



City of Smyrna

Meeting Minutes - Final

Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna
A.Max Bacon City Hall /
Council Chambers
2800 King Street
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Monday, March 21, 2022

6:30 PM

City Hall / Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Present 7 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff 8 - Joe Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Jill Head, Richard Garland, Frank Martin, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, and Joey Staubes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the March 21, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:27 PM.

2. Review of the March 21, 2022 Mayor and Council Agenda

A. [PRE2022-06](#) Review of the March 21, 2022 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Derek Norton read through the Mayor and Council Meeting agenda.

3A. PRC2022-03 Councilmember Wilkinson will read and present the proclamation in Recognition of Women's History Month.

3B. PRC2022-04 Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Gould will read and present the Proclamation in Recognition of Education and Sharing Day.

4A. 2022-072 Brief discussion took place regarding a zoning request in the area that will be known as "The Quad." Councilmember Lindley asked if anyone knew when they would be starting. Mayor Norton stated that they are still looking for businesses to go in there, but they are very close to beginning.

4B-C. No discussion.

6A-B. No discussion.

6C. Councilmember Welch expressed that he it is not clear what the Council is voting on. Mayor Norton stated that there were four proposals, and three met the minimum requirements. Someone will make a motion to move forward with one of the bids.

8A-I. No discussion.

8J. Richard Garland, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed independent

contractor, Jerry Perlstein who can provide inspections and monthly reports of Smyrna playgrounds. Mr. Perlstein will do these independent, third-party inspections at \$650 per month and provide reports of updated statuses and what may need repairs or replacement, etc. This will eliminate having to hire someone internally who is unable to dedicate their time to a monthly schedule, and it eliminates some liability because there is an independent, third-party assessing and reporting on the playgrounds.

3. Other Business

Scott Cochran, City Attorney, discussed the lawsuit and judgment against the City of Brookhaven, the Mayor, and the City Manager as it pertains to controversial zoning issues. He stated that this is something to keep in mind when it comes to zoning issues in Smyrna and to keep to legal standards and criteria.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked about the Tree Ordinance and how it handles removed trees. Russell Martin, Community Development Director, stated that if the resident wants to remove a healthy tree that is 24" or more in diameter, then they would need to replace the trees or pay a \$400 fee per tree. Mr. Martin suggested the resident reach out to Community Development to discuss.

Mayor Norton stated that the 30-year MSPLOST will not be on the ballot this November but will be on the ballot in 2024.

4. Executive Session (As Needed)

5. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the March 21, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:43 PM.