

**Pre-Council Meeting - Draft  
December 18, 2017  
6:00PM**

*Present: Mayor A. Max Bacon                      Maryline Blackburn                      Susan Wilkinson  
Derek Norton                                      Charles "Corkey" Welch                      Doug Stoner*

*Absent: Councilmember Andrea Blustein*

*Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Ken Suddreth (Community Development Director), Rusty Martin (Senior Planner), Christy Ullman, (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Maxwell Ruppensburg (Special Projects Coordinator), David Lee (Chief of Police) and Lisa Moore (Assistant to City Clerk).*

**Mayor A. Max Bacon Called the Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.**

Mayor Bacon began by reviewing the Council Meeting agenda.

In the Mayor's Report, the new Councilmember, Maryline Blackburn, will be sworn in by Ann Harris. She was encouraged to have family members and friends stand with her. Ms. Blackburn would be able to make a comment after she is sworn in.

Ms. Blackburn will announce the proclamation honoring Ms. Betty Hammond for 77 years of service at Mount Zion First Baptist Church.

Mayor Bacon reviewed the City Council Committee Assignments which add the new Councilmember to the list.

The Zoning Requests will be discussed by Rusty Martin. Items 4-A and 4-B will be tabled at the request of the applicant to the January 16, 2018 meeting. Ms. Blackburn will do the motion to table.

Item 4-C is a Public Hearing with no vote which relates to the next zoning two items.

Formal Business items 6-A-D relates to appointments to the Planning and Zoning, Keep Smyrna Beautiful, Parks and Recreation Commission and the Smyrna Tree Board.

Item 6-E is a budget amendment. Ms. Saddler Jones stated the increase in the budgeted amount is to account for the FICA and Medicare for the staff merit increases. The increase is from \$280,000 to \$286,000. The Mayor stated it should be mentioned that this was a budgeted item. The Mayor said these are merit raises where an employee can get up to a 3.5% raise based on their evaluation. Mr. Bacon said he talked to Mike Boyce who told him that the county is not

giving raises for employees next year. There is a 1% Public Safety SPLOST which will be divided between the six cities and the county. It has not been passed by the state.

Mayor Bacon went through the remainder of the agenda. There were no comments or questions about the items.

The Mayor asked if there were any other comments for the meeting.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated she wanted to add Cheri Harrington's reappointment to Planning and Zoning and asked if it can be added to the next agenda. Christi Ullman said that there are other appointments that need to be on the next agenda. She asked that those be given to her to add to the agenda.

Councilmember Ron Fennel informed the council that he was going to mention an update on the 30126 zip code during the meeting. Scott Andrews, Tammi Saddler Jones and he have been discussing their request for residents in the zip code to be able to use Smyrna, GA 30126 as their zip code. This has been approved and will take effect at the beginning of the year. This has been a long process and Mr. Fennel thanked those who have helped him with the process. The Mayor cautioned the Smyrna and Mableton Post Offices need to be informed of the change. This would be for personal mail, not for businesses.

Councilmember Welch was asked to mention limb and yard waste in his comments. The City will pick up limbs that are no longer than 6' long because longer than that cannot fit in the hopper on the truck. Mr. Welch asked what happens to limbs that fall on the right of way. Is it the homeowner's responsibility to cut the limb or the City's responsibility? The Mayor reminded that not many cities pick up yard waste. Mr. Bacon asked Mr. Welch to mention the holiday trash, recycling and yard waste pickup schedule. Mr. Welch will also mention the Bring One for the Chipper program at Home Depot.

The Mayor asked Ms. Saddler Jones to find out from Scott Stokes if all the storm debris will be cleaned up before Christmas.

Ms. Maryline Blackburn thanked Tammi Saddler Jones, Terri Graham and Christy Ullman for their help in getting her prepared for the meeting this week.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the Pre Council Meeting at 6:40 PM.