

Pre-Council Committee of the Whole - FINAL

September 5, 2017

6:00PM

*Present: Mayor Max Bacon Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz Susan Wilkinson
Doug Stoner Ron Fennel Andrea Blustein
Charles "Corkey" Welch Derek Norton 6:14P*

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Rusty Martin (Senior Planner), Maxwell Ruppensburg (Special Projects Coordinator) and Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow).

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones gave the following report:

Fire Chief Roy Acree and his staff are monitoring Hurricane Irma. They are in communication with Public Works Director Scott Stokes and they are preliminarily making preparations. If Irma makes her way into the Gulf of Mexico, Chief Acree and his staff will have a meeting sometime on Friday to discuss preparations at the appropriate level. For now, this is just an update but as more information becomes available, it will be shared with the Mayor and Council.

No issues were reported with the Public Safety Road Race that was held on Monday, September 4th. There were some barricades left out on Tuesday morning but those were all picked up by lunch time.

All staff was notified about the tickets offered for the North GA State Fair.

Reminders – 9/11 Ceremony on Monday at 8:30am and the Ground Breaking for Fire Station 2 will be on Monday at 10am pending weather issues.

Special Projects Coordinator Maxwell Ruppensburg.

Jonquil Historical Trail – Site Markings on Sidewalk: To demarcate the physical locations that correspond to the digital historical trail map that the City developed in collaboration with the Smyrna Arts and Cultural Council, the City will be painting jonquils with "Jonquil City Historical Trail" in text at each site, where possible. The City is aiming to have these installed in advance of the launch of the digital app on Sunday, October 15th. The material costs are estimated to be under \$300. They will be painted in white with semi-permanent paint and should last for several months.

Mr. Ruppensburg also gave a reminder about the tour and meeting at Belmont Elementary Hills with the Cobb County School District and other educational stakeholders, like the Smyrna Education Foundation and Wave of Excellence. Tour and meeting is taking place at October 6th from 9am-11am.

Mayor Bacon noted that Eric Randall was on the news Channel 11 with the Commuter Dude, Jeff Hullinger, regarding a U-Turn sign on Windy Hill Road. It was a red bordered sign and that was

confusing to some folks, and so they interviewed Mr. Randall, who said it was the consulting engineers fault. The sign was changed to a black border.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Proclamation in recognition of Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Week: Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Terri Anulewicz will present the proclamation.

There is also a Resolution regarding price gouging that Councilmember Ron Fennel will present. Mayor Bacon wants every service station presented with a copy.

Rose Garden Hills item was discussed at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting.

Consent Agenda was reviewed.

Chief David Lee would be in attendance shortly regarding the alcohol compliance checks that were completed recently. It was very concerning, the number of businesses that were not in compliance.

There would be a presentation to IS Director Chris Addicks.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson had a question regarding the lighting at Rose Garden as to whether it is a Cobb County School. Mayor Bacon replied that we have spent City funds to make improvements to that park over the last thirty years.

She also questioned the speed limit on Atlanta Road as per one of her constituents, but this has been discussed previously. The additional traffic from Publix has not been impactful as previously anticipated. Eric Randall did an evaluation to see if a signal should be added at Powder Springs Road and there was not enough traffic to warrant that addition.

Mayor Bacon gave the floor to Teri Anulewicz who announced her resignation and her qualification of the seat previously held by Stacy Evans. Because of the timing of the election and so as to not have an empty Ward 3 seat, she would need to resign tomorrow at noon.

She deferred to City Attorney Scott Cochran regarding what will happen next. The Council has to vote tonight on a resolution to call for the special election, sets the qualifying dates, the qualifying fee and allows the City to enter into a contract with Cobb County Elections to handle the election.

The city found out today that State House Representative Stacey Evans resigned from House seat 42 and that Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz planned to qualify for State House 42. Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz would need to resign her council seat to enable the city to make the deadline of September 22, 2017 to have Ward 3 on the November 7, 2017 ballot; it is a special circumstance that can be added to the agenda. This is to meet the deadlines that would allow for the election to be completed without additional cost to the taxpayers and leaving this ward unrepresented for a 6 month period of time.

Qualifying is being set for the September 18, 19 and 20, 2017.

There will be an agenda change and Mayor Bacon will invite Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz to the podium to make her announcement.

Chief David Lee spoke to the Mayor and Council about the amount of non-compliant businesses in Zone A. There were so many that they were unable to hit other zones. They will do so in the near future.

Ray's Package had no alcohol license at all, nor did any of the employees or the owner have a serving permit. The City has purchased that property. This is not the first non-compliance issue for Ray's. They will have to appear before the License and Variance Board for review.

Many years ago we changed the informant age requirement to be less than 20 years of age because one year an informant was within five months of turning 21.

Ms. Saddler-Jones asked if the ones that sold were taken to jail. Chief Lee responded that yes he thinks they did. Mayor Bacon asked when they did the sting and zone A was done on Labor Day.

Councilmember Wilkinson stated that her car was rummaged through at her home recently. There had been a lot of that occurring recently in the area.

Councilmember Welch spoke about Bennett Woods reporting to the police department two young men who were "flipping" door handles on cars in the area.

Mayor Bacon thanked Teri Anulewicz for her service to the Council and doing the right thing even when it went against the grain.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51PM.