

Pre-Council Meeting Minutes – FINAL
Admin. Conference Room @ A. Max Bacon City Hall
July 6, 2021
6:30 PM

Present: *Derek Norton* *Charles “Corkey” Welch* *Lewis Wheaton*
 Susan Wilkinson *Glenn Pickens* *Travis Lindley*

Absent: *Tim Gould, Austin Wagner*

Also, Present: *Jeffrey Tucker (Assistant City Attorney)*

Staff: *Joe Bennett (City Administrator), Penny Moceri (Deputy City Administrator), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Joey Staubes (Planner II, Community Development), Tyler Lewis (Senior Administrative Services Coordinator), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

Mayor Derek Norton called the July 6, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the July 6, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Norton opened the discussion by reading through the Mayor and Council agenda for that evening.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson noted that she had some corrections for the June 17, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. She had asked a question about whether the recently purchased portable stage would be used in the downtown redesign or if some sort of permanent stage would be constructed. The Mayor had stated that the temporary stage would be utilized during events and she wanted this information reflected in the minutes. She also had a date correction regarding the initial presentation of the Croy Downtown Redesign Plan. The minutes stated June 2nd, but the date was in fact June 3rd and Councilmember Wilkinson asked that also be reflected in the minutes.

Mayor Norton spoke about procedure regarding meeting with staff during work hours and not during the weekends as the result of a recent situation.

Councilmember Wilkinson provided her side of the story regarding the recent weekend meeting in question.

City Administrator Joe Bennett provided further insight into what had occurred.

There was some further discussion between Mayor Norton and Councilmember Wilkinson.

City Administrator Bennett stated the importance of integrity and transparency in all that he does. He expressed that Councilmember Wilkinson's biggest concern seem to be that he was withholding important information from her, which he made clear he had not and would not.

Councilmember Travis Lindley offered his thoughts and frustrations with recent occurrences including the spread of inaccurate information regarding the downtown redesign. This had led to a lot of angry contact from constituents.

City Administrator Bennett provided a brief report of updates on projects around the city.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch suggested that Mr. Bennett prepare and present a brief five to ten minute report on important updates around the city to be presented at Committee of the Whole meetings. This had been done in the past and Mr. Welch felt like this would be a good way of keeping everyone in the know.

Mayor Norton thanked Councilmember Welch for the positive way that he has handled the disagreement over the downtown redesign plan. Mayor Norton reminded everyone that it is perfectly fine to disagree but to also realize that coming together and working as a team is what is best for the city. He stated his excitement to be moving forward with planning the fine details and looks forward to everyone's input.

Mayor Norton adjourned the July 6, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:47 PM.