

Pre-Council Committee of the Whole
March 6, 2017
6:00PM
FINAL

*Present: Mayor Max Bacon Teri Anulewicz Andrea Blustein
Derek Norton Corkey Welch Doug Stoner
Susan Wilkinson*

Also Present: Jeffrey Tucker (Assistant City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (Asst. City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Christy Ullman, Ken Suddreth, ristin Robinson and Maxwell Ruppensburg.

ABSENT: Teri Anulewicz, Ron Fennel

City Administrator's Report

None

Agenda Review:

City Administrator Mike Jones reviewed the agenda starting with the request to extend the work hours for a concrete pour related to Benning Construction to complete slab on grade concrete pour for Belmont's Physician's Center.

Consent Agenda:

Items A – C: Review of the Minutes: Councilmember Susan Wilkinson noted that Mike Jones was marked as present for the pre-council meeting minutes. This change would be made.

Items D: Review of the request for the approval to modify the Personnel Policy to recognize Christmas Eve as a full holiday. This year the two days observed would be Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 26th.

Mayor Bacon had some additional questions and Councilmember Andrea Blustein inquired as to Jewish Holiday observances.

Item E: Approval to use Council Chambers for Vinings Forest HOA Meeting

Item F: Approval of Atkins Park Annual Crawfish Boil

Mayor Bacon asked if there was any other business to be discussed.

Mr. Jones spoke about a retaining wall in Al Graves backyard and his next door neighbor's yard. There is a crosstie retaining wall and a concrete wall has been requested and expected. Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz has been involved in this as well and Mr. Jones is now trying to discern what the answer is and how many homes this will impact.

This wall is on the right of way and is in disrepair. Mayor Bacon remarked that the City has done an extensive amount of upgrades to properties in the City at substantial cost to us. Mayor Bacon stated,

if we installed them then we should maintain them but he also does not want to replace them with something that will deteriorate faster. He prefers the concrete if affordable.

Councilmember Welch stated the City should have a standard for these types of walls and railroad ties are not what should be utilized.

Mayor Bacon wants an update on all of the outstanding projects that the City has admitted responsibility to, that are still not complete.

Specifically Deerwood, Mr. Jones stated there is not enough money in the storm water budget to complete that project. If the City takes the portion that is our responsibility then there are 13 more that will be added to the list. Mayor Bacon stated that Scott Cochran said it was ours to fix and we needed to fix it. Mr. Jones remembers the conversation differently but he will fix whatever needs to be fixed.

The storm water fee adopted was \$3.00 per household even though the recommendation was \$5.00 per household. The report that will be returned in a few months will make a recommendation regarding the storm water fee.

The leave collecting machine was discussed and it was noted that it has a cost of almost \$1,000,000 a year to operate.

A Ward Park update was given by Mr. Jones and they are still evaluating the City's proposal for a pocket park.

Parks Bonds update: The diligence period has been extended for evaluation of the RFP's.

Braves yearbook half page ad for 81 home games will be approximately \$4,500 for one year and will be funded from the Travel/Tourism budget.

Ms. Frisbee sent a letter asking for the City to take over the Daniel cemetery. There is a derogatory monument at the front of the cemetery stating that no blacks and no African Americans can be buried in the cemetery. Scott Cochran has drafted a deed for the City to take over the maintenance. There needs to be an answer given to Ms. Frisbee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and seconded by Councilmember Corkey Welch. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch to enter back into the Pre-Council Meeting and seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.