

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – Final
HR Conference Room @ A. Max Bacon City Hall
May 17, 2021
6:30 PM

Present: *Derek Norton* *Tim Gould* *Lewis Wheaton*
 Susan Wilkinson *Austin Wagner* *Glenn Pickens*
 Charles “Corkey” Welch

Also, Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney)

Staff: Penny Mocerri (Assistant City Administrator), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Joey Staubes (Community Development Planner II), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), Kristin Robinson (Finance Director), Landon O’Neal (Budget Officer) and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)

Mayor Derek Norton called the May 17, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the May 17, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by asking Public Works Director Frank Martin to briefly describe his item on the consent agenda. After no questions were presented, Mr. Martin left the meeting.

Councilmember Tim Gould volunteered to handing the dog park ordinance items on the evening’s agenda.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson expressed her concerns about the rezoning request in Ward 5 on Powder Springs Road. She had an issue with the increased density and did not like that it would require a change in the City’s future land use map. She would like to see the old house torn down and a new one built in its place. She explained that she met with the owner of the property and the examples of zoning changes that were utilized do not justify approval of this particular request.

Councilmember Gould wanted to know why staff was against splitting the lot. Community Development Director Rusty Martin stated that it violates the future land use map which has that property as low density residential.

Councilmember Wilkinson had questions about the green space and trails in the plans for the Lake Park Drive mixed use development.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin noted that the development is not gated so the green space is usable by others. The developer is taking care of the trails in that area hoping to inspire others to continue them up to the Battery at some point.

Councilmember Austin Wagner reiterated that this is a small part of a larger trail project that would ideally connect to the Battery.

Councilmember Gould wanted to know if there was a plan in place for the extended trails or if this is just a preliminary idea for a larger project.

Mr. Rusty Martin added that this is a multi-use trail so there will be walking, biking etc. The developer is providing a plan and funding their part in the hopes that they will encourage others to step up and do the same.

Councilmember Wilkinson stated that she received an email of concern regarding the deck that is already in the stream buffer.

Mr. Martin explained that the deck was already there before the stream buffer ordinance was put in place. They are just looking to rebuild in the exact same location.

Once the agenda discussion was complete, Mayor Norton opened the floor to any announcements or further questions.

Councilmember Gould asked if anyone knew anything about a mixed use development being built by the golf course on Windy Hill Road. No one knew of anything current however that area is not within the city limits.

Councilmember Wheaton spoke about the recent pedestrian fatality that occurred on Cooper Lake outside of the city limits. The residents in the area are seeking more lights and other safety measures to protect pedestrians.

Mayor Norton adjourned the May 17, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:51 PM.