



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Preliminary City Council

Monday, November 2, 2015

7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Rollcall

Present: 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Wade Lnenicka and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 19 - Mike L Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Ken Suddreth, Jennifer Bennett, Kristin Robinson, Brian Marcos, David Lee, Scott Stokes, Steve Ciaccio, Ann Kirk, Mary Moore, Kay Bolick, Tammi Saddler Jones, Amy Snider, Heather Corn, Dat Luu, Ron Waddell and Theresa Galletta

Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting of the Mayor and Council to Order at 7:30 PM

1. Invocation and Pledge:

The Mayor called on Pastor Phil Manginelli from The Square Church, located at 981 Powder Springs Street to give the invocation and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no Agenda Changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Veteran's Day Poppy Weekend (Nov 7-8, 2015)

Sponsors: Welch

Mayor Max Bacon recognized the American Legion and Poppy Weekend on Veteran's Day. Councilmember Teri Anulewicz read the proclamation in recognition of Veteran's Day 2015. Councilmember Anulewicz presented the proclamation to American Legion representatives.

B. Smyrna Police Chaplain Academy Recognition

Det. and Chaplain Ron Waddell spoke about the PD Chaplaincy Program. He thanked Chief David Lee for helping this program to move forward as it has been woefully needed at the police department. These men and community leaders volunteer their time for this position. They are asked to help in a variety of difficult situations and at all times of the day and/or night. These individuals went through the program encouraging each other and learning what it means to bear the burden of

PD Chaplain in some difficult and challenging circumstances.

Chief mentioned a recent incident involving the death of a small child that several officers witnessed and the trauma from that incident. Pastor Shel Osbon and his wife stepped in to counsel the officers and assist even before the program got started.

The following pastors participated:

Kerrick Butler – Faith Christian Center, 3059 S. Cobb Drive, Smyrna

Phil Mangenelli – Smyrna 2 Foursquare Church, 981 Powder Springs St. SE, Smyrna

Shell Osbon – Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God, 4100 King Springs Rd SE, Smyrna (He is also the pastor for the Fire Department)

Christopher Walker – Greater Grace Temple International, 954 Bank Street SE, Smyrna

Charles Williams – Greater Zion Hill Baptist Church, 2750 Pasedena Blvd. SE, Smyrna

Det. Waddell said this program had been an absolute success from Day 1. These pastors received training in the following areas:

911

Crime Prevention

Traffic Enforcement and Patrol Techniques

Criminal Investigation / CSI

Death Investigation and Medical Examiner's Office

Shoot / Don't Shoot

Death Notification and Critical Incident Training (which will be ongoing training as well)

4. Department Head Reports

Human Resources Kay Bolick gave the following milestone's report:

William Combs – Fire Engineer (25 years)

Roy Acree – Fire Chief (25 years)

Terry Williams – PT Jail Cook (15 years)

Susan Mathews – Crime Data Specialist (15 years)

Jeffrey Patterson – Truck Driver (San) (10 years)

Gevari Brown – Fire Engineer (5 years)

Wellness screenings are being finished up and Open Enrollment will start later this month. W-2's will also go out towards the end of December.

Ann Kirk, Director of Keep Smyrna Beautiful gave the following report:

Will be celebrating National America Recycles Day on Saturday November 14, 2015 and will have t-shirts, recycle bags and snacks for all patrons who utilize the center on that day. Also any cooking oil used to fry turkeys can be recycled at the center or through Public Works or several fire stations. Jonquils continue to be sold; 50 bulbs for \$50.00. Rivers Alive was rescheduled to this weekend although the weather report is not great. Will decide Friday and it would be held at the National Park Service Recreational Center at the Chattahoochee and US 41.

Library Director Mary Moore gave the following report:

She provided a quick overview of several grants the Friends of Smyrna Library and Smyrna Library have received over the past few months because most of the materials are now streaming in.

Many are familiar with the Charyn Darby Foundation which supports numerous charities in Smyrna. The library received a grant from the Foundation to purchase children's fiction and non-fiction. Part of the money was invested in six new juvenile chapter book series such as Galaxy Zack, the Critter Club, and Sew Zooley.

Gas South provided the Library a \$2,000 grant to support the STEM resources. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Purchased were about 75 juvenile titles related to those topics. And a dozen Maker Boxes were

created, which can be checked out from the Youth Services Desk for use in the Library. Each box contains a book and supplemental hands-on activity related to a STEM topic. A parent or caregiver and a child can sit down together, read the book, and do the activity to reinforce the concepts in the book.

Wells Fargo awarded a \$1,000 Financial Literacy grant allowing books to be purchased on money management topics for children, teen and adults. Topics include basic concepts like saving, earning, and bartering for children. Teen and adult topics include smart investing, budgeting, and retirement.

The Friends of Smyrna Library gave the Library a \$1,000 grant to buy children's non-fiction titles related to U.S. History. Topics include big events and moments in U.S. History, national symbols, branches of government, and major figures in U.S. History.

Lastly, the Library received a "Curiosity Creates" grant from the American Library Association, which will allow for hosting of a six-month series of art workshops for tweens.

Tweens are aged 8-12. The first workshop is Tuesday, November 10, at 6 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. A professional art instructor has been hired to teach participants how to use a different artistic medium each month. In November, they will learn to paint with watercolor. December will be graphite pencil. On the Tuesday evenings between workshops, we will host "Open Labs" for tweens (both those who could attend the workshops and those who could not) to experiment with the technique and go where their creativity takes them. So the "Open Labs" will provide access to art supplies and a creative space to those who might not otherwise have access. After the series ends, the library will host an exhibition of original art from participants in the month of May.

And if you need more creative outlets, the Library will provide "Drop-In" fall crafts the week of Thanksgiving. School is out all week, so there will be Make-and-Take crafts, coloring sheets and other activities in the Youth Services department on November 23, 24 and 25. While there, stock up on some audiobooks for the road if you are traveling this Thanksgiving.

The Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after. But back to normal hours on Saturday, November 28. And, of course, the virtual branch is always open. Go to smyrnalibrary.com to download eBooks and eAudiobooks, stream movies, music and more.

Events Coordinator, Theresa Galletta from Parks and Rec gave the following report: We had approximately 55 families come out for Casper's Friendly Castle this past Friday morning.

This is a totally un-scary Halloween event for preschoolers including games, giant slide, moon walk, nail salon, hay rides and a costume contest.

This event is managed by our Programs Department (Patty Wilson and Jodi Mills); however, we could not have done it without volunteers from our Wolfe Center members as well as city staff volunteers from numerous departments. We would like to thank all the volunteers for helping make this year's event a success!

Coming Home for the Holidays will be Tuesday, December 1, 5:00 – 8:00, on Village Green and there will be Holiday festivities, musical performances, a parade and Santa lighting the Christmas tree at 7:00. This annual event is free and marks the beginning of the season of lights in our downtown.

Christmas at Brawner – Coat Drive will be Friday, December 18, 5:00 – 8:00, Taylor-Brawner Park. There will be Holiday treats, hay "sleigh" rides, children's activities and, of course, visits with Santa. Ask that everyone donate a new or gently used coat. We collected over 200 coats at our first event.

Deputy Fire Chief Brian Marcos spoke about the need for the Chaplains program across public safety departments and the impact a tragic event can have on an officer or fire fighter. Many firefighters can become suicidal because of the pressures

of the job. He acknowledged the command staff just completed a 50 hour online blue card training course and will be also going to South Georgia for an additional three day training. He recognized some attending residents who have recently completed the first Community Response Team which allows and trains residents in basic first aid, fire safety, tornado safety, disaster organization and light search and rescue and completed 7, three hour courses at Cobb County on a voluntary basis. He recognized Firefighter Evan McBrayer received the Firefighter of the Year voted on by his peers.

Chief David Lee gave the following report:

150 Children came out to the Halloween parade and Ross Cavitt was the celebrity judge. Next year the Smyrna Public Safety Foundation will be funding the entire event. 18 additional officers worked Halloween night and there were no incidents as a result. A three day leadership class was hosted and author John Edwards, who wrote, *The Burden of Command*, and members of the PD as well as the Fire Department participated. Marietta, Powder Springs, Kennesaw and Acworth also participated. 232 people registered to attend the Annual Public Safety Foundation dinner. November 7 at Cobb Park from 10am - 3pm will hold a meet and greet for the community. Chief will be co-chairing the 2016 Public Safety Awards Program.

Scott Stokes gave the following report:

Windy Hill/Atlanta Road SPLOST Intersection Improvement – Storm sewer piping on the east side from Atlanta Road is about 90% complete. The contractor continues to install median in this same area. The contractor has been asked to move to the Belmont Place and Windy Hill intersection in order to complete some of the work so Belmont Place can be opened to through traffic.

- Concord Road SPLOST Project – The Contractor has addressed about 90% of the punch list items to date. A few areas of landscaping remain and one pedestrian light fixture.
- Belmont Sewer Rehabilitation – The contractor has addressed about 90% of the punch list items to date. The contractor is currently trying to complete remaining landscaping issues in Westfield Trace, aeration and reseeding of the horse farm and several concrete curb repairs remain.
- Gann Road Storm Sewer – Retaining wall design is complete and several contractors have been asked to provide pricing for this wall. We expect to choose a wall contractor next week to proceed with this installation.
- Security Camera Project – The contractor will finish reviewing all the buildings this week. The additional cameras for the market village area are being priced and notice to proceed will be issued soon.
- Village Parkway Sidewalk/Trail – The project is currently waiting on Georgia Power to relocate their street lighting.
- Highview Drive at Plumbcrest Road Storm Sewer Project – The contractor has started this project and is currently locating utilities in the area.
- Hickory Hill Drive Sanitary and Storm Sewer Project – The contractor has started this project and is about 5% complete.
- Work Orders – Crews completed work on repairs in Cobb Park and Kidscape Park this week which included wood timber and concrete stair replacements. Two parks restroom HVAC upgrades were completed this week. Additional HVAC upgrades to park restrooms will continue for the next several weeks. Rita Way curb repairs were completed this week including landscaping. Our Sanitary Sewer video and cleaning contractor resumed work in the City this week and has completed approximately 10 miles of sanitary sewer cleaning and video work. Bids were opened this week for the Spring Road Improvement Project from Cobb Parkway to Woodruff Drive.
- Projects Scheduled to start – Water main replacement on South Cobb from Concord to Wisteria Lane, Village Parkway Improvements
- Projects Out For Design – Hickory Acres Drive Storm Culvert, Smyrna Powder Springs Road Sanitary Outfall, Sub-basin 1 Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Antler Trail

Sanitary Sewer Outfall, Lake Drive at Magnolia Drive Storm Sewer Replacement, Fox Creek Lake, Lake Drive at Brentwood Storm Sewer, King Springs Road near Kings View Road Profile, Walker Court near Morris Circle Storm Sewer, Doeskin Lane Storm Sewer, Pat Mell Road Storm Sewer, Lake Court Park Storm Sewer

• Projects To Bid – Lois Street Storm Sewer, Fox Creek Storm Sewer, Spring Road Improvements

Thanksgiving Garbage Schedule will be all trash for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will be collected Wednesday.

Turkey oil can be recycled and left at the curb for pick up.

Community Development Director Ken Suddreth gave the following report:

Inspections: Substantially up over same time last year.

2015 - 5209 inspections for this fiscal quarter

2014 - 3653 inspections for last year same time fiscal quarter

9 of the last 10 months the number of building inspections has been over 1000 per month. The first 4 months of FY'16 (July – Oct) – 68 new dwellings units have been permitted.

On an interesting note, residential renovations are substantially up over the last two months. This may indicate that people trust the economy and want to stay in Smyrna so they are investing in renovations instead of selling and moving.

City Clerk Terri Graham gave the following report:

Tomorrow is Election Day. Current polling locations will be open 7 AM – 7 PM for city voting NOVEMBER 3, 2015 polling locations are as follows:

Ward 1 SMYRNA 1A Argyle Elementary School, 2420 Spring Rd

Ward 2 SMYRNA 2A Smyrna Fire Station #3, 2825 Park Rd

Ward 3 SMYRNA 3A Smyrna Community Center, 200 Village Green Circle

Ward 4 SMYRNA 4A Brown Elem / King Springs K1, 3265 Brown Rd

Ward 5 SMYRNA 5A Belmont Hills Elementary School, 605 Glendale Pl

Ward 6 SMYRNA 6A Campbell Middle School, 3295 S. Atlanta Rd

Ward 7 SMYRNA 7A Life Church Smyrna Assembly of God, 4100 King Springs Rd

You must be a resident of Smyrna and registered to vote in this city election

Important Voting in the 2015 City of Smyrna elections - Ward designations may have changed for many.

Please access your Precinct cards that were mailed by Cobb County to all registered voters. You should have received your cards. If you need help with your precinct voting place you have several options for help.

If you have access to the internet by way of computer or a smart phone you can log on to our website at www.smyrnacity.com and on the front page under Upcoming events is polling locations/New Wards & Voting Options for Upcoming elections.

Here you will be able to access maps, and also under GIS, type in your address to find your current ward. Cobb County Elections www.cobbelections.org may be accessed through the City of Smyrna's website.

The Secretary of State website at www.mvp.sos.ga.gov will take you to my voter page – here you can enter you first initial, last name, county and date of birth and find where your voting precinct is located. This link can also be accessed through the City of Smyrna's website. Again the City of Smyrna's website is:

www.smyrnacity.com

For any questions you may call the city clerk's office at 678-631-5303 for help.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!!

5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A. Approval of Ordinance 2015-19 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tracts of land lying and being in Land

Lot 539, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.14 acre tract, being known as 1289 Pebblebrook Rd, Mableton, GA 30126. Effective date December 1, 2015.

Sponsors: City Council

Mr. Mike L. Jones, Interim City Administrator gave the following background: The applicant, Whitfield Academy, was seeking approval for annexation of approximately 1.14 acre tract, parcel # 17053900250 - all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 539, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia located at 1239 Pebblebrook Rd, Mableton GA 30126. The annexation would become effective December 1, 2015

Certified letters were sent to the Cobb County Clerk's Office and the Cobb County Community Development Planning Division. The Clerk's office received a non-objection letter from Cobb County dated September 22, 2015 and received October 16, 2015 regarding this annexation.

Councilmember Ron Fennel called forward the applicants representative, Mr. Tom Wood, and he stated that this was part of a master plan and although 80 acres is a large space, there are hindrances on the property such as a gas easement, electrical easement, federal setbacks, city setbacks, county setbacks and wetlands. They anticipate 18-19 acres that they anticipate being donated to the school in the near future. That additional property will also come before Council.

He did want to mention that Community Development has been such a pleasure to work with and the Engineers and Architect stated they have never worked with a better group of people.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2015-367 Ordinance 2015-19 for the Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - of all tracts of land lying and being in Land Lot 539, 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia, a total of 1.14 acre tract, being known as 1289 Pebblebrook Rd, Mableton, GA 30126. Effective date December 1, 2015, seconded by Councilmember Wade Lnenicka. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

6. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses

7. Formal Business:

There was no Formal Business

8. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits

9. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud, seconded by Charles (Corkey) Welch. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Pritchett, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Lnenicka and Councilmember Fennel

A. Approval of Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2015

Sponsors: City Council

B. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting October 26, 2015

Sponsors: City Council

C. Award bid RFP 16-016 Lois Street Storm Drainage Project to the lowest most responsive and responsible bidder Summit Construction and Development for \$91,102.80 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Lnenicka

D. Award bid RFP 16-010 Fox Creek Drainage Improvements to the lowest bidder, Corley Contractors dba C&L Contractors for \$199,154.03 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Anulewicz

E. Authorize the Mayor to execute an excess property lease application between the City of Smyrna and Georgia Department of Transportation and to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Lnenicka

F. Approval of the purchase of a Dell PS6100X SAN unit at a cost of \$20,200 from Dell under state contract.

Sponsors: Anulewicz

G. Approval of Affiliate Agreement with PD Gladiators Metro Atlanta Fitness Network to provide a range of exercise programming and education for persons with Parkinson Disease.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

10. Committee Reports:

Ward 1 Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Melleny Pritchett reminded all citizens of the freedom to vote for their candidates of choice both in their ward and for Mayor. She mentioned the Ward 1 polling location as a reminder to attendees.

Ward 2 Councilmember Andrea Blustein remarked that the Mayoral race would be interesting and she asked her Ward to remember to vote.

Ward 3 Councilmember Teri Anulewicz also spoke about Election Day Ward 3 and said residents can vote between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM at the Smyrna Community Center (200 Village Green Circle). She remarked that there were many residents who would be new to Ward 3 as a result of the redistricting that followed the 2010 census. Neighborhoods that are new to Ward 3 include all of Smyrna Heights, the Lake Court Park community, Laurel Commons, and parts of South Sherwood, which are now united with vibrant communities including Williams Park, Rose Garden Hills, Davenport Town, and the Market Village. She applauded the police departments efforts on Halloween and specifically commented on the officer driving around with Harry Potter music playing and good candy. The Jonquil Festival was another huge success and she noted the upcoming Home for the Holidays Christmas event as well as a few others.

Ward 4 Councilmember Corkey Welch had no report.

Ward 5 Councilmember Susan Wilkinson noted the new parts of Ward 5 that would be moving under Ward 3. She also had a great time for Halloween with 240 trick or treaters a friend's house near Pat Mell Road.

Ward 6 Councilmember Wade Lnenicka had no report.

Ward 7 Councilmember Ron Fennel voting at Smyrna Life Church for Ward 7 residents. He thanked the public safety officers and fire department for their efforts for Halloween. He also mentioned the time change and asked that drivers be extra cautious with children playing at dusk.

12. Citizen Input:

Councilmember Corkey Welch spoke about people getting out and voting. He also noted that although it was not a favorite thing to do, there were many parts of campaigning door to door that he did enjoy and the most important part was putting names with faces.

Doward Wilkinson thanked all candidates running for office and serving. The citizens should be proud that all are investing their time and energy serving the residents of Smyrna. He also congratulated Ward 5 Councilmember Susan Wilkinson on her 24 year wedding anniversary.

Al Graves spoke about citizen participation and involvement in their government.

Marika Rainbow and Michael Whitmore spoke about the dog park and the lights needed that Councilmember Welch helped see to fruition. He was presented with signed thank you cards from citizens who utilize the dog park.

Councilmember Teri Anulewicz spoke about her campaign for reelection, the neighborhoods she represents and what values she has to offer as a Councilperson.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson stated it has been an honor and privilege serving Ward 5 and looks forward to continuing her service. She also thanked her husband for his support the last four years and during this campaign.

Councilmember Wade Lnenicka said it has been an honor and a privilege serving the citizens of Smyrna. He reiterated his plan should he be elected Mayor. He also mentioned the Ward 6 candidates, Tara Simon and Doug Stoner.

13. Adjournment:

Mayor Max Bacon adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM