



Meeting Minutes - Final
Committee of the Whole

Thursday, July 11, 2019

6:00 PM

City Hall

1. Roll Call

Council Present: Charles "Corkey" Welch, Andrea Blustein, Susan Wilkinson, Derek Norton

Absent: Tim Gould, Ron Fennel, Maryline Blackburn, Max Bacon

*Staff: Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Christy Ullman (Ex. Asst. to the M&C), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Mary K. Arvin (Admin. Svc. Coord.), Officer Frank Durance (SPD), Kay Bolick (Human Resources Director), Maxwell Ruppensburg (Special Projects Coordinator), Bo Jones (Asst. Public Works Director), Landon O'Neal (Management Fellow)
Guests: Lewis Wheaton - Ward 7, Greg Teague - Croy Engineering*

2. Call to Order

Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Norton called the July 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

3. Review of the July 15, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mr. Rusty Martin, Community Development Director informed the Council regarding the Cumberland Church site; Public Hearing: Zoning Request Z19-003 – Rezoning from GC TO RM – 12-Conditional for 108 Townhome units; 74 -75 front end units and 33 rear entries at a density of 8.64 units per acre – 12.495 Acres – Land Lots 845 & 846 – 3110 Sports Avenue – Lennar Homes. Asking for dedication of 50 ft right away to connect Campbell to Cumberland. 8.6 units per site; some wooded areas will be removed. Lennar Homes is the builder. The buildings will be owner occupied, single family homes. Price point will be \$350,000.00. There may be opposition from the Countryside residents who do not want another Town Home Community in their area. These units will have an HOA. Planning and Zoning Board approved 3-2 with conditions.

Recommendation to hire Rusty Martin as the new Community Development Director.

Approve Ordinance Chapter 90-04 Private Utilities within the Public Right of Way. Sponsors Charles 'Corkey' Welch stated he will not be present at the Monday, July 15, 2019 Council meeting. Utilities at Home Owners will front the cost – lighting, arrogation thousands of dollars ordinance went to City Attorney Scott Cochran. Staff stated they want to remove this item from the agenda to work some of the verbiage.

Award RFP 19-023 Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) Rehabilitation for Sub-Basin – 3 (SSOF) Sanitary sewer out fall to bidder IPR Southeast LLC, 5207 Brer Rabbit Road

Stone Mountain Georgia 30083. For \$2,748,295.25 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. Public Works and Croy Engineering reviewed the bid and saved the City 2.7 million dollars on the installation of a new sub-basin installation of 8 inches and ending at 20 inches in length. Sponsors: Charles 'Corkey' Welch. This has been on the schedule for 5-7 years to fix. The sub-basin will run all the way from Elizabeth Street behind the homes and crosses Spring Road and back around Jonquil then back across Spring Road and then through Woodland Trail then back around Lake Park Drive.

Consent Agenda: No one present spoke of any problems.

Approval of the July 1, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.

Approval of the July 1, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

Approval of the June 27, 2019 Committee of The Whole Meeting Minutes

Approval to revise Personnel Policy EMP 6-01 Shift Differential Pay and authorize the Mayor to execute all related documents. Sponsors: Maryline Blackburn. This was a clean-up from last year's budget for the Police Department's training responsibilities. Money was put in this year's budget to pay from \$1.00 an hour to \$2.00 an hour during training by Communications Training Officers and Detention Training Officers.

The City of Smyrna is currently using All Star Fire Systems, but after research with Croy Engineering it was found that Cintas Fire Protection charges less. Also, Cobb County uses Cintas Fire Protection. Award RFP 19-025 Fire Systems Maintenance Contract to the lowest bidder Cintas Fire Protection, 1705 Corporate Drive, Suite 440, Norcross, Ga. 30093 for \$15,668.75 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Authorize Atkins Park (Tavern) Restaurant & Bar to operate a beer trailer or station at the following events with specified dates and time frames. All events are City of Smyrna approved events with the beer trailer or station having the same assigned location, on sidewalk, on King Street, and West Spring Street directly across the street from City Hall. The trailer/station placement timing will be in concert with event setup, understood to be set up within event setup and street closing approvals and removed prior to street opening following each event. The beer trailer/station is a component of each event, with the events organized by and/or with the City of Smyrna as official City of Smyrna events.

4. City Administrator Report

Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews spoke on SmyrnaCounts 2020 Community Census Meeting upcoming Thursday, July 18, 6:30 pm at the Smyrna Community Center. Mr. Andrews also spoke on the upcoming Active Shooter Training session for City Hall Staff. The session will be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 3:30 pm. City Hall will close at 3:30 pm per Council approval.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones spoke about staff on leave and looking ahead. The August 1, 2019 COW meeting discussion will surround the "Proposed Personnel and Reclasses in FY2020 Budget". Councilmember Tim Gould will speak on the "Smoke Free 21" campaign for tobacco-free kids at the August 1, 2019 COW meeting.

5. Other Business

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson said, she has received calls from a citizen who lives on Frances Drive located off Powder Springs Street, and she reached out to Herman Hunter for an update on the information. Mr. Michael Cash has received 34 noise complaints with the Smyrna Police Department since November 18 through March 2019. This problem has been going on a couple of years. On May 2019 he filed a civil citation in court, and on June 5th at the hearing, Michael Cash failed to show. Tim Williams, the City Solicitor is aware of the case and they have a huge file on this case. The City Administrator was unaware of this case, but they will check to see if they can purchase a noise decibel meter through CDBG funds.

Councilmember Charles 'Corkey' Welch brought up an issue discussed several times, where a property owner wants the curbs in their subdivision painted "no parking", instead of putting up signs. This is a situation where the curb and intersection with cars coming off a main street turning into a subdivision cul-de-sac connect, causing cars to potentially not get passed parked cars at the curb. Mr. Welch asked the Council if they could vote to have the parking lot revised by painting on the curbs, and to allow the City Attorney Scott Cochran to make an adjustment. This is a dispute between the HOA and one property owner.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein asked if the City Administrator had heard anything back from the Chief Marshall about Corn Avenue. Mr. Bo Jones, Supervisor of Water and Sewer, Public Works said, they have done some cleaning up near the right of the fence. Councilmember Blustein commented that she is receiving some phone calls about Cumberland church, and there might be some guests joining the Monday, July 15, 2019 Council meeting to discuss how they're getting across Spring Rd.

Mayor Pro Tem Derek Norton mentioned the Council may receive some comments about an auto place next to the coin laundry across Woodruff that used to be the LaCrosse store. The spot is being used as a parking lot and people are parking on the sidewalks. Interim Community Development Director, Rusty Martin is looking into the party's business license because complaints are coming in. Mr. Norton wanted the Council to be aware in the event they start receiving phone calls. This location is classified as a dealership, but it doesn't have a business license that's up to date.

6. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Derek Norton adjourned the Thursday, July 11, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:45pm