



Meeting Minutes - Final  
City Council

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

**Also Present:** 15 - Mike L Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Heather Corn, David Lee, Ken Suddreth, Scott Stokes, Jennifer Bennett, Travis Landrum, Roy Acree, Kay Bolick, Tammi Saddler Jones, Phyllis Collins, Tim Williams and Maxwell Ruppensburg

Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 PM

1. Invocation and Pledge:

The invocation was given by Dr. Karen Massey, Associate Dean of Mercer University McAfee School of Theology. She also led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Max Bacon announced that Item 7D (2016-330) was removed from the agenda and no vote would be taken. Items 7 A, B, and C will be moved under the Mayoral report to appoint the Judge and Solicitor and the vote to hire Travis Landrum as the Parks and Recreation Director.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Constitution Week, Sept 17-23, 2016  
(National Society Daughters of the American Revolution)

Sponsors: Anulewicz

*Mayor Bacon recognized the members of the Fielding Lewis Chapter, NSDAR:  
Anita Mashburn, Chapter Regent  
Elaine Zecker  
Carol Palmer  
Helen Story  
Jean Browning  
Joan Bloom  
Jennifer Bennett*

*Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz read aloud the proclamation and presented it to the group.*

- A.** Appointment and swearing in of Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins for Traffic Court. State Court Judge Jason B. Fincher will swear in Judge Collins.

**Sponsors:** Blustein

*City Administrator Mike Jones read aloud the item for Council approval. Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins was sworn in as the City of Smyrna Chief Municipal Court Judge with her family and friends in attendance.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to approve the appointment of Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins as Chief Judge for the City of Smyrna's Municipal Court, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

- B.** Appointment and swearing in of Solicitor Tim Williams for Traffic Court. State Court Judge Jason B. Fincher will swear in Solicitor Williams.

**Sponsors:** Blustein

*City Administrator Mike Jones read aloud the item for Council approval. Solicitor Tim Williams was sworn in as the City of Smyrna's Municipal Court Solicitor with his family and friends in attendance.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Andrea Blustein to approve the appointment of Timothy Williams as the Solicitor for the Municipal Court for the City of Smyrna, seconded by Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

- C.** Approval to hire Travis Landrum as Parks & Recreation Director

**Sponsors:** Wilkinson

*Following the retirement of Steve Ciaccio, a search was conducted to fill the position of Parks & Recreation Director. 67 applications were received. The initial screening process (based on resumes) yielded six (6) very strong, potential candidates. These candidates were interviewed by Kay Bolick and Tammi Saddler Jones. From this process, four (4) candidates were selected for 2nd interviews. The interview group was expanded to include Mike Jones and Scott Stokes (since parks maintenance is moving back under P&R). From the four remaining candidates, the committee unanimously selected the two finalists. The final round of interviews was conducted by Mike Jones and Mayor Max Bacon.*

*After very careful consideration, City Administrator Mike Jones is recommending the City Council consider confirming Travis Landrum as the next Parks & Recreation Director for the City of Smyrna.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson to approve the hiring of Travis Landrum as the Parks and Recreation Director, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

#### 4. Department Head Reports:

*The following Departments gave their background reports:*

*Parks and Recreation:*

*Parks and Rec Director Travis Landrum gave updates on repairs to the Community Center following the flood as well as noted upcoming events.*

*Fire Department:*

*Fire Chief Roy Acree reviewed the following:*

**•Response**

*Demand for services continue to track higher*

*This fall, Fire Crews doing PIP/Fire Safety Education*

*Finalizing hiring process, Will be at full-staff by October*

**•Community**

*SPSF annual Gala this Saturday night, Remington Hall, Smyrnapsf.org*

*Partnered w MDA. Crews at Kroger and Jim & Nicks next few weekends*

*CFA Wednesday Sept. 21st*

*Reminder: Car seats, every Tuesday, website for appointments*

*EMA continuing to find ways to build a more resilient community:*

*Partnered w Life Church/Cumberland Community Church*

*Connected w NWS for "Storm Spotter" and "Storm Ready Community"*

*certification*

*We'll be at the Jonquil Fest this fall*

*CERT begins tonight*

**•Accomplishments**

*Training Div Chief, Dustin Davey received "Chief Fire Officer Certification" from Ga Fire Chiefs Association*

*All front line supervisors have completed a high-level command training*

*Human Resources*

*HR Director Kay Bolick touched on many milestones as well as retirements reached by employees over the last six months and reviewed the numerous open positions currently at the City.*

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

There were no Land Issues, Zonings or Annexations

#### 6. Privilege Licenses:

- A.** Public Hearing - Privilege License Request 2016-322 - Beer, Wine Package - 2955 Atlanta Road- Publix Super Market Inc. dba Publix Super Market #1250 with Jasmine Ovcina as agent.

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

*City Administrator Mike Jones read the following background for this item:*

*This item is for a new application for privilege licenses for the sale of beer & wine (retail package) for Publix Super Market Inc. dba Publix Super Market #1250 with Jasmin Ovcina as the agent.*

*Jasmin Ovcina will be the registered agent responsible for the sale of alcohol at the referenced location. Jasmin Ovcina has been given a copy of the Alcoholic Beverage*

*Ordinance and attended the mandatory alcohol awareness workshop. (Certificate attached)*

*A background investigation conducted by the Smyrna Police Department failed to reveal information that would preclude issuance of these licenses. Jasmin Ovcina 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 & wine (retail package) for Publix Super Market Inc. dba Publix Super Market #1250 at 2955 Atlanta Road with Jasmin Ovcina as the registered Applicant/Agent Jasmine Ovcina was present and came forward to answer a few questions.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz asked the agent about his background with Publix and he is the area manager for the store. This store will be like no other as a new Publix has not been built in over 8 years in the metro area. It will have a large organic section. The store will open on December 14, 2016 and the other location on South Cobb Drive will close on December 13, 2016 with the majority of those employees moving to the new location.*

*He noted he has had extensive training as will all the employees and Publix has a strict policy regarding alcohol sales.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve the Privilege License request item 2016-322 for Beer and Wine Package located at 2955 Atlanta Road, Publix Super Market Inc. dba Publix Super Market #1250 with Jasmine Ovcina as agent, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

## 7. Formal Business:

### E. Public Hearing - Approval For A Name Change Request - 2016-328 - From Alta Belmont dba Alta Belmont to AHA Belmont dba 400 Belmont at 400 Belmont Place.

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

*Mike Jones read the following background:*

*The proper Name Change Application has been reviewed and approved by the Fire Marshal, Building Inspector, City Engineer, Housing Authority as well as reported to the Business License Officer. Approval of a name change from Alta Belmont dba Alta Belmont dba 400 Belmont.*

*The property manager was present for the item.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to approve item 2016-328 for a name change request from Alta Belmont dba Alta Belmont to AHA Belmont dba 400 Belmont at 400 Belmont Place, seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

### F. Approval of Smyrna Business Association (SBA) Event featuring guest speakers Herman Cain and Bernie Marcus to be held on the lawn next to the library on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM with road closure from Bank Street/King Street SE to Village

Green traffic circle. Herman Cain will be broadcasting his WSB Radio show Live\* in Smyrna.

**Sponsors:** Fennel

*Mike Jones, City Administrator read aloud the following background:*

*This item is for the approval of Smyrna Business Association (SBA) Event featuring guest speakers Herman Cain and Bernie Marcus to be held on the lawn next to the library on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM with road closure from Bank Street/King Street SE to Village Green traffic circle. Herman Cain will be broadcasting his WSB Radio show Live\* in Smyrna.*

*This event will be held in place of the scheduled SBA September luncheon normally held the first Thursday of each month. Herman Cain/Bernie Marcus for a unique outdoor WSB Radio LIVE\* broadcast event September 13, 2016; 6:00-8:00PM Councilmember Fennel noted that Mr. Bernie Marcus would not be in attendance.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel for the approval of the Smyrna Business Association (SBA) Event featuring guest speaker Herman Cain to be held on the lawn next to the library on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 from Bank Street/King Street SE to Village Green traffic circle. Herman Cain will be broadcasting his WSB Radio show Live\* in Smyrna, seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

## 8. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits

## 9. Consent Agenda:

*City Administrator Mike Jones read aloud the consent agenda for Council's approval.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud, seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

### A. Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2016

**Sponsors:** City Council

### B. Award RFQ 17-001 Doeskin Trail Drainage Improvements to the lowest bidder Tople Construction & Engineering Inc. for \$155,557.85 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

**Sponsors:** Welch

### C. Approval to use Council Chambers on Thursday, September 29, 2016

from 7pm-9pm for the Williams Park Neighborhood Association General Assembly Meeting

**Sponsors:** Anulewicz

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

**Sponsors:** Blustein

- E. Authorize the granting of utility easements on city property for the Google Hut locations on North Cooper Lake Park, Powder Springs Street and Park Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

**Sponsors:** Welch

## 10. Committee Reports:

*Derek Norton - Ward 1 - No Report*

*Andrea Blustein Ward 2 - She will hold a ward meeting regarding Spring Road at Community Center for Wards 1, 2 and 3 on October 5, 2016 at 6:00pm.*

*Teri Anulewicz - Ward 3 - Welcomed Judge Collins and Solicitor Tim Williams and extended congratulations to Travis Landrum.*

*Corkey Welch - Ward 4 - September 12 will hold a Town Hall meeting regarding the Tintle property re-zoning. At Brawner Hall ballroom from 7pm - 9pm.*

*Susan Wilkinson - Ward 5 - Announced the first Sunday lecture series, sponsored by the Friends of the Smyrna Library.*

*Doug Stoner - Ward 6 - No report*

*Ron Fennel - Ward 7 - Town Hall meetings have been postponed to October. Added congrats to all sworn in this evening*

*Mike Jones had no report*

*Scott Cochran had no report*

*City Clerk Terri Graham welcomed Judge Collins and Solicitor Tim Williams and commented that they had been doing a great job with Traffic Court for the past 3 weeks.*

## 11. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings

## 12. Citizen Input:

*Christopher Sans came forward to discuss the flooding at his mothers home. He is a licensed landscape architect in Utah. His mom resides here but is having significant flooding problems from neighboring properties.*

*They feel they have had little to no response from the City. It was stormwater detention that had failed.*

*The home flooded a second time causing almost \$15,000 in repairs and insurance will not cover due to it being water outside of the property.*

*His mother has had serious medical issues.*

*Her home flooded recently for a third time and there has been numerous conversations with staff with no resolve and no further response.*

*Mike Jones replied noting this was a complex issue and there are not a lot of good design records that remain. The City has narrowed the source of the water and is working to correct the issues.*

### **13. Adjournment:**

Mayor Max Bacon adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM