



# City of Smyrna

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna  
A. Max Bacon City Hall /  
Council Chambers  
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Monday, February 7, 2022

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall

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#### Roll Call

**Present** 6 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

**Absent** 1 - Councilmember Glenn Pickens

**Also Present** 1 - Scott Cochran

**Staff** 5 - Joe Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Lisa Collins, Frank Martin, and Penny Mocerri

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the Mayor and Council Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:30 PM.

#### 2. Review of the February 7, 2022 Mayor and Council Agenda

A. [PRE2022-02](#) Review of the February 7, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda  
**Ward / Citywide**

Mayor Norton noted that there was an addition to the consent agenda for a road closure at Burbank and Windy Hill.

Mayor Norton read through the agenda and asked if there was any discussion. Brief discussion took place about the wording of item 2022-063 which reads: Authorization to continue the process to solicit proposals for the sale and removal of Aunt Fanny's Cabin building (2875 Atlanta Road, Smyrna, Ga. 30080) with the stipulation that if no acceptable proposals are received by 10:00am on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, further discussion will occur at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2022 regarding received responses and the final decision regarding the cabin will be decided and voted on at the March 21, 2022 Meeting of the Mayor and Council.

After discussion, it was decided to remove the section that states "...with the stipulation that if no acceptable proposals are received by..." and replace with "...until."

#### 3. Other Business

Mayor Norton mentioned that discussion had already taken place regarding Austin Wagner resigning his Ward 2 seat. March 8, 9, and 10, 2022 are the anticipated qualifying dates for the Ward 2 election, and May 24, 2022 is the anticipated date of the election. Ms. Latonia Hines was present and announced to the Mayor and Council her intention to run for the vacant Ward 2 seat. She expressed her excitement and thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

Discussion took place regarding repaving of roads and street cleaning. There are 176 miles of road for repaving at \$270K/mile.

Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould stated he and Councilmember Pickens had a good short term rental committee meeting.

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton discussed a conversation with Commissioner Sheffield and railroad companies cutting trees down. They now know which rail companies are doing the work, so they will reach out to them to find out what the plan is.

Penny Mocer, Deputy City Administrator, stated at the next Committee of the Whole meeting she would be presenting a Strategic Plan to Mayor and Council. She will be distributing a draft version to Mayor and Council later in the week, and if anyone would like to discuss it, she and/or Deputy Chief Brian Marcos (head of the staff committee) will be available.

**A. [PRE2022-03](#)**

Discussion regarding redistricting of Wards and potential Firm to handle the process.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, reached out to known attorneys to verify that the law firm of Butler Snow, LLC of Mississippi was a firm the City of Smyrna would want to consider for the redistricting of Wards. He was told that Butler Snow, LLC is a highly regarded law firm with experience in redistricting. Mayor Norton expressed that he preferred a law firm that was not from around the area to avoid bias. City Attorney Scott Cochran stated that these professional services would need to be bid on.

Discussion took place regarding how the maps are redrawn and Council approval. Councilmember Wilkinson asked if the funds for this project were already budgeted. Mr. Bennett stated this would have to be a budget amendment with an estimated cost of \$55,000.00. He stated he would get a proposal and present it to Council. Ms. Wilkinson stated that in the past the experience of redistricting was a collaborative and learning experience and she hopes it is similar this time.

**4. Executive Session (As Needed)**

**5. Adjournment**

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the February 7, 2022 Mayor and Council Pre-Council Meeting at 6:56 PM.