

Pre-Council Committee of the Whole

August 7, 2017

6:00PM

FINAL

*Present: Mayor Max Bacon
Susan Wilkinson
Ron Fennel 6:03PM
Andrea Blustein*

*Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz 6:08PM
Doug Stoner
Derek Norton
Charles "Corkey" Welch*

Also Present: Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Tammi Saddler-Jones (City Administrator), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Ken Suddreth (Community Development Director), Kay Bolick (HR Director), Maxwell Ruppensburg (Special Projects) and Ashley Youmans (Management Fellow).

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

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Tammi Saddler-Jones gave the City Administrator report .

Regarding the Smyrna Birthday Celebration, staff commented there were almost 20,000 people in attendance. The announcement was made to move cars that were in the fallout area. Two cars were towed away from the area. Clean-up went very well and were done by Sunday morning.

Mayor Bacon commented on the King Kong burger and the other food at the event.

At the COW meeting on August 17th there will be a Google representative present to give an update to the service start date. Google is currently looking for a CEO.

Ms. Saddler-Jones announced that she would be making an offer of Assistant City Administrator to a candidate that was interviewed. Department Heads interviewed candidates last week.

AGENDA CHANGES:

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz has requested to add agenda item 7F to formal business to appoint Keith Bentley to the Parks and Recreation Department to finish the term of the current appointee which expires 12/2017.

Item 7C will be withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

AGENDA REVIEW:

The alcohol ordinance / growler and the fees were discussed and how this ordinance will work in the City. Mr. Cochran gave some additional background about how the ordinance wording came to be and expanded on some of the definitions.

Mayor Bacon remarked about the millage rate. All of Council is okay with the millage rate as set at 8.99 mills and Mayor Bacon asked Mr. Cochran, City Attorney, if there needed to be a public hearing and he replied no.

No questions regarding personnel policies and procedures being voted on.

As it relates to the \$89,000 approved for the parks study, Mayor Bacon wants to make sure we have the funds available and designated for specific projects.

Councilmember Welch thinks that Max is alluding to making a stipulation for the developers to pay an amount towards a park for the area they are building in. Councilmember Fennel mentioned a model for setting up impact fees and Councilmember Welch does not want impact fees.

A previous zoning request was brought up regarding a neighborhood in North Cooper Lake. The developer wanted to build a gazebo and the neighborhood did not want it. The zoning required a front feature; they agreed to give the HOA \$20,000 to go towards neighborhood maintenance. That amount of money could have gone towards this playground that the neighborhood wanted added to North Cooper Lake Park if the city had a stipulation for builders.

Mr. Cochran thinks they could make a stipulation for builders and that they would agree to it.

Councilmember Wilkinson commented on Brinkley Park and the Little League paying for their own playground equipment, there was no comment from others.

Mayor Bacon would like to discuss a stipulation for developers at the next COW meeting.

Councilmember Blustein brought up the lighting on Spring Road and Mayor Bacon responded that we need a plan that is from Cobb Parkway all the way to the Covered Bridge. Councilmember Blustein feels there are several areas that are pitch black.

Councilmember Ron Fennel noted rescheduling the Finance Committee meeting for August 15 at 2:30PM. Tuesday night is CMA in Austell. There will be a presentation from Lockheed Martin.

There will be a presentation of a few birthday slides and the fireworks from the Birthday Celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57PM.