

Pre-Council Meeting - Final
October 21, 2019
5:00 PM

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

Also, Present: *Scott Andrews (Assistant City Administrator), Scott Cochran (City Attorney), Terri Graham (City Clerk), Frank Martin (Public Works Director), Rusty Martin (Community Development Director), Joey Staubes (Community Development Planner II), Kristin Robinson (Finance Director), Kay Bolick (Human Resources Director), Jennifer Bennett (Community Relations Director), Christy Ullman (Executive Assistant to the Mayor and Council), and Tina M. Monaghan (Deputy City Clerk)*

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the October 21, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

Review of the Agenda for the October 21, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting

Mayor Bacon opened the discussion of the agenda by asking Community Development Director Rusty Martin to speak.

Mr. Martin explained that the requested letter from Prestwick Landholdings LLC stating that the project will remain as a 62 and up senior housing project.

Mayor and Council expressed concerns about being able to enforce the age restriction aspect of the project. City Attorney Scott Cochran explained that the financing being utilized for the project requires annual inspections and a land use restriction letter will be filed with the deed guaranteeing the age of the residents residing at the property. Mr. Martin explained that the City’s zoning regulations require inspections annually so there will be a City as well as a State requirement for inspections to ensure the age restriction will be enforced.

Finance Director Kristin Robinson and HR Director Kay Bolick reviewed the Insurance Provider and Plan information. There was a survey sent out to employees at the request of Mayor and Council after the Committee of the Whole Meeting. 147 employees responded to the survey with 54% selecting option A and 46% choosing option B. Option A was less money out of each paycheck with a higher deductible. Option B was lower deductible but higher amount out of each paycheck. Option B also included adding an additional plan with a lower cost but higher deductible. Mayor and Council seemed to feel that option B was the better choice in that it gave employees more options and adding the extra plan would not cost the city anything additional. With the decisions made, Human Resources will set up for open enrollment in November and then the effective date will be January 1, 2020.

Mayor Bacon reminded everyone that in July of 2018, he formed a Clean Air Ordinance Review Committee which was chaired by Councilmember Welch. Councilmembers Blustein and Fennel were also appointed to the committee. The recommendation from that committee was to leave it as it was. In other words, allow the State Law to do its job which gives restaurant owners the option to ban smoking in their establishments.

Some discussion was had about the Ward 5 appointee to the Parks and Rec Commission. The person was no longer able to attend the meetings and approached Councilmember Wilkinson about finding a replacement. The seat has technically been vacant since 2017.

The painting of No Parking on the curbs in the Cooper Lake Place subdivision was summarized by Councilmember Welch. He updated Mayor Bacon and the rest of Council on the background as well as the current status which was that the majority of the subdivision was in favor for safety reasons.

There was no City Administrator Report as Ms. Saddler Jones was away at a training conference.

City Clerk Terri Graham reminded everyone that their Campaign Contribution Forms were coming due and would be considered late after November 1st.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein congratulated Mayor Bacon for receiving the Cobb Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award at the Smyrna Area Council breakfast.

Councilmember Tim Gould spoke about Campbell High School Homecoming and even though the football team lost, the event was very enjoyable.

Mayor Bacon wanted to see something done about the signs on display for Hispanic Heritage Month. Some were laying on the ground. He would like to see a better manner of displaying these signs in the future.

Mayor Bacon adjourned the October 21, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:35 PM.