

Pre-Council Meeting - Final
July 16, 2018
6:00 PM

Present: Mayor A. Max Bacon Derek Norton Andrea Blustein
Maryline Blackburn Susan Wilkinson

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Frank Martin (Public Works Interim Director), Eric Randal (City Engineer) Richard Garland (Parks and Recreation Director) Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow) and Avern Gumbs (Intern)

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

City Administrator Report:

City Administrator, Tammi Saddler Jones gave the City Administrators report.

Ms. Saddler Jones reminded everyone of the Birthday celebration coming up on August 4, 2018. She handed out parking passes to the Council that were present.

Ms. Saddler Jones continued that Interim Public Works Director, Frank Martin and City Engineer, Eric Randall had come to the meeting to speak about the rain Smyrna had experienced the previous weekend (July 14 and 15, 2018). Mayor Bacon and Councilmember Corkey Welch received complaints from residents on Plumcrest Drive. One of the residents was Bill Cone, 3825 Plumcrest Drive. He spoke during the public hearing about the development of the new homes in Bennett Woods. He was concerned about water on his property and that his next door neighbor's basement had flooded. Mayor Bacon asked staff to explain what happened. Mayor Bacon noted that he understood that we couldn't do anything about rain and he also understood that the Smyrna area received four (4) inches of rain in an hour. He wanted to make sure the city was doing what needed to be done for water.

Mr. Martin went out to Bennett Woods and found no blockage. There is one storm drain on Plumcrest Dr. and Highview. Mr. Reed's basement flooded on Plumcrest Drive. The Smyrna area received four (4) inches of rain over a short period of time. The City Engineer, Eric Randall suggested the rain was a 50 – 100 year rain. Mr. Cone's and Mr. Reed's homes were built when Bennett Woods was established. A private pipe was installed across their front yards; it discharges and flows on the ground at the corner of Highview. Mr. Reed is looking at doing some work on this own, to get the pipe into the ground better. Mr. Reed's basement door is about 2 inches shy, vertically from where the pipe drains. Mr. Randall explained that any significant amount of rain is going to flood his basement. He said that he informed Mr. Reed that he was not going to be able to build a pipe cost effectively or put in a pump to keep this from happening. If there are extensive rains, it's coming from his yard and the backyards behind him. The Mayor asked if the work done on the corner at Allegra Goodman's house helped any. Mr.

Randall advised that the work that was done helped to increase the flow and helped improve the drainage. It did not make any water situations worse.

There is water flowing just shy of the new development. The development has its own detention pond. Anything coming from the new development is held in the pond and drains through the pipe. One of the elements they talked about during the rezoning in Bennett Woods was keeping the storm system separate, so it doesn't create a situation. Mr. Randall informed that they arranged for Croy Engineering to look at a detailed design. They have a meeting next Monday or Tuesday with Croy Engineering to discuss those details. Mayor Bacon inquired if there were any other areas that had flooding issues. Mr. Frank Martin replied, there were issues at 3906 Manson. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated that she had received complaints from citizens who lived on Hidden Trail in Enisbrook subdivision.

Ms. Saddler Jones reminded the Council that she would be on annual leave Friday July 13, back in the office on Monday July 16, 2018 and on annual leave July 17th – 23rd, 2018.

Mayor Bacon opened the discussion on the agenda. He informed that there was an agenda change under Land Issues, Zonings and Annexation for item 4 (B), PM Builders requested to table to August 6, 2018. Community Development Director Ken Suddreth interjected for item 4 (C), the applicant came in and gave them a letter requesting to table their request to August 20, 2018.

Mayor Bacon returned to item 4 (A) on the agenda and asked if there was any further information about this item. Mr. Suddreth had placed a call to Kevin Moore regarding the elevators. He explained that the development has to have elevators to be ADA compliant.

Mayor Bacon continued with item 4 (D) R20 and NS to RM-12 Conditional for eighty-one Townhomes on Roswell Street for Quintus Development. Mr. Suddreth reminded that this item also included an annexation.

Ms. Blustein asked about a sidewalk for the development, she suggested plans for a trail in the future. Eric Randall informed that they do not have a master plan for trails at this point. He suggested a stipulation to prepare for future trail development, which would require the developer to put in the infrastructure for a trail. They would be required to install the five (5) foot sidewalk and include a stipulation to move the utilities, fire hydrants over to enable the ability for future trails.

Mayor Bacon asked if Planning & Zoning and Staff recommended this development. Mr. Suddreth answered both were in favor. He also reminded Council since this was an annexation there would be a public hearing only, they would vote on the annexation then then the zoning.

Mayor Bacon reviewed the Privilege License requests by the Hot Dog Factory and J. Christopher's; he asked if there were any questions about the licenses. Mr. Suddreth informed that representatives would be present for the public hearings.

Mayor Bacon noted item 6 (A) a resolution to allow a referendum be added to the ballot in November for extended hours for alcohol pouring from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Item 6 (B) regarding a contract with Sandy Springs to house their prisoners being held for court, he asked Councilmember Derek Norton to handle the motions for both of these items.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein spoke about a dog allowed to roam in her complex off lease. Their HOA has sent a certified letter regarding dogs off lease. Ms. Saddler Jones informed that she was meeting with the Cobb County Manager.

There was discussion about offices for elected officials.

Councilmember Derek Norton advised that they have not gone over their Council goals. He had scheduled to go over Council goals at a couple of work session meetings and was unable to talk about the goals due to meetings running long. He would like to bring the goals forward at the first meeting in August, during a Pre-Council Meeting.

Mr. Norton spoke about sunscreen dispensers; he was approached by a lady whose sister died of Melanoma. She has the sunscreen dispensers that she wants to put out during events. Richard Garland has looked at her presentation and had some ideas.

Richard Garland explained that he did some research about the dispensers; there are four (4) other companies that sell the dispensers. They are accentually a soap type of dispenser that would dispense sunscreen. They can either be wall mounted or pole mounted with a 1 liter bag of sunscreen to dispense. The price range on the dispensers with either mount is \$350.00 to \$400.00 across the four (4) companies. The company he liked best was Sun Shield, the mounted dispenser could be adjustable for height; for a child and a person in a wheelchair.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked if the cost was total cost. Mr. Garland explained that the price would include the dispenser, a wall or pole mount. The sunscreen would be purchased by the case at \$125.00 per case. Mr. Norton interjected that a liter of sunscreen would last for quite some time. He also noted that Mr. Garland had an idea to put the sunscreen on wheels, so they are not mounted and they could be wheeled out for events anywhere in the city. Ms. Wilkinson asked if the current soap dispensers were vandalized very often and Mr. Garland replied that the dispensers in the buildings are not vandalized. He noted that it doesn't matter what they put in the bathrooms in the parks everything gets vandalized. She verbalized her concern about spending money on something that will be vandalized. Mr. Garland stated that was the reason for making them portable to be able to bring them out for individual events in the city. He said that they might want to also consider mounting them on walls at sports complexes. Mr. Norton informed that this was close to his heart.

Mayor Bacon asked Mr. Garland about another issue in the Market Village. He got a complaint about the closing of streets on Friday prior to a concert. They have to go around the library and the streets are closed for about 36 hours. Mr. Garland responded they were closing the streets

and being more cautious because of the new stage. He felt they could change the road closure to Saturday evening.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the Pre Council meeting to at 6:56 PM.