for the purpose of marketing and subsequent disposition.*

*Councilmember Corkey Welch emphasized to citizens this was the very eastern portion of the property and rest of the property would be linear park as previous discussed.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve item 2015-349 the Transfer of Development Parcels 31, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 49, 50 in the Concord Road Corridor from the City of Smyrna to the Smyrna Downtown Development Authority, seconded by Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

## 7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits

## 8. Consent Agenda:

*Interim City Administrator Mike L. Jones read the consent agenda for Council approval and reiterated that item C was to be removed and voted on at a Special Called meeting on October 26, 2015.*

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to approve items A, B, D, E, F of the consent agenda, seconded by Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

### A. Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2015

**Sponsors:** City Council

### B. Re-approve the August 17, 2015 minutes that were previously approved on September 8, 2015. This is to make sure the complete minutes are presented and approved.

**Sponsors:** City Council

### D. Approval of the City's Wellness Program renewal with Corporate Health Partners (CHP) and authorize Mayor to execute related documents

**Sponsors:** Lnenicka

### E. Award RFP 16-011 Tolleson Pool Replastering to Aquatic Consulting and Equipment in the amount of \$55,410.00 to be funded out of CIP and 2011 SPLOST

**Sponsors:** Wilkinson

### F. Authorize a permit for Atkins Park Restaurant & Bar for a Beer Trailer during the Fall Jonquil Festival October 24, 2015 10:00AM - 6:00PM and October 25, 2015 12:00 PM (noon) to 5:00 PM

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

### C. Approval of the 2016 Employee Insurance providers and plans (Blue Cross/Blue Shield of GA and Guardian) and authorize the Mayor to

execute all related documents

**Sponsors:** Lnenicka

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to table and take up item C under the Consent agenda at a Special Called Meeting on October 26, 2015 and that formal notification of this meeting be waved. Included in the motion was that the Special Called Meeting commence at the conclusion of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 26, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 6 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Fennel

**Nay:** 1 - Councilmember Lnenicka

## 9. Committee Reports:

*Ward 7 Councilmember Ron Fennel gave the following committee report: Public Safety was bracing for the next phase of weather with winter around the corner. They also were helping to prepare for the upcoming Daylight Saving Time Change on November 1. Halloween was on a Saturday this year and he reminded people to use caution when traveling neighborhoods. He noted for the record that he would not be in attendance at the next Council meeting. Finally he mentioned that the Starbucks family had traveled to South Carolina to assist in the flood victim's recovery efforts.*

*Ward 6 Councilmember Wade Lnenicka had no committee report.*

*Ward 5 Councilmember Susan Wilkinson reminded everyone about this weekend's Fall Jonquil Festival on Saturday and Sunday. She participated in the Adopt a Mile program with members of the La Luz del Mundo Church and assisted in cleaning up two miles of South Cobb Drive. She gave recognition and noted they do not have their name on a sign yet because of complications with it being a state highway.*

*Ward 4 Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch had no committee report. Enjoy the Jonquil Festival.*

*Ward 3 Councilmember Teri Anulewicz agreed that the weather would be beautiful for the festival. The Children's Halloween Costume Contest was this Saturday a.m. She noted the new Ward map on the City's website. Seventy streets have new Wards and precinct cards were mailed to every resident in the past week. There would also be signs posted at various voting precincts for helpful direction. Because of the cooler weather some had started using their heaters and she reminded citizens to install carbon monoxide detectors for additional protection in winter months.*

*Ward 2 Councilmember Andrea Blustein had no committee report.*

*Ward 1 Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Melleny Pritchett remarked that Ward 1 was the only ward with no changes and voting would be in the same location at Argyle Elementary. She asked for prayers for Sandy Sands who worked at the City and was in California when she fell ill and had to be hospitalized.*

*City Clerk Terri Graham read a prepared election informational report and stated the following:*

*Its election time and EARLY VOTING is going on right now in person at Cobb County*

*Elections located at 736 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta until October 30th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM*

*Advanced voting will be held in our community center at 200 Village Green Circle October 26 – 30th from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM*

*There will be no advanced voting on Monday November 2nd.*

*You also have the option to absentee vote with "no reason". Call Cobb Elections and have an absentee ballot sent to your address and mail it back.*

*Current Polling locations for city voting November 3, 2015 are as follows*

*Ward 1 SMYRNA 1A Argyle Elementary School, 2420 Spring Rd*

*Ward 2 SMYRNA 2A Smyrna Fire Station #3, 2825 Park Rd*

*Ward 3 SMYRNA 3A Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green Circle*

*Ward 4 SMYRNA 4A Brown Elem / King Springs K1, 3265 Brown Rd*

*Ward 5 SMYRNA 5A Belmont Hills Elementary School, 605 Glendale Pl*

*Ward 6 SMYRNA 6A Campbell Middle School, 3295 S. Atlanta Rd*

*Ward 7 SMYRNA 7A Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God, 4100 King Springs Rd*

*Voting in the 2015 City of Smyrna elections - Ward designations may have changed for many.*

*Precinct cards were mailed by Cobb County and residents began receiving them in the mail last week*

*If you have access to the internet by way of computer or a smart phone you can log on to our website at [www.smyrnacity.com](http://www.smyrnacity.com) and on the front page under Upcoming events is polling locations/New Wards & Voting Options for Upcoming elections. Here you will be able to access maps, and also under GIS, type in your address to find your current ward.*

*The Secretary of State website at [www.mvp.sos.ga.gov](http://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov) will take you to my voter page – here you can enter you first initial, last name, county and date of birth and find where your voting precinct is located.*

*The city's webpage as well as Cobb Elections webpage [www.cobbelections.org](http://www.cobbelections.org) also have a link to the Secretary of State's website.*

*For any questions you may call the city clerk's office at 678-631-5303 for help.*

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!!*

## 10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings

## 11. Citizen Input:

*Mr. Gary Nelson, 872 Chrysler Avenue in Ward 5, spoke about vacant lot on the NE Corner of off of Wells Drive and Nell Court. There are no curbs or gutters on this side of the vacant lot. The residents across the street are using this area for personal parking and are tearing up the side of the road. He has complained about this issue at least a dozen times in the past five years to City Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, the Marshals office as well as the police department. He feels the reason nothing has been done up to this point is because one of the prime offenders is a City of Smyrna Employee. So the lesson here is if you work for the City you do not have abide by the ordinances and rules. The City's failure to enforce its own codes and laws has a direct effect on the quality of life in the neighborhoods and the property values.*

*Mr. Alex Backry applauded the questionnaire in the Marietta Daily Journal for the election candidates. However he is disappointed in the local paper, The Bright Side for their lack of participation. Additionally he remarked that he still feels that Jonquil Plaza should have been exclusively commercial and if elected he will look for ways to reduce taxes.*

*Mr. Alan Dunn announced that he was running in Ward 4 for City Council, and noted*

*it was a great honor to run against Corkey. He is 64 years old and lived in Cobb County 52 years in Smyrna 28 years. At least 25 years of that he was represented by one of the finest councilmembers, Pete Wood. He is a disabled veteran, AT&T retiree, and a Cox Communications engineer. He said he was looking forward to the candidate forum and that it has been a privilege working with citizens on zoning issues. His desire is to listen to them and try to do what they want in the community.*

*Councilmember Wade Lnenicka re-announced he was running for Mayor in the upcoming election. He gave some personal testimony and said has been married to his wife Robin for 30 years, he holds a bachelor's degree in management from Georgia Tech and a master's degree in Business from the University of Michigan. He served in the Army for three years and in the Army reserves for 19 years. He served in the Vietnam Era Infantry officer and is both Airborne and Ranger qualified. He is currently co-owner of a consulting firm, BiWell. Been on many community groups and has served 28 years on the City Council. He is running because he feels the City needs strong leadership to lead the City into the future. He wants to restore civility on the Council and have more weekend retreats. He believes he can stop what he feels is wasteful spending and the good ole' boy method of governing. The City needs to be meeting with the Braves organization weekly and needs to manage the impact the stadium will have on the City. His highest priority is education and improving academic performance. It has been the focal point of his campaign. A great City deserves great schools.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel spoke about the candidate Forum that the Smyrna Business Association would be sponsoring. He wanted to acknowledge that the Editor of the MDJ chose not to run his and Councilmember Blustein's response to the questionnaire published because they ran unopposed. He gave a brief description of the event and how it would be formatted.*

*Councilmember Corkey Welch spoke about running as the incumbent for Ward 4 and gave a brief personal history. He has been married for 34 years to Kathryn and has two children. He has been employed for the last 34 years with Stevenson Palmer. They provide municipal engineering. Problems in government are the same across the board. He tries to listen more than he speaks and he reminded citizens that voting will be held at Brown Elementary / King Springs K1.*

*Councilmember Susan Wilkinson has been married to Doward for 24 years and has raised two daughters in Smyrna. She has experience as an independent contractor and a small business owner has allowed her to work with many small companies that give her the experience to continue as a councilmember. She feels she is a good listener and has represented her constituents the best she can. She enjoyed a neighborhood block party this previous weekend and enjoyed listening to the residents' concerns. They formed a neighborhood watch program and have seen an improvement in the crime rate for the area. She reminded all that Ward 5 votes at Belmont Hills Elementary School.*

## **12. Adjournment:**

The October 19, 2015 meeting of the Mayor and Council was adjourned at 9:07PM.