



Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Monday, October 1, 2018

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 12 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Scott Andrews, Terri Graham, Ken Suddreth, Russell Martin, Roy Acree, Dan Campbell, Tina Monaghan, Ashley Youmans, Christy Mana and Rebecca Power

Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Brian Taylor, Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God (4100 King Springs Rd) led Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Bacon announced that item 4B would be tabled.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. [2018-404](#)

Recognize City of Smyrna Employees Christy Manna and Rebecca Power as recipients of the "City of Smyrna Award for Ongoing Excellence in Customer Service" and the "Jonquil Award for Service Excellence in Action"

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones introduced Ashley Youmans who provided information regarding the awards that were presented.

Christy Manna, administrative assistant for the fire department, received the first award and was nominated by Deputy Chief Brian Marcos. Ms. Manna was presented the City of Smyrna Award for Ongoing Excellence in Customer Service from Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones. Fire Chief Roy Acree said some kind words about Ms. Manna and her great work.

The Jonquil Award for Service Excellence in Action was awarded to Rebecca Power who is the youth services director at the Library. Library Director, Mary Moore nominated Ms. Power for the award. Ms. Saddler Jones presented Ms. Power with the award.

Mayor Bacon opened up the meeting to allow anyone running for office to speak.

Ms. Leah Aldridge, Republican Candidate for State Senate 6th District took a few moments to speak and introduced herself to everyone.

Mayor Bacon made the announcement that City of Smyrna was on the list of Money Magazine's 50 Best Places to Live in the U.S. There were only two cities from Georgia on the list and Smyrna was one of them.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A. [2018-411](#) Authorization for apartment name change for WDR-4 Wood Jonquil LLC dba Alta at Jonquil to the new name dba "Sync at Jonquil" located at 1455 Spring Road SE with Carol Moore as agent.

Sponsors: Blackburn

Mayor Bacon inquired as to whether Ms. Moore, the agent for the apartment complex in question, was present, but she was not.

City Administrator Saddler Jones gave the background information on the item. Alta at Jonquil had requested a name change to Sync at Jonquil. The proper Name Change Application had been reviewed and approved by the Fire Marshal, Building Inspector, City Engineer, 911 Communication Division, Water Department, and City Marshal as well as reported to the Business License Officer. Staff Recommends approval of a name change for WDF-4 Wood Jonquil LLC dba Alta at Jonquil to Sync at Jonquil located at 1455 Spring Road SE.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn mentioned that she would have loved to have the chance to ask the agent Ms. Moore where the new name came from and that she really liked it.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve the apartment name change for WDR-4 Wood Jonquil LLC dba Alta at Jonquil to the new name dba "Sync at Jonquil" located at 1455 Spring Road SE with Carol Moore as agent. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

- B. [2018-347](#) **Public Hearing** - Code Amendments to Sections 402, 712, 714 ,716 and 720 of the Zoning Ordinance are proposed to add definitions related to breweries and distilleries and to list breweries and distilleries as permitted uses within the General Commercial, Light Industrial, Central Business District and Mixed Use zoning districts - City of Smyrna - ***This item will be tabled to the November 5, 2018 Mayor and Council meeting at the request of staff.***

Sponsors: Gould

Mayor Bacon read the information pertaining to this item and then turned it over to

Councilmember Gould so that it could be tabled per staff recommendation.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to table Code Amendments to Sections 402, 712, 714, 716 and 720 of the Zoning Ordinance as proposed to add definitions related to breweries and distilleries and to list breweries and distilleries as permitted uses within the General Commercial, Light Industrial, Central Business District and Mixed Use zoning districts - City of Smyrna; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to table carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

C. [ORD2018-13](#)

Public Hearing - General Code Amendments for Corrections and Updates for Zoning Ordinance - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

Mayor Bacon announced that items 4C through 4H would be presented all at once but the public hearings and votes would take place individually. He then asked City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones to read the background information on the items.

Ms. Saddler Jones turned the meeting over to Mr. Ken Suddreth, Director of Community Development who presented the details on Agenda Items 4C through 4H.

Mr. Suddreth explained that the changes arose from recommendations from studies and work on the Comprehensive Plan. He reminded everyone that this is phase 1 and that every three or four months, Community Development would come forward with more changes until they are complete.

Item 4C was general code corrections and updates dealing with grammatical corrections, irregular language and terms that needed to be updated to meet with current standards. There are three major changes under this item and Mr. Suddreth went through and reviewed them with Mayor and Council.

According to Mr. Suddreth, Item 4D was made up of seven changes that will bring the ordinance in line with the actual practice of the application process.

Item 4E pertains to Mixed Use and the need arose due to the Comprehensive Plan which created a new land use category that needed to be defined within the ordinance.

Item 4F is dealing with the two new zoning districts which are R8 and R10. There is a gap in zoning that has been filled with RAD up until now but with the creation of these new zonings, the gaps will be filled with classifications that work better with future planning.

Item 4G deals with the RAD district and had to do with the renaming of the category to better suit its purpose. It was Residential Attached Detached (RAD) and will now be Residential Detached Attached (RDA). This district is primarily for detached residences so it made sense to change the name around to reflect that.

The purpose of item 4H is to update the tables in the zoning ordinance to reflect the changes made elsewhere. The point is to make the information uniform throughout.

Mayor Bacon announced the public hearing for item 4C and no one came forward to speak.

Councilmember Tim Gould thanked the Community Development Department for their hard work on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the General Code Amendments for Corrections and Updates for Zoning Ordinance - City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

D. [ORD2018-14](#) **Public Hearing - Application for Map Amendments Update to the Zoning Ordinance - City of Smyrna**

Sponsors: Gould

Mayor Bacon opened the public hearing for item 4D and no one came forward to speak.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the application for Map Amendments Update to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Charles "Corky" Welch.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

E. [ORD2018-15](#) **Public Hearing - Mixed Use District Update to the Zoning Ordinance - City of Smyrna**

Sponsors: Gould

The public hearing for Item 4E was opened by the Mayor. No one spoke at the hearing.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the Mixed Use District Update to the Zoning Ordinance of City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

F. [ORD2018-16](#) **Public Hearing - Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add new single-family residential zoning districts - City of Smyrna**

Sponsors: Gould

Item 4F public hearing was opened by Mayor Bacon and no one came forward to speak.

Councilmember Gould made the statement that item 4F was a nice addition to the Zoning Code and that it will allow the City to better zone residential areas in a more formal, appropriate way.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve Code Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to add new single-family residential zoning districts for the City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

G. [ORD2018-17](#) Public Hearing - Section 704 RAD Update to the Zoning Ordinance - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

Mayor Bacon announced the public hearing for Item 4G and no one spoke.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve Section 704 RAD Update to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

H. [ORD2018-18](#) Public Hearing - Zoning Ordinance Table Updates - City of Smyrna

Sponsors: Gould

Item 4H public hearing was opened by the Mayor and no one came forward.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Table Updates for the City of Smyrna with a second by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no privilege licenses.

6. Formal Business:

A. [2018-401](#) Approval of the reappointment of George Davis to the Civil Service Board for a 2-year term to expire November 16, 2020.

Sponsors: Blackburn

Ms. Saddler Jones provided the background information for this item. The Civil Service Board is made up of three members each serving two year terms. One seat is

appointed by the Council (currently held by George Davis), one elected by Fire/Police personnel (currently Barb Allen but up for re-election) and one appointed by the other 2 board members (currently John Davis). George Davis' term is set to expire November 16, 2018 but he has requested reappointment to the Civil Service Board. Staff recommends reappointment of George Davis to the Civil Service Board for a 2-year term to expire November 16, 2020.

Mayor Bacon took a moment to thank Ken Suddreth and his department for all of their hard work into all that was presented and voted on at the meeting.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn made a motion to approve the reappointment of George Davis to the Civil Service Board for a 2-year term to expire November 16, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Charles "Corky" Welch.

Motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

B. [2018-415](#)

Authorization of a contract extension with Zagster, Inc. for Bike Share Program Services until March 8, 2019 in the amount of \$14,400.00.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones presented the background information. Zagster, Inc. is planning to partner with Town Center CID, local municipalities, and unincorporated Cobb County to connect the Zagster programs in the area through a regional Cobb County Bike Share Program, with a target re-launch date in spring 2019. Rather than extend the current program for another full year, Zagster is offering a short-term extension for 6 months. The only changes to the contract would be the new end date of March 8, 2019 and a reduced price of \$120 per bike per month, down from \$130 per bike per month. Staff recommended approval of the contract extension.

Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews explained that it was just an extension of the current contract and that money would be saved as a result of the contract extension.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve the authorization of a contract extension with Zagster, Inc. for Bike Share Program Services until March 8, 2019 in the amount of \$14,400.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

Councilmember Ron Fennel made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones with a second by Councilmember Maryline Blackburn.

Motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Fennel

- A. [2018-412](#) Approval of September 17, 2018 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- B. [2018-413](#) Approval of the September 17, 2018 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes
Sponsors: City Council
- C. [2018-406](#) Approval of the August 30, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- D. [2018-410](#) Approval of the September 13, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
- E. [2018-400](#) Approval of the City's Wellness Program renewal with Corporate Health Partners and authorize Mayor to execute related documents
Sponsors: Blackburn
- F. [2018-405](#) Approval to use Council Chambers for Vinings Forest HOA Meeting, Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Sponsors: Gould
- G. [2018-414](#) Approve the use of linear park on Concord Road for an event (titled "Seeing Red Chili Cookoff") organized and managed by Wade's Fine Eatery Good Time Emporium on October 20, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. to include alcohol sales on the restaurant property, extension of premises for alcohol sales to include but be limited to parking spaces adjacent to the restaurant for the purpose of beer dispensing from a single beer trailer/station along with carry privileges of legally purchased beverages for attendees into the park property - the area designated as the event space for the duration of the event.
Sponsors: Blackburn

9. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Derek Norton announced that it was Public Safety Appreciation Week. He had attended a breakfast that morning where several Smyrna public safety employees were recognized.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn also attended the breakfast for public safety

personnel and wanted to offer her congratulations. She had a great time at the North Georgia Fair over the weekend as well as at the local event Woofstock which was held in the downtown area. Ms. Blackburn welcomed two new staff members (Herman Hunter and William Parker) to the City. She also offered her condolences to the family of Michael Dorsey who passed away on September 19th as a result of a motorcycle and car accident.

Councilmember Corkey Welch invited everyone to the grand reopening of the Sensory Garden on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 10am at the Community Center.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson also attended the Public Safety breakfast and enjoyed hearing the stories. She announced that the Friends of the Library invited everyone to attend the 2nd Annual Books and Bricks Lego event, which will take place this coming weekend in the Magnolia Room of the Community Building.

Councilmember Tim Gould noted that the first education committee meeting was held and it was a great meeting. There was a lot of enthusiasm and the potential is endless. Pedestrian safety is going to be an area of focus after a recent incident at an elementary school. He also mentioned that the Youth Council was started with eleven students from three local high schools.

Councilmember Ron Fennel stated that October 25th he will hold a Finance Committee Meeting and regular reports will be added to the website as they become available. He thanked the Jonquil Golden K Kiwanas Club for inviting him to speak. Last, but not least, he announced that the Atlanta Braves clinched the National League East pennant and will move on to the National League Championship Series for the privilege of hosting the World Series.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Mr. Alex Backry, 3459 Shawnee Trail mentioned that the deadline to consider term limits on the midterm ballot was missed and he hoped that the Council considers adding a referendum to the ballot with the next election. Regarding the \$300,000 for the rapid transit survey, he recommended that they send it back because the roads in Smyrna are not large enough and the City should not waste money on this. He hoped that the property purchase on Spring Road was a dead issue.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Bacon adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.