



# City of Smyrna

2800 King Street  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, July 2, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Derek Norton and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

**Also Present:** 8 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Scott Andrews, Scott Stokes, Dat Luu, Ashley Youmans and Avern Gumbs

### Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 6:00 PM

#### 1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Dyke Verkerk of Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God located at 4100 King Springs Road gave the invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Bacon announced that there was 1 agenda change, to remove item (E) from the Consent Agenda and add an agenda item. He requested a motion from Council. He also, announced that two (2) council members were not present, Councilmember Derek Norton and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

##### A. [2018-295](#)

Suspend the rules to remove item 2018-215(E) - to reject all bids for RFP 18-015 Resurfacing Projects and authorize to rebid this project to include a change in the scope of work from the Consent agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to suspend the rules for approval to remove item (E) from the Consent agenda, seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Wilkinson

##### B. [2018-296](#)

Add agenda item to the Consent agenda item (E) Award RFP 18-015 City of Smyrna Resurfacing Projects to the lowest bidder Baldwin Paving 1040 Kenmill Drive Marietta, Ga. 30060 for \$870,797.47 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch for the approval to add an agenda item to the Consent agenda as item (E). To award RFP 18-015 City of Smyrna Resurfacing Projects to the lowest bidder Baldwin Paving 1040 Kenmill Drive Marietta, Ga. 30060 for \$870,797.47 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents; seconded by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Wilkinson

### **3. Mayoral Report:**

Mayor Bacon commented on the upcoming election on July 24, 2018. He reminded that the City of Smyrna's Ward 6 Council seat was in a run-off. He asked if there were any candidates in attendance that would like to speak.

Mr. Tim Gould approached the podium to introduce himself as a candidate running for the Ward 6 Council seat. He spoke of running to support the residents in Ward 6, wanting people to be engaged in zoning and growth activities in Smyrna and to support public and private partnership with our schools.

Mayor Bacon recognized Public Works Director, Scott Stokes; he started working for the city in June, before he was elected in January of 1979. Scott has been with the city for 39 years. He has decided to retire and has accepted a position with another community. Mayor Bacon wished him well. He expressed his thanks for his dedication to the citizens of Smyrna. He remarked that Scott's face never changed, he asked that the cameras zero in on him. Mr. Stokes looked up at the screen, surprised and smiled. The Mayor continued that he was going to feel terrible that he was caught smiling. He started as a backhoe operator and worked his way up to the Director of Public Works. He reiterated his appreciation for all the good work given the city and wished him good success.

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

There were no Land Issues, Zonings or Annexations.

### **5. Privilege Licenses:**

There were no Privilege Licenses.

### **6. Formal Business:**

There was no Formal Business.

### **7. Commercial Building Permits:**

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

### **8. Consent Agenda:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda: as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones; seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Fennel

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Wilkinson

- A.** [2018-288](#) Approval of the June 18, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes  
**Sponsors:** City Council  
**Attachments:** [06-18-2018 June 18, 2018 M&C Minutes Preliminary.pdf](#)
- B.** [2018-289](#) Approval of the June 18, 2018 Pre Council Meeting Minutes  
**Sponsors:** City Council  
**Attachments:** [06-18-2018 June 18, 2018 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes Draft.pdf](#)
- C.** [2018-274](#) Approval of the May 31, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
**Attachments:** [05-31-2018 May 31, 2018 COW Mtg Minutes FINAL.pdf](#)
- D.** [2018-290](#) Approval of the Certification of Agreement for the Allocation and Distribution of Proceeds from the Title Ad Valorem Tax (TAVT), between the City of Smyrna and Cobb County and Authorize the Mayor to sign any related documents. The percentage for Local Governments in 2017 was 45.61%; this will increase to 51.58%. Smyrna will receive 7.45% of the amount distributed to local governments  
**Sponsors:** Fennel  
**Attachments:** [Issue Sheet](#)  
[2018 TAVT Distribution Agreement.pdf](#)
- E.** [2018-293](#) Award RFP 18-015 City of Smyrna Resurfacing Projects to the lowest bidder Baldwin Paving 1040 Kenmill Drive Marietta, Ga. 30060 for \$870,797.47 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.  
**Sponsors:** Welch  
**Attachments:** [Issue Sheet](#)  
[Bid Tabulation 18-015 Bid Tab 2018 Resurfacing Projects.pdf](#)  
[Bid Recommendation 18-015 Bid Recommendation Resurfacing Projects.pdf](#)
- F.** [2018-268](#) Reject all bids for RFP 18-022 Community Center Roof Replacement and authorize the rebid of the Community Center Roof Replacement Project.  
**Sponsors:** Wilkinson

**Attachments:** [Issue Sheet](#)  
[Rejection of 18-022 Rejection of Bids Community Center Roof Replacement.pdf](#)

- G. [2018-249](#) Award RFP 18-018 HVAC Replacement City Hall and Jail to the lowest bidder Q.T. Contracting dba Powers Heating & Air 200 Tiger Way, Peachtree City Georgia 30269 for \$297,637.00 with out the control system option and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

**Sponsors:** Blackburn

**Attachments:** [Bid Tabulation 18-018 BID TAB HVAC City Hall Jail.pdf](#)  
[Bid Recommendation 18-018 Bid HVAC City Hall and Jail.pdf](#)  
[Bid Comparison 18-018 HVAC City Hall Jail.pdf](#)

- H. [2018-285](#) Authorize Smyrna Little League to accept donations for parking in city lots, approval of a road closure for the State Little League Tournament organized by the Smyrna Little League, and authorize extended hours for park lights. The road closure includes Hunter Rd. between Concord Rd. and Dunn St. SE in Brinkley Park for the duration of the tournament from 8 AM to 4 PM on Saturday July 14 and Sunday July 15, 4 PM to 11 PM on Monday July 16 through Friday July 20, Saturday July 21 from 7 AM to 12 PM, and Sunday July 22 from 8 AM to 1 PM. The park light schedule will be extended to 1 AM for Monday July 16 through Friday July 20.

**Attachments:** [Issue Sheet](#)

[2018 Georgia State LL Tournament Schedule.pdf](#)  
[Georgia LL Tournament - Hunter Road - Road Closure Map.PNG](#)  
[Smyrna Little League Event-Road Closure Application.pdf](#)

## 9. Committee Reports:

*Councilmember Ron Fennel urged all citizens to obey the Georgia distracted driving law. See the Smyrna Police Department for a tool to be used for hands-free driving, otherwise they will see drivers holding devices citations. He wished all a safe July 4th holiday.*

*Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch added to Mr. Fennel's comment regarding hands-free driving, that the Smyrna Police Department was offering hands-free devices. He inquired if citizens needed to go by the police department to pick them up. Mayor Bacon replied that the Police Department had 1000 hands-free devices; they had given all the devices out to drivers.*

*Councilmember Maryline Blackburn thanked her constituents who came out to the City Council meetings to support what the Council is doing. She noted that if you were not able to get a hands-free device from the Police Department, they are available at Napa.*

*The Smyrna Public Safety Foundation is hosting the annual Hero's Gala, called the Blue Jean Gala, August 18, 2018, 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM, at Wallace Hall, Adventure Outdoors. There will be dancing, live entertainment and a silent auction. Go to*

*smyrnapsf.com to get additional information and tickets.*

*She wished Scott Stokes the best in his new career at his new municipality.*

*Councilmember Andrea Blustein thanked Public Works Director, Scott Stokes, who planned to retire from the City of Smyrna on Friday July 6, 2018. Ms. Blustein expressed her appreciation for Mr. Stokes dedication and for always being there for them. She continued that for all the years since they were elected, they called Scott and asked crazy questions. They did not know any better and he was always patient and helpful. She said they were going to miss him and hoped he enjoyed his next career.*

*Ms. Blustein explained that Apple is selling a hands-free device made by Belkin that will hold a heavier phone; it is expandable to hold any size phone.*

*The July summer concert featuring the Throw Back Experience will be Saturday, July 14, 2018 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. on the Village Green.*

*Councilmember Ron Fennel announced the Annual City Address by our Mayor, Max Bacon. He will give a State of the City, it is a joint meeting hosted by The Smyrna Area Council, Smyrna Business Association and The Chamber of Commerce at the Smyrna Community Center on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 11:30 AM. It is always a sell out, so if you can squeeze it in, his address is worth it. It will be a fun and entertaining day.*

*Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones reminded everyone that the City Offices would be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2018 in observance of Independence Day. She reiterated her congratulations to Scott Stokes on his retirement and new venture. She commented that he has always given a 110% every time he works.*

*City Clerk Terri Graham spoke about the upcoming election. She announced that early voting began on July 2, 2018 and read the dates from July 2nd through July 20th for early voting and the precincts where the voting will be held. She also expressed her appreciation for Scott Stokes and let him know how she enjoyed working with him and wished him well in his new endeavor.*

## **10. Show Cause Hearings:**

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

## **11. Citizen Input:**

*Valerie George, 462 Cooper Woods Court SE, Smyrna Georgia 30082 came forward, she lives in Ward 4 and Corkey Welch is her Council Representative. She explained that she is about to start a construction project at her home, she lives in a small subdivision. She has concerns about the parking for construction workers. She asked if she needed to seek a permit for the parking. Mayor Bacon asked City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones to assist Ms. George with her request.*

## **12. Adjournment:**

Mayor Bacon adjourned the meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:19 PM.