

**Pre-Council Meeting - Final
December 2, 2019
5:30 PM**

*Present: Mayor A. Max Bacon Derek Norton Tim Gould
 Andrea Blustein Susan Wilkinson Charles “Corkey” Welch
 Maryline Blackburn Lewis Wheaton*

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), Richard Garland (Parks and Rec Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations 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 December 2, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 5:30 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the December 2, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Bacon opened the discussion of the agenda by reviewing the information on the Brewery License for Reformation Brewery. Staff explained that the recent ordinance changes were brought on by this business which will be located in Ward 7 in the development on the river. They need to receive the license from the City in order to move forward to the State level. All requirements have been met and the applicant would be in attendance at the Mayor and Council meeting to answer any questions.

The abandoning of property on Sports Avenue was discussed. Community Development Director Rusty Martin explained that this transaction was arranged for during the rezoning that took place a few months back. The land that the City is receiving is slightly larger than what is being given. The parallel road that will be built on the land given to the City was part of the LCI plan. The proposed project for Sports Avenue is moving along and is currently in submittal for the land disturbance permit.

The Mayor asked Ms. Saddler Jones to read aloud the consent agenda. After reading she explained that the Food Truck contract is an annual thing that is approved every year and there were no changes.

Two representatives from the Smyrna Arts Council came by to provide details about the Secrets of Smyrna Walking Tour which will take place in October of 2020. Ms. Joan Stewart and Ms. Lisa Hawk shared that actors from the Atlanta Theater to Go Company will be scripting and acting in the various roles. Approval of this event was included as an item on the consent agenda. The goal of the event is to highlight the downtown area using professional actors to tell the stories of Smyrna and its residents. The City of Alpharetta has done something similar for ten

years and it has always been very successful. The program is meant to be light entertainment and will not include anything controversial.

City Administrator Report

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones began her report and announced that Atkins Park and The Tavern Restaurants are now smoke free.

Ms. Saddler Jones reminded everyone that Friday, December 6, 2019 would be Assistant City Administrator Scott Andrews last day with the City. Staff will be taking him to lunch to show appreciation for his contributions while here in Smyrna.

City Clerk Terri Graham provided run off election information. There was a huge turn out for advanced voting. All seven polling places will be open on December 3, 2019 for the run-off election.

Councilmember Maryline Blackburn had some people reach out to her recently regarding Sterigenics. They were wanting an update on the plant and testing that was being done by the City. Staff explained that the plant has yet to reopen so no further testing has been done. When the plant reopens, testing will resume and then results will be available. The City website has the latest information available and will update whenever anything new comes along.

Councilmember Tim Gould mentioned that people from Vinings Glen were voicing complaints about the presence of coyotes.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson had concerns about vehicle traffic on small roads with no sidewalks such as Pine Hill. Cars used these side roads to avoid traffic on South Cobb, but it creates dangerous conditions for those that walk to school. She also displayed the conceptual plans from the South Cobb Drive Corridor Study for people to view.

Councilmember Charles “Corkey” Welch wished Mr. Scott Andrews well on his new endeavors.

Mayor Bacon inquired about the Cobb Municipal Association Christmas Dinner. Staff stated that it will be held in Powder Springs this year and will take place on Tuesday, December 10, 2019.

Mr. Glenn Pickens and Mr. Travis Lindley who were recently elected to serve as Ward 1 and Ward 3 Councilmembers were present. They each introduced themselves to those in attendance at the meeting.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin mentioned that the City Building Inspectors were going to be receiving training and will be out of the office for two days, Thursday and Friday. These classes will familiarize them with the new 2018 codes that are replacing the codes from 2012.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the December 2, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:05 PM.