



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, February 17, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Austin Wagner, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present: 3 - Scott Cochran, Phyllis Collins and David Lee

Staff: 24 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Jennifer Bennett, Joe Bennett, Robert Harvey, Frank Durrance, Louis Defense, Kay Bolick, Roy Acree, Mark Binicewicz, Andrea Boyes, Jon Carter, Dan Campbell, Dustin Davey, Chris Flowers, Rick James, Tina Monaghan, Brian Marcos, Frank Martin, Terry McCormick, Landon O'Neal, Ken Owens, Heather Peacon-Corn, Trey Stevens and Russell Martin

In attendance were many Police Department staff not regular attendees of Mayor and Council for Chief Joe Bennett's swearing in ceremony.

Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the February 17, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Harold Thomas III, Shiloh Seventh-Day Adventist Church (810 Church Street) delivered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

- A. [2020-107](#) Suspend the rules to add an agenda item to Formal Business, item D, for an Authorization to appoint Mr. Jim Davis to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Ward 5 seat.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to suspend the rules to add an agenda item to Formal Business, item D, for an Authorization to appoint Mr. Jim Davis to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Ward 5 seat. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to suspend the rules was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

3. Mayoral Report:

- A. [2020-102](#) Swearing in of newly appointed Police Chief Joseph Bennett by Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins.

Mayor Derek Norton read aloud a summary of Chief Joe Bennett's life and many accomplishments.

Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins issued the oath and swore in Chief Bennett.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

- A. [2019-438](#) Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z19-018 - Rezoning from R-20 to R-15 (or similar single-family zoning district) for the development of two single family homes at a density of 2.22 units/acre - 0.90 Acres - Land Lot 557 - 1460 Memory Lane - Reggie Lopes.

Mayor Norton announced the Public Hearing and asked that anyone wanting to speak for or against come forward to be sworn in.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read aloud the background information. Reggie Lopes is seeking approval of a rezoning for 1460 Memory Lane from R-20 to R-15 for the development of two single-family detached residences at a density of 2.22 units per acre. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing single-family home and then subdivide the parcel into two lots and construct two individual single-family residences. The Planning & Zoning Board recommended denial of rezoning from R-20 to R15 by a vote of 7-0 at the December 9, 2019 meeting. Community Development recommended approval of the rezoning from R-20 to R-20-Conditional for the development of two single-family units at a density of 2.22 units per acre with conditions.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin came up and spoke further about the agenda item. Reggie Lopes is seeking approval of a rezoning for 1460 Memory Lane from R-20 to R-15 for the development of two single-family detached residences at a density of 2.22 units per acre. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing single-family home and then subdivide the parcel into two lots and construct two individual single-family residences. The proposed lots will be 19,463 sq. ft. and 19,594 sq. ft. (or 18,018 sq. ft. and 19,094 sq. ft. after the 5' right-of-way dedication along Memory Lane & Northview Place). Lot 1 will have a side entry garage accessed from Northview Place, and Lot 2 will have a front entry garage accessed from Memory Lane. The applicant has submitted building elevations and floor plans for each home in the rezoning application. The applicant proposes to use brick, stone, and siding for the façade materials for each home. During the Planning and Zoning Board meeting on December 9, 2019, several members of the community had concerns that rezoning to the subject property to R-15 would set a negative precedent and allow other lots in the area to be rezoned to R-15 allowing additional density in the neighborhood. After hearing those concerns, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended to deny the request by a vote of 7-0. Therefore, staff recommends modifying the requested zoning category from R-15 to R-20-Conditional with variances for the lot sizes to maintain the R-20 zoning designation in the immediate neighborhood. If the R-20-Conditional zoning is approved a variance is needed to lower the minimum lot size to 19,463 sq. ft.. Community Development is supportive of modifying the zoning request to

R-20-Conditional with a variance for lot size. The Future Land Use will remain LDR - Low Density Residential. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended to deny the zoning change from R-20 to R-15 by a vote of 7-0 at the December 9, 2019 meeting. The applicant originally requested rezoning from R-20 to R-15 for the development of two new single-family homes. The surrounding residents opposed the zoning request at the Planning and Zoning Board stating the proposed zoning to R-15 would establish a negative precedent allowing additional density in their community, which is zoned R-20. Community Development is supportive of the proposed zoning, but is recommending a modification to the requested zoning district from R-15 to R-20-Conditional to address the residents concerns with respect to establishing a precedent for the R-15 zoning district. Staff feels comfortable that this will not create a future precedent due to this property previously being two recorded lots of record and tying the zoning of the property to the specific site plan. Therefore, Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from R-20 to R-20-Conditional for the development of two single-family units at a density of 2.22 units per acre with the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

- 1. The composition of the homes in a residential subdivision shall include a mixture of elements including; but not limited to: brick, stone, shake, hardy plank and stucco. No elevation shall be comprised of 100% hardy plank siding. The residences whose lots abut external roadways shall not be permitted to utilize hardy plank for any elevation facing these roads.*
- 2. All utilities within the development shall be underground.*
- 3. The developer shall be responsible for any traffic improvements (including additional right-of-way edications) deemed necessary by either the City or the County during construction plan review.*
- 4. No debris may be buried on any lot or common area.*
- 5. The developer will comply with the City's current tree ordinance. All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the developer during construction.*
- 6. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.*
- 7. All yards and common areas are to be sodded, and landscaped. Irrigate as appropriate.*
- 8. All single-family and/or duplex residential lots shall provide the following at the time of certificate of occupancy: either four 3" caliper trees or three 4" caliper trees. The following species of trees may be used: Nuttall Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Allee Elm, and Village Green Zelkova. Other species may be used if approved by the City.*

Special Conditions

- 9. The development shall maintain the following setbacks:*
 - Front - 35'*
 - Interior Side - 12'*
 - Exterior Side - 23'*
 - Rear - 35'*

10. Driveway - 22' minimum length from building face to private driveway.

11. The right-of-way along Northview Place and Memory Lane shall be increased to 50 feet. Therefore, a dedication of approximately 5' feet is required along both right-of-ways.

12. The developer shall install a 5' sidewalk with 2' grass strip along Northview Place and Memory Lane.

13. All structures will be built to a maximum height of 35' as measured from the sidewalk along the front elevation.

14. The developer shall meet all fire access requirements deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal during construction plan review.

15. The developer shall be responsible for any water and sewer improvements deemed necessary by the Public Works Director during construction plan review.

16. The developer shall be responsible for any stormwater improvements deemed necessary by the City Engineer.

17. Approval is conditioned upon substantial compliance with the site plan submitted on November 19, 2019, prepared by Pristine Land Services and all zoning stipulations above.

18. Minimum lot size shall be a minimum of 19,463 sq. ft. (or 18,018 sq. ft. after the required right-of-way dedication).

Councilmember Welch asked Mr. Martin about the lot measurements which are post dedication of the five foot right of way.

Councilmember Gould asked Mr. Martin how long the property was treated as a single lot – 40 or 50 years? He also requested further details about the retention pond and what the Planning and Zoning Board thought about the request when it was heard by them.

Mayor Norton asked the applicant to come forward and speak.

Mr. Matt Bentley was there on behalf of the applicant. Both owners of the custom home company were also present. He explained that the plans are compliant with all Smyrna regulations and that there would be no change in future land use. They had gone out the way to work with the neighborhood to address their concerns as well as worked with Councilmember Gould on the project. He feels that the neighbors just want to shut down development period rather than to go ahead with the project which will raise property values. He reminded Council that they need to look out for the good of the owner as well as the neighborhood. What they were asking for what is nearly identical to the lots already in the neighborhood.

Mr. Reggie Lopes, builder for CMS custom homes came forward to speak about the project. Home will be a little over 4000 square feet. Four sided construction so materials will be the same on all sides of the home. Two beautiful homes that will be in accordance with the rest of the community. Thought about building one large home but did not make sense. Willing to avoid building another white home in the

community since that was a major concern of the community.

Councilmember Gould thanked the company for working with the neighborhood with their concerns.

Mayor Norton asked anyone wanting to speak for or against to come up to the podium.

Mr. Brian McCarthy, 3162 Northview Place, was concerned about the sidewalks to nowhere. There are no other developable properties that will connect the sidewalk to other properties therefore it is not feasible. All other concerns addressed by the stipulations that were already put in place.

Mr. Todd Servick, 3269 Pinetree Drive, feels like there is a precedent being set. He likes the big lots and feels that the sidewalk to nowhere makes no sense.

Mr. Chris Zweifel, 3289 Lee Street, supports the request and appreciates the fact that the developer agreed to plant replacement trees. The rezoning does not set a precedent as it returns the property to how it was originally set. He asked that the houses not be white and thanked everyone for their work on this request. He lives a three minute walk away from the property in question.

Mr. Mike Terry, 3480 Pinetree Drive, has zoning experience by serving on planning commissions in Smyrna and Cobb County. Feels that one large house built on the property would be better for the neighborhood and would still be profitable to the developer. Forrest Hills Preservation Group was founded for the very purpose of keeping an eye on these types of developments.. Current house was there since 1967 and is 2156 sq feet while the two new proposed homes will be at least 8000 sq feet combined. Mr. Terry reminded the elected officials of the fact that some of them when they ran for office said they would help protect neighborhoods.

Ms. Sue Terry, 3480 Pinetree Drive, has lived in her home for over 20 years and lived in Forrest Hills neighborhood in high school and college. Forest Hills is special and unique with a lasting quality and many mature trees. She feels that the charm is disappearing with all of the new development. Two 3000 sq ft homes where one much smaller home has been for 67 years, does not make sense. Please respect our neighborhood and deny rezoning request.

Ms. Janis Southerland, 1516 Collier Place, resident of Smyrna for 18 plus years. Feels that the proposal before council is a bridge to the future. They are not some big developer and they live around the corner and love the city and the neighborhood. The two homes on two separate lots is appropriate for a growing City and are a bridge to the future of Smyrna.

Mayor Norton closed the Public Hearing at this time.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to deny Zoning Request - Z19-018 - Rezoning from R-20 to R-15 (or similar single-family zoning district) for the development of two single family homes at a density of 2.22 units/acre - 0.90 Acres - Land Lot 557 - 1460 Memory Lane - Reggie Lopes. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The motion to deny was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Wagner

B. [2020-38](#)

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z20-001 - Rezoning from R-15 to GC for use as an engineering office - 0.59 acres - Land Lot 381 & 412 - 740 Concord Road - JD Davis LLC.

Mayor Norton asked that anyone wanting to speak during the Public Hearing portion to please come up and be sworn in.

A general summary was provided by Ms. Saddler Jones. JD Davis, LLC is requesting a rezoning from R-15 (Residential) to GC (General Commercial) for the ability to use the existing building as an engineering office. The subject property is zoned R-15, however it has been used commercially (Smyrna Marine) by the same owner for many years as a non-conforming use. The property is occupied by an existing structure that will remain. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property to GC. The Planning & Zoning Board voted to recommend approval by a vote of 6-0 at the January 13, 2020 meeting. Community Development recommended approval of the rezoning from R-15 to GC at 740 Concord Road.

Mr. Martin spoke about the zoning request. JD Davis, LLC is requesting a rezoning from R-15 (Residential) to GC (General Commercial) for the ability to use the existing building as an engineering office. The subject property is zoned R-15, however it has been used commercially (Smyrna Marine) by the same owner for many years as a non-conforming use. The property is occupied by an existing structure that will remain. The applicant is requesting to rezone the property to GC to formalize how the property has historically been used. The Planning and Zoning Board voted to recommend approval by a vote of 6-0 at the January 13, 2020 meeting. Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from R-15 to GC at 740 Concord Road.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked about limitations for the use of the property as it is zoned as General Commercial.

The applicant, Mr. Joel Davis, was called up to speak.

Mr. Davis stated he wants to renovate and upgrade the property and become part of the business community in the City of Smyrna.

Councilmember Welch inquired what kind of engineering firm and would there be any improvements to the outside of the building. Mr. Davis responded it is a civil engineering firm and the goal is to make the place look better all around.

Councilmember Gould asked about additional vehicle traffic. Mr. Davis stated the employees work remotely from home so no additional traffic would be created.

Mayor Norton announced the public hearing and no one came forward to speak.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Zoning Request - Z20-001 - Rezoning from R-15 to GC for use as an engineering office - 0.59 acres - Land Lot 381 & 412 - 740 Concord Road - JD Davis LLC. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch

seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

C. [2020-39](#)

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z20-002 - Rezoning from RTD to RDA - for the development of a two lot subdivision at 5.68 units per acre - 0.353 acres - Land Lot 593 - 2790 Mathews Street - FCJ Partners LLC.

Mayor Norton asked anyone wanting to speak during the Public Hearing to come forward and be sworn in.

Ms. Saddler Jones read aloud the key information for this agenda item. FCJ Partners, LLC is seeking approval of a rezoning for 2790 Mathews Street from RTD to RDA for the development of two single-family detached residences at a density of 5.68 units per acre. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing duplex and then subdivide the parcel into two lots and construct two single-family homes. The Planning & Zoning Board approved the rezoning by a vote of 6-0 at the January 13, 2020 meeting. Community Development recommended approval of the rezoning from RTD to RDA for the development of two single-family units at a density of 5.68 units per acre with conditions.

Mr. Martin presented additional information to Mayor and Council. Community Development has reviewed the proposed development against the zoning standards of the recent nearby rezonings and found the proposed development to be compatible. The demolition of the existing duplex and construction of the two single-family homes will result in no change in the number of residential units or density on the subject property. The applicant is requesting a rezoning from RTD to RDA and the proposed zoning is in line with the infill development patterns for this neighborhood and is in compliance with the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Therefore, Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from RTD to RDA for the development of two single-family units at a density of 5.68 units per acre with the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

1. The composition of the homes in a residential subdivision shall include a mixture of elements including; but not limited to: brick, stone, shake, hardy plank and stucco. No elevation shall be comprised of 100% hardy plank siding. The residences whose lots abut external roadways shall not be permitted to utilize hardy plank for any elevation facing these roads.

2. All utilities within the development shall be underground.

3. The developer shall be responsible for any traffic improvements (including additional right-of-way dedications) deemed necessary by either the City or the County during construction plan review.

4. No debris may be buried on any lot or common area.

5. The developer will comply with the City's current tree ordinance. All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the developer during construction.

6. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.

7. All yards and common areas are to be sodded, and landscaped. Irrigate as appropriate.

8. All single-family and/or duplex residential lots shall provide the following at the time of certificate of occupancy: either four 3" caliper trees or three 4" caliper trees. The following species of trees may be used: Nuttall Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Allee Elm, and Village Green Zelkova. Other species may be used if approved by the City.

Special Conditions

9. The development shall maintain the following setbacks:

Front - 25'

Side - 5'

Rear - 30'

10. Driveway - 22' minimum length from building face to private driveway.

11. The right-of-way along Mathews Street shall be increased to a minimum of 25 feet from the roadway centerline feet.

12. The developer shall install curb, gutter, and sidewalk at the frontage of property along Mathews Street.

13. All structures will be built to a maximum height of 35' as measured from the sidewalk along the front elevation.

14. The developer shall meet all fire access requirements deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal during construction plan review.

15. The developer shall be responsible for any water and sewer improvements deemed necessary by the Public Works Director during construction plan review.

16. The developer shall be responsible for any stormwater improvements deemed necessary by the City Engineer.

17. Approval of the subject property for the RDA zoning district shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted 12/13/2019 and created by Surveys Plus, Inc. and all zoning stipulations above. 18. The applicant shall be bound to the elevations submitted on 12/13/2019; however, the applicant shall meet requirements of Condition #1 relating to hardy plank siding on the front elevation as stipulated above. Approval of any change to the elevations must be obtained from the Director of Community Development.

The applicant, Mr. Frank D'Aries came up to speak.

Public hearing was announced and no one came forward.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Zoning Request - Z20-002 - Rezoning from RTD to RDA - for the development of a two lot subdivision at 5.68 units per acre - 0.353 acres - Land Lot 593 - 2790 Mathews Street - FCJ Partners LLC. Councilmember Lewis Wheaton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no privilege licenses.

6. Formal Business:

A. [2020-101](#)

Approval to hire Carol Sicard as Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones noted that with the upcoming retirement of our current HR Director, Kay Bolick, the City conducted a search for her replacement. The HR Director position was posted and about 40 resumes were received. A panel interview was held with candidate Carol Sicard. She worked for the City of Smyrna from 1997 - 2012. During this tenure, she worked as the HR Assistant, Payroll Coordinator, Benefits Coordinator and as the HR Manager. Carol is currently the HR Director for the City of Sandy Springs, a position she has held for 7 years. With Carol's past work experience and knowledge of the City of Smyrna operations and her overall HR and risk management experience, Ms. Saddler Jones recommended the appointment of Carol Sicard as the City's next Director of Human Resources and Risk Management.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve to hire Carol Sicard as Director of Human Resources and Risk Management. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

B. [2020-103](#)

Approval of mid-year budget amendment to reallocate funds for items not included in adopted FY 2020 budget.

A review of the mid-year budget changes were explained by Ms. Saddler Jones. There are several items that were not included in the adopted FY 2020 budget, so staff is requesting budget amendments to cover these costs. The first is the annual maintenance on the Axon Enterprise contract that provides body worn cameras and in car cameras for our Police Department. The annual maintenance was not included in the FY 2020 budget. The total expense is \$172,310.40. We are requesting to use \$71,183 from contingency to cover this expense and the remainder from reallocations from the adopted budget. The second item is the new proposed monument sign and lettering on City Hall honoring former Mayor A. Max Bacon. Based on estimates received, we are requesting to use \$14,000 in contingency to cover these costs. The third item is the salary difference and overlap of time for the new HR Director, so we need a budget adjustment of \$15,000. The balance in contingency prior to these transfers is \$261,083. The adjusted amendment amount is \$100,183. This will leave \$160,900 in the contingency account. Staff recommended approval of the budget amendments.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve of mid-year budget amendment to reallocate funds for items not included in adopted FY 2020 budget. Councilmember Glenn Pickens seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

C. [2020-104](#)

Approval of extended work hours for General Contractor Balfour Beatty and the Construction of King Springs Elementary School.

Ms. Tammi Saddler Jones informed Mayor and Council that Balfour Beatty, the general contractor for the construction of Kings Springs Elementary School, was requesting an extension of normal work hours for the completion of the school building prior to the start of the new school year (August 3, 2020). Due to the adverse weather conditions of the past two months, the project is currently behind schedule and additional work hours are needed to catch back up. Balfour Beatty is requesting a variance from the provisions of the City's Noise Ordinance. They request an extension of work hours from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from February 29, 2020 to June 7, 2020. Staff has reviewed the request for extended work hours and has concerns over starting work at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings due to the proximity of the surrounding residential neighborhoods. Community Development recommended the contractor start working at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from February 29, 2020 to June 7, 2020.

Councilmember Welch stated that he was hesitant but that the extended hours were necessary to get the school completed and open on time.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve of extended work hours for General Contractor Balfour Beatty and the Construction of King Springs Elementary School. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

D. [2020-108](#)

Approval of Ward 5 appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Jim Davis. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve of Ward 5 appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Jim Davis. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Lewis Wheaton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones read the consent agenda aloud.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones. Councilmember Glenn Pickens seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

- A. [2020-80](#) Approval of the January 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- B. [2020-81](#) Approval of the February 3, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. [2020-82](#) Approval of the February 3, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- D. [2020-73](#) Approve the amendment to the City of Smyrna's Code of Ordinances Chapter 102 by adding Article V, Water System to include new Sections 102-15, 102-16, and 102-17 to satisfy mandatory requirements set forth by the Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District (MNGWPD) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- E. [2020-74](#) Approval to use the Cooperative Procurement Contract No. 2019-09 from Rockdale County for Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Services and award contract to IPR Southeast, LLC 5207 Brer Rabbit Road Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083 using line item pricing.
- F. [2020-100](#) Approval to award RFP 20-017 landscape maintenance to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder Ashford Gardeners in the amount of \$650,233.92 annually located at 16040 Birmingham Hwy Milton, Ga 30004 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.
- G. [2020-105](#) Approval to use Council Chambers for Town Hall Meeting hosted by Commissioner Bob Ott, May 12, 2020, 7:00pm - 9:00pm.
- H. [2020-37](#) Approval of a subdivision plat for 3880 Ridge Road to subdivide the property into two lots - 1.53 acres - Land Lot 625 - 3880 Ridge Road - Mark Combs.
- I. [2020-75](#) Approval of revised personnel policies EMP 1-0, EMP 8-0, EMP 12-0, EMP 17-0, EMP 18-0, EMP 20-0 and DIS 3-01 and authorize the Mayor to sign related documents.

- J. [2020-83](#) Approval of new personnel policy BEN 5-0 City Chaplaincy Program and authorize Mayor to sign related documents.

9. Ward / Committee Reports:

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton spoke about the Black History Month celebration that took place and how it was a great day for the community. He thanked everyone who helped out and is looking forward to next year's event.

Councilmember Tim Gould complimented all involved with the Black History Month celebration. He reminded everyone that the annual Susan T. Pearson Golf Tournament to benefit the Education Foundation will take place on April 27, 2020. He encouraged everyone to sign up and participate. To conclude his report, Mr. Gould noted that both Campbell High School Varsity Soccer teams are ranked number one.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson announced the upcoming events at the library including various Black History month focused events. She also echoed that the Black History Month event was great.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch welcomed Chief Bennett to his new position with the Smyrna Police Department.

Councilmember Travis Lindley thanked Councilmember Wheaton for the successful Black History Month event. He announced a Ward 3 Town Hall meeting that will take place on March 15, 2020 at 4pm in the Council Chambers. Mr. Lindley congratulated Chief Joe Bennett.

Councilmember Austin Wagner thanked Mayor Norton for putting together a Personnel Policy Review Committee. They will be meeting over the upcoming weeks and months and hope to report back by May 1, 2020.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

11. Citizen Input:

Mr. Edward Castro, 3978 North Ivy Road, spoke about landscaping bid that was on consent agenda. His company was one of those that submitted a bid for the project. His company had submitted the lowest bid but was not selected for the contract and he wanted to know why this occurred.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Norton adjourned the February 17, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting at 8:30 PM.