

Pre-Council Meeting - FINAL
November 16, 2020
6:30 PM

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

Also Present: *Scott Cochran (City Attorney)*

Staff: *Joe Bennett (Interim City Administrator), Penny Mocerri (Interim Assistant City Administrator), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Carol Sicard (Human Resources Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), Joey Staubes (Planner II, community Development), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

Mayor Derek Norton called the November 16, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the November 16, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by announcing that Councilmember Charles “Corkey” Welch would be handing the Small Business Saturday Proclamation and that Sara Sorenson from the Smyrna Business Association would be there to accept the proclamation.

Mr. Joey Staubes, Community Development Planner II, reviewed the items under land issues, zonings, and annexations.

City Attorney Scott Cochran explained how motions would need to be made for the Memory Lane item. Even though it was listed as an appeal, the motion needed to be made as if it was a new hearing rather than an appeal.

The privilege license for the Viking Alchemist would need to be tabled for the December 7, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting since the applicant was not able to make the meeting. City code states that the applicant must be present for the hearing in order for a vote to take place.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin spoke about the distance requirements relating to the privilege license that would be coming before Mayor and Council. When measured, the distance was well over 400 feet which is why it was allowed to move forward.

Mayor Norton assigned the prisoner housing agreement agenda item to Councilmember Gould and the private event pouring ordinance to Councilmember Welch.

With no further discussion about the agenda, Mayor Norton asked if anyone had any announcements to make.

Interim City Administrator Joe Bennett announced that interviews for the Economic Development Director position would be taking place later on in the week. He then went on to let everyone know that 109 businesses were approved for the small business grant that will be paid out of the CARES Act money that was received. Twenty-three qualified for \$500.00, thirty-three qualified for \$1000.00, and fifty-three qualified for \$1500.00. The businesses had to apply and be able to show a loss as a direct result of the COVID crisis.

Community Relations Director Jennifer Bennett announced that the holiday banners were being put up on poles around the city.

Interim Assistant City Administrator Penny Mocerri spoke about the possibility of having a lighting contest for added spirit during this holiday season. There will be GIS mapping done for families to know where they can go to see lights around the City. A friendly holiday decoration competition between elected officials was mentioned but nothing was made official.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson inquired about the annual tree lighting ceremony. The event will not take place this year due to social distancing guidelines currently in place. She also mentioned about a page missing from the agenda that was posted on the website although when the website was checked by the Clerk's Office, this was not found.

Mayor Norton adjourned the November 16, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:52 PM.