

**Pre-Council Meeting - Final
November 4, 2019
6:00 PM**

Present: Mayor Max Bacon *Derek Norton* *Tim Gould*
Charles “Corkey” Welch *Andrea Blustein*
Maryline Blackburn (6:09pm) *Susan Wilkinson (6:09pm)*

Also, Present: Tammi Saddler Jones (City Administrator), Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Landon O’Neal (Management Fellow), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the November 4, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the November 4, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Bacon opened the discussion of the agenda by announcing that Councilmember Welch would be handling the Poppy proclamation and that Councilmember Gould would be handling the Small Business Saturday proclamation.

Councilmember Blustein would be presenting with the privilege license as it will be located in her Ward. Community Development Director Rusty Martin reviewed the pertinent information with Ms. Blustein earlier in the day.

The appointments to various committees, boards, and commissions were briefly discussed as they were placed on the agenda.

Discussion was had among Mayor and Council regarding commercial building permits and what warrants adding them to the agenda.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones began her report by announcing that there was a request for a Menorah lighting to take place in front of City Hall on Monday, December 23, 2019. There will be no street closings and the Rabbi will bring everything needed for the ceremony.

Mayor Bacon stated that he attended the ceremony last year and it was well done and very nice.

Ms. Saddler Jones then reminded Mayor and Council that \$299,000 had been budgeted for employee merit increases. This normally goes on a December agenda for approval and then the increases are issued on the first paycheck of the new year.

Councilmember Welch asked that Finance Director Kristin Robinson provide an update on the budget at a future Committee of the Whole meeting. He would like to see regular budget updates periodically throughout the year.

To conclude her report, Ms. Saddler Jones announced that the Keep Smyrna Beautiful 35th Anniversary celebration event that was held over the weekend went well.

City Clerk Terri Graham spoke about Election Day taking place on November 5th. With the paper ballots, it may take longer than normal before results are formally posted.

Councilmember Gould thanked Ms. Saddler Jones and Mr. Scott Andrews for arranging the meeting for pedestrian safety for the area surrounding Campbell Middle School.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the November 4, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:16 PM.