Pre-Council Committee of the Whole June 19, 2017 6:00PM FINAL

Present: Mayor Max Bacon Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz

Susan Wilkinson Doug Stoner
Charles (Corkey) Welch Ron Fennel
Derek Norton Andrea Blustein

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler–Jones (City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Richard Garland (Parks and Recreation Director), Frank Martin (Assistant Public Works Director), Jered Sigmon (Budget Manager), Kristin Robinson (Finance Director), Ken Suddreth (Community Development Director) and Maxwell Ruppersburg (Management Fellow).

Guests: Don Hicks, Larry Terry, Reporter from the MDJ

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Saddler – Jones spoke about the update board in the back hall and asked that Council pick up a copy of the most recent projects list. This will be updated at least every other week. The weekend update report on the table notes that the no parking signs have been put back up on Shawnee Trail. Councilmember Wilkinson replied that there were two streets that no parking signs were taken down from, not just Shawnee Trail. She asked when the other street will be replaced. Mayor Bacon noted that it is in Doug Stoner's ward.

Ms. Saddler - Jones explained to the council that Chief David Lee has given a Parking Ordinance to Scott Cochran to review. Mr. Cochran asked Ms. Saddler-Jones if he could get together with her to go over the ordinance details.

Additionally there is a woman who was shot in the leg on Medlin Street. The shooter was in a car and was caught by the Cobb County K9.

Mayor Bacon mentioned that once the COW agenda meetings are done on Thursdays, the agenda is set. There should be no changes without discussing it with him. If a councilmember wants a change they need to call him and if they cannot reach him, it will have to be done during the next COW meeting. Councilmember Wilkinson wanted a consent agenda item moved to formal business. Mayor Bacon said it puts too much work and confusion on the Clerk to chase him down to change the agenda when she has to post the agenda with the attachments by noon on Friday.

AGENDA REVIEW:

Mr. Suddreth reviewed the privilege licenses and said the alcohol license requesters will be here tonight.

FY18 Budget: The Mayor spoke to Channel 36 about the FY18 budget. Kristin Robinson and Jered Sigmon are present to answer any questions and this will not be a public hearing.

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The Mayor wants a monthly report with detail of the budget and accounts sent to Christy and she will get it to him. The millage rate is set at 8.99 and it will not go up. We have to place an ad and he does not want a tax increase. The millage rate will be adopted later this year.

Parks and Rec Appointee: Ward 1 appointment for Parks and Rec is set and okay. Derek Norton will present.

South Cobb Drive: Mayor Bacon would prefer to pick a plan for South Cobb Drive. The majority of the Council wants to adopt all of them so they can choose parts of each of the two favored options that might benefit South Cobb Drive and would work better than choosing one plan.

Mayor Bacon said there is a southern section and a northern section. Councilmember Stoner remarked that the State wanted the road section they were looking at for improvements. The State wanted to work on the 1 mile section only.

Smyrna Historical Museum: The City of Smyrna has supported the Smyrna Historical Society with a lot of money over the years and the curator, Harold Smith wants a whole new facility. Councilmember Welch feels that Mr. Smith may have told him that they wanted a new facility and it may have fallen on deaf ears.

There is a catalog system and Mr. Smith has a good deal of stuff at his house. Brockington will come in and access and reorganize the museum and this is a separate item to vote on this evening. Visitors pay dues and the city pays for electric, heat, water.

Cobb Framework contract: This clarifies that Smyrna will be in charge of the whole project. Mayor Bacon needs to have a meeting with the Chairman regarding this.

The Reed House: Mayor Bacon still has some issues with the width of the driveway and why the fire department needs the driveway to be as big as it is. He will meet with Chief Acree next week and do a proving run with the firetruck.

Consent Agenda:

Was reviewed and there are no questions or comments.

Final Discussion:

Councilmember Welch asked Mayor Bacon if he could talk to the fire department about the 22 foot access off of Atlanta Road; he wants to know what the request was and why we were denied. Mr. Cochran responded that we had a similar issue at Belmont. It needs to be this wide to allow for entrance and exit.

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Ms. Saddler-Jones said the interviews for the Assistant City Administrator will begin Thursday, June 22nd. Out of over 30 applicants, five people have been invited in for interviews on Thursday, June 23, 2017. She is looking for both education and experience. She has a panel of other City Administrators that will participate in the interviews.

Councilmember Blustein discussed NARCAN being distributed to police officers.

Councilmember Stoner has asked for a neighborhood meeting with the Wheeland Group regarding the townhomes going in next to the Reed House.

Councilmember Anulewicz said that there are people who want to purchase Smyrna Flags, License Plates, stickers.

Councilmember Welch has a neighborhood on Thursday meeting regarding the rezoning in his Ward.

There was a motion to enter executive session for personnel made by Councilmember Corkey Welch; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made come out of executive session and return to regular session by Councilmember Doug Stoner; seconded by Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM