

Pre-Council Committee of the Whole

July 17, 2017

6:00PM

FINAL

*Present: Mayor Max Bacon
Susan Wilkinson
Ron Fennel
Andrea Blustein*

*Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz
Doug Stoner
Derek Norton*

Absent: Charles (Corkey) Welch

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), Ken Suddreth (Community Development Director), Rusty Martin (Senior Planner), Eric Randall (City Engineer), Kristin Robinson (Finance Director), Maxwell Ruppensburg (Special Projects), Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow).

Mayor Max Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Saddler – Jones spoke about a suicide that occurred in the City at the Emory Adventist hospital site.

She moved on to ask Finance Director, Kristin Robinson to explain about the check fraud that had been occurring at Suntrust Bank with City checks. A total of \$31,000+ had been cashed in checks. There were two women who were suspects and our Police Department was in touch with the bank to follow up, however the City would not be out of any money.

The new Assistant City Engineer started today, Kevin Moore, and just moved back to the South from Hawaii.

Ms. Robinson also provided an update to the millage rate. Cobb County gave the information to the City and the millage rate was set at 8.999. Mayor Bacon asked if there would be any more money received other than what was budgeted and what would we do with those funds. That roughly \$1,000,000 will pay for employee healthcare.

City Engineer, Eric Randall, spoke about the traffic signals on Atlanta Road and has to solicit bids for repair.

Mayor Bacon let everyone know that the American Legion will be closing down. The building is relatively new.

Councilmember Ron Fennel remarked that Georgia Power would be moving out of their building in Smyrna.

AGENDA REVIEW:

A. The transmittal of the Comprehensive Plan to the state by resolution.

B., C., D. Rezoning, Project and Annexation. The applicant wanted 15 homes and have reduced to the 14 homes that Community Development staff supports.

E. Rezoning on North Cooper Lake Rd. Councilmember Stoner will handle that for Councilmember Welch, who is absent. Councilmember Welch held a neighborhood meeting and an additional condition was added after the meeting.

F. Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Anulewicz has a rezoning which the Planning and Zoning Board is supportive of. There are two lots of which one is unbuildable.

G. Councilmember Stoner will recuse himself from this vote since the property adjoins with his parents property. There was discussion about Councilmember Stoner would be leaving the chambers while the vote happened.

H. David Weekly is looking for a zoning amendment to modify the currently approved site plan and building elevations. The senior housing was part or most of the reason for the request for the rezoning. Councilmember Fennel remarked that we have only three senior living facilities in Ward 6 and senior living in Ward 3.

Councilmember Wilkinson is unhappy about this no longer being a senior facility. City Attorney Scott Cochran replied that voting no on this does not mean it would revert to senior housing. We cannot tell the builder what they have to sell. The cost for a structured parking deck is astronomical and unrealistic.

There is an ordinance regarding parking signs and the Council is all in favor of the wording. Mayor Bacon spoke about the original intent on the Parking Sign ordinance. He noted that the signs came down under the previous City Administrator's term and at his instruction to Public Works.

A parking ticket was issued last week on Shawnee Trail and there was a question as to why a warning was not given. The City has a policy that only the Police Chief or the Prosecutor can rescind a ticket issued.

Councilmember Blustein brought up No Parking Signs being added to one of the subdivisions around one of our parks where attendees are parking in the neighborhood and utilizing the park.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Stoner will hold a Town Hall meeting August 2nd at Brawner Hall regarding the Atlanta Road development.

Councilmember Fennel updated the new Wendy's is under construction on South Cobb Drive. Also the Smyrna Blue Little League came in second for State and the Smyrna Sharks will be going to state.

Councilmember Wilkinson said she is unsure she will vote for the Belmont project.

Councilmember Blustein brings up lights she wants added on the trail. Mayor Bacon thinks we should appropriate lighting the entire length of the trail. She wants pedestrian lights added to the area.

Councilmember Wilkinson would like to see use explore options in solar lighting for trails and other areas.

Mayor Bacon concluded the meeting at 6:58PM.