

**Pre-Council Meeting**  
**March 5, 2018**  
**6:00 PM**

*Present: Mayor A. Max Bacon                      Maryline Blackburn                      Susan Wilkinson*  
*Derek Norton                                      Charles "Corkey" Welch                      Ron Fennel*  
*Andrea Blustein*

*Note: Ward 6 Seat was Vacant*

*Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Scott Stokes (Public Works Director), Christy Ullman, (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Ashley Youmans (Community Liaison) and Lisa Ochoa (Deputy City Clerk)*

*Guests: Vivian Baker, Angelia Pressley, and Ray Tiyamiyu*

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

Ms. Vivian Baker was introduced to Mayor Bacon as the Honorary Mayor.

**City Administrator's Report**

Assistant City Administrator, Scott Andrews gave an update on the recently passed Market Village Ordinance 2018-01. Mr. Andrews stated he had observed patrons visiting different restaurants with beverages from other establishments and it seemed to go well. But he felt the City would need to revisit the verbiage contained in the Ordinance to give restaurant owners the flexibility to allow or not allow outside beverages into their establishments. Mayor Bacon noted that state law prohibited anyone from bringing alcohol into an establishment that is not licensed to sell that type of beverage. Mayor introduced Angelia Pressley and announced that she would be running for the School Board Post 2. He also informed Council that 3 people had qualified in the Special Election for Ward 6. He questioned the lack of address information provided on the qualification application. City Clerk Terri Graham explained this was the information given from Cobb County. Ms. Graham also announced that qualifying would continue through Wednesday.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones stated Director Richard Garland had a Master Plan Visioning workshop on Saturday to review the results of the needs assessment and the parks assessments. Approximately 20 people attended including, Ms. Saddler Jones and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. From the session, they decided upon three (3) areas of focus, improving and enhancing maintenance and development of new parks, recreation and community facilities and programs, the addition of more walking and biking facilities, and better communication and marketing of parks and programs. Mr. Garland expressed to Ms. Jones that the three findings would be presented in Parks and Receptions final proposal this August. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson added that she felt the event went well, but was concerned that only two (2) of the Parks Commission members attended. Councilmember Corkey commented that the three (3) topics were discussed by council in the past and he wondered if we were bating

our audience. He commented he would like an unbiased opinion. Council agreed that possibly changing the day of the week for the sessions may increase participation from citizens.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones reminded Council that the next Committee of the Whole meeting, scheduled for March 15, 2018, will be held at Fire Station 1. She stated that they were able to secure the large gym for the Windy Hill Road information meeting on April 17, 2018 and outlook calendar reminders for each of these would be sent.

## **Review of the Agenda**

The Mayor discussed item 6 A. under formal business. City Attorney Scott Cochran spoke with an authorized friend, Jerry Cates, concerning Bud McCullum's property that is needed for road improvements. Mr. Cates stated that Mr. McCullum has agreed to take what was offered minus the taxes owed on the property and that Mr. McCullum is ill. Mr. Cochran suggested that the Council take this off the agenda since it had been resolved. City Clerk Terri Graham asked for clarification on whether the Council would have to suspend the rules in order to remove this item. Mayor stated no and he would include this item during Agenda changes to have it removed. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson inquired if the roundabout was only a part of Bud's property or the entire thing. It was explained that only a small piece of property was needed from Mr. McCullum.

Mayor Bacon explained to Honorary Mayor Vivian Baker how to run the meeting. Councilmember Wilkinson asked Ms. Baker her plans after high school. Ms. Baker stated she was accepted to the University of Georgia majoring in Biology.

Mayor Bacon asked when the work on at the First Baptist Church would be complete. Mayor noted that the project has been underway too long and asked that we contact the church and request that the project be completed by the end of the week.

Mayor Bacon gave an update on the CDBG Center. Cobb County CDBG Center was annexed February 20, 1984, and in 1996, Cobb County approved \$302,000.00 in CDBG funds for renovations and created a public health center. In 2010, the property was deeded to Cobb County by the Board of Health and the county executed a lease with UMSA, a nonprofit that provided academic assistance to children. UMSA received operating funds for 6 years from CDBG and in 2016 the company ceased and property became vacant. Federal regulations required the facility to be used for CDBG eligible activities or Cobb County reimbursed Hud activities. Mayor stated he had reservations about the facility being utilized daily as a shelter. Councilmember Blustein was concerned that the building is not on the bus line. Mayor would like to ensure the neighborhood is not disturbed. Ms. Saddler Jones stated she was emailed today by Cobb County Manager Mr. Rob Hosack and would be speaking with him via phone soon.

Councilmember Ron Fennel stated finance met just prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 4:00 PM and would share information during an upcoming Committee of the Whole Meeting in the near future. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch announced he is expecting his first grandchild! Councilmember Blackburne had her first town hall meeting and thanked those in attendance. She stated Mr. Starr was there and asked about the cemetery. City Attorney Scott

Cochran announced Jeffery Tucker's father had passed away last week unexpectedly after having a pace maker put in.

The Mayor adjourned the Pre-Council meeting of the Mayor and Council at 6:41 PM.