



City of Smyrna

Meeting Minutes - Final

Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna
A. Max Bacon City Hall /
Council Chambers
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Monday, November 21, 2022

6:30 PM

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Administrative Conference Room
2nd Floor
2800 King Street
Smyrna, Ga. 30080

Roll Call

Present 8 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff 2 - Joe Bennett, and Jill Head

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the November 21, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:28 PM.

2. Review of the current Mayor and Council Agenda

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

Discussion took place concerning item 2022-570, the reappointment of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Urban Design Commission (UDC) and the terms of service for each appointment. It was determined that the terms to serve on both the DDA and the UDC are one-year terms. It was noted that the reappointment of members to the DDA and the reappointment of members to the UDC should be separated into two different items and votes*.

Councilmember Charles Welch asked Mayor Norton about Consent Agenda Item 2022-571, the appointment of Heather Bacon to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to fulfill the unexpired term left vacant by Larry Freeman. Councilmember Welch stated that previously when members were appointed to the DDA, there was an interview process. He stated he would prefer to meet Ms. Bacon before placing her on the DDA. Mayor Norton expressed that he did not want to have a gap of service on the DDA, so unless the Council objects, he would like the vote to go forward with the corrected term-end date of December 31, 2022*. After the term ends, if the Council wants to then review Ms. Bacon for the following full year-long term, then they can address it at that point.

*The agenda was corrected to add Consent Agenda item I to separate the DDA reappointments from the UDC reappointments. The agenda was also changed to reflect the correct term-end date from December 31, 2023 to the correct date of December 31,

2022 for item H. 2022-571.

3. Other Business

Councilmember Welch stated that at a recent meeting he learned about corporate homebuyers purchasing entire subdivisions just to turn around and rent them out. He would like to see an ordinance prohibiting that in Smyrna. Mayor Norton reminded all that that is a State of Georgia issue that cannot be overridden by City ordinances.

Councilmember Hines stated that she attended the ribbon cutting for The Good Kitchen, and it looks like it is going to be a great place to eat.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, stated that the downtown paving should be completed the week after Thanksgiving.

Brief discussion took place concerning recent and ongoing lawsuits.

4. Executive Session (As Needed)

5. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the November 21, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:54 PM.