



# 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, June 20, 2022

6:30 PM

A. Max Bacon City Hall  
Administrative Conference Room

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#### Roll Call

**Present** 4 - Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Charles Welch,  
Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

**Absent** 2 - Mayor Derek Norton, and Mayor pro tem / Councilmember Tim Gould

**Also Present** 1 - Scott Cochran

**Staff** 3 - Joe Bennett, Penny Mocer, and Heather Peacon-Corn

#### 1. Call to Order

Acting Mayor / Councilmember Travis Lindley called the June 20, 2022 Pre-Council meeting to order at 6:30PM.

#### 2. Review of the current Mayor and Council Agenda

##### A. [PRE2022-11](#) Review of the current Mayor and Council meeting agenda

Review of the agenda to include:

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Rev. Bruce Griffith, Smyrna First United Methodist Church (1315 Concord Rd)

2. Agenda Changes: None

3. Mayoral Report:

A. PRC2022-13 Proclamation In Recognition of Juneteenth

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton will read aloud the proclamation, however, it will be presented at a later date.

4. Land Issues / Zonings / Annexations: None

5. Privilege Licenses: None

6. Formal Business:

A. 2022-286 Approval of the replacement of all front-line Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department, to be purchased from Municipal Emergency Services (6701-C North Park Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28216) using the NPPGov Contract # PS20120 in the amount of \$177,276.00, to be funded from the 2022 SPLOST and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

B. 2022-320 Appointment of Deputy City Administrator, Penny Mocer, to serve as the Chairperson of the License and Variance Board effective July 1, 2022 upon the

retirement of current Chairperson / Fire Chief Roy Acree and for all other boardmembers and alternate boardmembers to remain the same.

Mr. Bennett explained that the Board had previously always had a representative from Administration sitting, however, after Tammy's departure, Chief Acree was assigned the position and now we would like to get back to having a member from Administration Chair the Board. The other members will remain the same.

C. 2022-329 Approval of the revised 2022 City Holiday calendar to include Juneteenth and Veteran's Day as observed paid holidays for eligible staff.

Mr. Bennett noted that Mayor Norton sent an email out to the Mayor and Council regarding several conversations he had over the past few days, and his intention to recognize Monday June 20th as a paid holiday for all City of Smyrna employees in recognition of Juneteenth. He also intended for a vote to be held to approve the holiday retroactively as well as add Veteran's Day to the holiday schedule moving forward. Councilmember Welch expressed his displeasure with how this was / was not communicated to some of the Council. Councilmember Wilkinson concurred and asked if the budget would allow for these additions. He stated he did not have opposition to the two holidays being added for staff, just the notification and discussion process that occurred. All he received was an email that stated it would be approved retroactively.

Councilmember Welch asked how PD and Fire are handled for Holidays, and it was remarked that they receive it as an additional PTO day to be used at any time.

Mr. Bennett noted this and will make sure all parties are included moving forward.

D. CON2022-05 Approval of a work order with Georgia Power in the amount of \$716,976.00 from the Green Energy CIP Fund for the replacement of interior and exterior lighting at City Hall and for the installation of new HVAC controls for Brawner Hall, City Hall, Community Center and Library, Police Station and Jail, Fire Station 1 and the Wolfe Center and to authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Deputy City Administrator Penny Mocerri discussed the haste with this item as the current HVAC controls are tied to JAVA, which will be eliminated on July 15, 2022. With the systems for seven buildings being in jeopardy, the decision to move forward with the already staff discussed green energy funding. A proposal to do the two main priorities that staff had identified off of the list they provided. And those were the lights in City Hall to include the Council Chambers, and then all HVAC controllers. The total for them both is \$716,009.76 to include Georgia Powers 25% for project managing the projects. Additionally, the company doing the work is our current vendor so they are familiar with the City systems.

Councilmember Welch asked about copies of the bid tabs and Mr. Bennett noted that he would get that information from Ga Power.

The monies to cover will come from the Green Energy Fund.

Councilmember Welch adamantly feels the bid tabulations should be provided for review and Ms. Mocerri replied that she has reviewed the quotes for accuracy. She also noted we signed a Master Agreement with Ga Power to handle the bid process as the project managers.

Councilmember Wheaton noted this is a situation where timing is what it is. It is still the principal is still true to what we have as a la carte solution. Time is of the essence with this project.

Councilmember Lindley noted the power point shown at the COW might help clarify for Councilmembers Welch and Wilkinson. The City clerk provided a copy to both.

7. Commercial Building Permits: None

8. Consent Agenda:

Three sets of minutes to review and approve.

D. 2022-318 Amendment to the authorization of street closures of the Upper Market Village (around the fountain area) as well as use of the street and center landscape section along W. Spring Street from the circle to the midsection at Café Lucia (see site map) for the Smyrna is Fabulous Event Saturday, June 25, 2022 from 9:00 am-6:00 pm. the start time previously approved by Council was 10:00 am. Councilmember Wilkinson asked for some clarification regarding the start time for the event.

Ms. Mocerri provided the information.

E. 2022-321 Retroactively authorize the emergency expenditure of Green Energy CIP funds to MAXAIR Mechanical for the repair of the walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer for the Smyrna Jail in the amount of \$29,814.00. (\$13,943.00 for the cooler and \$15,871.00 for the freezer).

This item was discussed previously at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 2, 2022.

### **3. Other Business**

City Attorney Scott Cochran reviewed discussion from the Executive Session held at the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Bennett noted Deputy Chief Brian Marcos was discussed as Interim Fire Chief and he'd like Council's approval.

Ms. Mocerri - Riverline Park will be closed for approximately 2 - 3 weeks for water line repairs.

Additionally, Building Together Atlanta will be kicking off the program soon. Have met with Code Enforcement and they have a list of neighborhoods to possibly serve. Applications are first come first serve.

### **4. Executive Session (As Needed)**

There was no Executive Session.

### **5. Adjournment**

Acting Mayor / Councilmember Travis Lindley adjourned the June 20, 2022 Pre-Council meeting at 6:54PM.