

# City of Smyrna

2800 King Street Smyrna, Georgia 30080

# Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, March 15, 2021

7:00 PM

Smyrna Community Center Large Gym 200 Village Green Circle SE

#### MASKS REQUIRED / TEMPERATURE WILL BE CHECKED

If you wish to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting and you are unable to attend the meeting due to health concerns with Covid 19, you may participate via telephone. To participate via telephone, you must register with the City Clerk's Office by emailing your name, address and telephone number to ClerksOffice@Smyrnaga.gov.

\*\*\*The deadline to register to speak via telephone is Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 9:00PM\*\*\*

Everyone that attends the meeting in person, will have an opportunity to speak and will not have to register prior to the meeting. You will need to sign the Public Hearing /Citizen Input Sign Up Sheet at the City Clerk's desk prior to the start of the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you choose to speak via telephone, you must be available to receive a call between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

You will be notified on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 12:00PM as to additional details of these procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate new ways to encourage Public Comment.

## Rollcall

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: 1 - Jeffrey Tucker

Staff: 7 - Joe Bennett, Penny Moceri, Heather Peacon-Corn, Russell Martin, Joey

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#### Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the March 15, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

# 1. Invocation and Pledge:

Rev. Derek Porter, Smyrna First United Methodist Church (1315 Concord Rd) delivered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes.

- Land Lot 526 - 1335 Cliffwood Drive - Jarrett King

#### 3. **Mayoral Report:**

2021-025

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#### 4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

Ward 6 Councilmember Tim Gould asked Community Development Director Rusty

Public Hearing - V21-006 - Reduce rear setback from 30 feet to 20 feet

Martin to supply the background information.

Mr. Martin provided a power point presentation. The applicant is requesting to reduce

the rear setback from 30 feet to 20 feet to create an addition to an existing single-family home at 1335 Cliffwood Drive. The development standards established by the City for the R-15 zoning district require a rear setback of 30 feet. At the February 24, 2021 License and Variance Board Meeting, the request was deferred to the March 15, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting. The subject parcel is a 0.44-acre lot located on the northeast of the intersection of Hayes Drive and Cliffwood Drive (see Figure 1). The subject property and all adjacent properties are zoned R-15 and are all occupied with single-family detached homes. The applicant is proposing to build a 1,600 square foot two-story addition functioning as a two car garage and "mother-in-law suite" with a covered walkway leading to the main house. There will be no door openings on the Hayes Drive side of the structure with the exception of the garage door. Per the applicant, the addition is to be used by the applicant's family members only. The addition will have a two-car garage and kitchenette on the first floor; on the second floor will be one bedroom, one bathroom, an office, and a laundry room. There will not be a stove included in the addition, so a variance for a second kitchen is not warranted. The addition will have a combination of hardiplank, board and batten, and/or brick exterior, painted to match the existing home. The existing home sits catty-corner on the property, pushed to the northern edge of the property with a large front yard. According to Section 402.35, the front yard of the property is deemed the side with the least road frontage, in this case, the Cliffwood Drive side since it is smaller by 38 feet. Due to the orientation of the existing structure on the property and the existing layout of the home, the most logical area to put a garage is in the rear of the property, off of Hayes Drive. The new garage addition will also be angled to match the existing geometry of the home to continue the home's aesthetic from the road front to attempt to lessen any disturbance to the surrounding neighbors. The subject property currently has two curb cuts on the property, both off Cliffwood Drive, creating a circular driveway. To access the new garage addition, the applicant will be creating a new driveway off of Hayes Drive, roughly 6 feet from the property line. The City Engineer has reviewed the placement of the new driveway and has no issues with the location. To make way for the driveway and addition, an existing non-conforming 6-foot wooden fence will be removed while the existing 91 square foot shed will be moved to new location further in the rear of the property, which will maintain a 5-foot rear setback. The adjacent building to the west will exceed the minimum 10 feet of separation from the subject property, thus no fire suppression system is required. Community Development believes the variance requested is the minimum variance needed to build a garage addition on to the existing home. Community Development has received a call and email in opposition to the request due to the structure's second floor and potential car congestion with the addition of

the Zoning Ordinance, variances must be reviewed under the following standards: (1) Whether there are unique and special or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property; (2) Whether any alleged hardship is self created by any person having an interest in the property; (3) Whether strict application of the relevant provisions of the code would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the property; and (4) Whether the variance proposed is the minimum variance needed. Community Development has reviewed the request against the variance review standards and found it to be in compliance with the four (4) standards. Community Development recommends approval of the requested variance with the following stipulations:

- 1. Approval of the requested variances shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan and elevations submitted with the variance application.
- 2. The addition is to be utilized by family members only.
- 3. The applicant shall not lease, rent, or sublet any space in the building addition.
- 4. These conditions shall run in perpetuity with the property and as such are also applicable to any future owner.

Councilmember Gould offered some explanation to those present as to why this went before Mayor & Council rather than the License and Variance Board. Several variations were presented. Applicant worked with Community Development.

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch sought clarity that it would be a 1600 square foot addition with two car garage, small living space with kitchenette.

The applicant, Jarrett King, came forward and thanked community Development for the recommendation. It is intended to be used for family only. She was concerned about resale value due to the stipulation. While it is intended to be utilized by an aging mother, a future owner may wish to purpose the space in a different manor but the stipulation would restrict that. Ms. King also expressed the difficulty in enforcing the stipulation.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson commented that code enforcement would handle the enforcement if a future owner would want to rent the additional space rather than use for family.

Councilmember Austin Wagner asked when it becomes a violation if you have a friend stay rather than a family member. What becomes the time when it becomes a violation?

Councilmember Wilkinson said she believes it is in the ordinance and asked Mr. Martin to speak to that. Three or less unrelated persons for an extended period of time as far as meeting the definition of a family.

Councilmember Welch was concerned about the rental aspect of the property.

Second dwellings on single family lot are not something he wants popping up everywhere. Mr. Martin said the stipulation on this property keeps this from happening.

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

Councilmember Gould made a motion to approve with a second by Councilmember Wheaton.

Councilmember Welch wanted to make sure all the stipulations were included in the motion.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked about the two car garage aspect. She wanted to make sure that the two car garage was the priority purpose of the addition.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve V21-006 - Reduce rear setback from 30 feet to 20 feet - Land Lot 526 - 1335 Cliffwood Drive - Jarrett King; with additional stipulation as read aloud. Councilmember Lewis Wheaton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve with the additional stipulation as read aloud was carried by the following vote:

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

#### **B.** 2021-084

<u>Public Hearing</u> - Variance Request - V21-028 - Allow variances for lot size, lot width, front, side, and rear setback for annexation of a non-conforming lot - Land Lot 519 - 0.192 acres - 2474 Adams Dr - Richard Griffin and Ron Dickinson

Ward 3 Councilmember Travis Lindley asked Community Development Director Rusty Martin to come forward and provide background information.

Mr. Martin reviewed a power point presentation on the variance request. The applicant is requesting approval to annex one existing lot of record from Cobb County into the city and retain the existing R-20 zoning category. The property is currently occupied with one residential structure. The existing structure will be demolished for the construction of a new single-family home. The existing lot is non-conforming with respect to the R-20 zoning district and requires several variances. The Planning Board recommended approval by a vote of 7-0 at the March 8, 2021 meeting. Community Development has reviewed the proposed plat against the requirements of the R-20 zoning district. The variances are necessary to redevelop the property as it is currently non-conforming. The subject property will maintain an R-20 zoning classification and will not increase the density for the property as one home currently occupies the property. Community Development recommends approval of the requested variances with the following conditions:

- 1. The minimum lot size shall be 8,351 sq. ft.
- 2. The minimum lot width shall be 62 ft.
- 3. The minimum front setback shall be 15 ft.
- 4. The minimum side setback shall be 5 ft.
- 5. The minimum rear setback shall be 15 ft.
- 6.Approval is conditioned upon substantial compliance with the site plan submitted February 18, 2021 and prepared by LandTec Surveying.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson asked what was in the City and what was out in terms of the properties in the area. It is in unincorporated island by Belmont.

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

This was a non voting agenda item so no motion was made and no vote was taken.

**C.** ORD2021-06

Approval of Ordinance ORD2021-06 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - all tract or parcel (Parcel #17051900250) of land lying and being in Land Lot 519 of the 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia; a total of less than one (1) acre; 8500 Sq. ft., and being a portion of lots 63 and 64 of the J.H. Taylor subdivision, also known as 2474 Adams Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080, will be effective April 1, 2021 and part of Ward 3 and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Ordinance ORD2021-06 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - all tract or parcel (Parcel #17051900250) of land lying and being in Land Lot 519 of the 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia; a total of less than one (1) acre; 8500 Sq. ft., and being a portion of lots 63 and 64 of the J.H. Taylor subdivision, also known as 2474 Adams Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080, will be effective April 1, 2021 and part of Ward 3 and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents. Councilmember Austin Wagner 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.** 2021-110

<u>FINAL VOTE -</u> Variance Request - V21-028 - Allow variances for lot size, lot width, front, side, and rear setback for annexation of a non-conforming lot - Land Lot 519 - 0.192 acres - 2474 Adams Dr - Richard Griffin and Ron Dickinson

Councilmember Travis Lindley asked if the applicants were present and invited them to speak if they were interested. The applicants were present but choose not to speak.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Variance Request - V21-028 - Allow variances for lot size, lot width, front, side, and rear setback for annexation of a non-conforming lot - Land Lot 519 - 0.192 acres - 2474 Adams Dr - Richard Griffin and Ron Dickinson. Councilmember Austin Wagner 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

**E.** 2021-041 Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z21-003 - Allow rezoning from R-15 and R-20 (Cobb County) to R-8-Conditional for the development of five

single-family detached homes at a density of 4.07 units per acre - 1.23 acres - Land Lot 632 - 2783 Mildred Place, 2791, 2801, and 2811 Madison Street - Baebrook LLC

Councilmember Travis Lindley asked Mr. Rusty Martin to come forward with the background information presentation.

Community Development Director Rusty Martin presented a power point of information pertaining to this zoning request and its related annexation. Baebrook LLC is seeking approval of a rezoning for 2783 Mildred Place & 2791, 2801, and 2811 Madison Street from R-15 & R-20 (County) to R-8-Conditional. The applicant is proposing to subdivide the four parcels into five lots to construct five individual single-family detached residences at a density of 4.07 units per acre. The Planning Board recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 at the February 8, 2021 meeting.: Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from R-15 & R-20 (County) to R-8-Conditional for the development of five single-family units at a density of 4.07 units per acre with the following conditions:

#### Standard Conditions

Requirements # 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 17 from Section 1201 of the Zoning Code are not applicable. The following requirements remain applicable.

- 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.
- 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. Sidewalks shall be provided by the developer inside the subdivision and outside the subdivision adjacent to any public right-of-way consistent with city's requirements for the extent of the development. A grass buffer with a minimum width of two feet shall be provided between the back of curb and sidewalk.
- 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 - 20' Side - 5'

Rear - 20'

- 10. The minimum lot size shall be 6,587 sq. ft.
- 11. The minimum lot width shall be 47.5 feet.
- 12. Driveway 20' minimum length from building face to private driveway.
- 13. The private drive shall be a minimum of a 20 ft. easement with 16 ft. paved surface.
- 14. The developer shall install a 5 ft. sidewalk and 2 ft. grass strip at the frontage of property along Mildred Place and Madison Street.
- 15.All structures will be built to a maximum height of 35' as measured from the sidewalk along the front elevation.
- 16. The developer shall meet all fire access requirements deemed necessary by the Fire Marshal during construction plan review.
- 17. The developer shall be responsible for any water and sewer improvements deemed necessary by the Public Works Director during construction plan review.
- 18. The developer shall be responsible for any stormwater improvements deemed necessary by the City Engineer.
- 19. Approval of the subject property for the R-8 zoning district shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted 2/1/2021 and created by DGM Land Planning Consultants and all zoning stipulations above.
- 20. Approval of the subject property shall be conditioned upon substantial compliance with the elevations submitted on 1/27/2021.

Councilmember Tim Gould noted that it is an unusual plan with the common area being in the back of the property. He is concerned that it will set a precedent for the area. He wanted to know what could be done to prevent that from happening.

Councilmember Wilkinson said that the common area would belong to all five homes. She is concerned about two of the homes being able to access that space. Mr. Martin explained that there will be a mandatory HOA which will insure maintenance as well as access to the shared space.

Mayor Norton invited the applicant to come forward. Mr. David Meyer, a designer from the architect firm came forward to speak of the plan. Emphasized the support of staff as well as the Planning and Zoning Commission. Sales price with lot and house starting at \$550,000 to \$625,000.

Mayor Norton opened the public hearing and a resident came forward to be sworn in and speak.

Ms. Lisa Przepasniak, 2748 Madison Street lives nearby so she will face the development outside of her window. She would like neighborhood outreach from the developers in the future so she doesn't feel blindsided.

Mr. Steve Nance, the developer of Baebrook came up and noted that the neighborhood was totally family focused. The common area was designed to be a safe place for families to play. He had his family with him as well as the realtor who will handle the sales of the home. Homes will be built on crawl space rather than slabs, they will have a master on main and focused on doing what is best for families. Son in law has owned the property for 17 years and the family saw it as a great opportunity to give younger families a nice place to live.

This was a non voting agenda item so there was no motion made or vote taken.

#### **F.** ORD2021-03

Approval of Ordinance ORD2021-03 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - all tract or parcel (Parcel #17063200850) of land lying and being in Land Lot 632 of the 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia; a total of 0.2683 acres, being known as 2791 Madison Street, Smyrna, GA 30080, will be effective April 1, 2021 and part of Ward 3 and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Councilmember Travis Lindley asked Mr. Rusty Martin of Community Development to come forward to clarify the zoning map.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Ordinance ORD2021-03 - Annexation request (100% owners requesting annexation) - all tract or parcel (Parcel #17063200850) of land lying and being in Land Lot 632 of the 17th District, 2nd Section, Cobb County, Georgia; a total of 0.2683 acres, being known as 2791 Madison Street, Smyrna, GA 30080, will be effective April 1, 2021 and part of Ward 3 and authorizes the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents. 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

#### **G**. 2021-108

**FINAL VOTE** - Zoning Request - Z21-003 - Allow rezoning from R-15 and R-20 (Cobb County) to R-8-Conditional for the development of five single-family detached homes at a density of 4.07 units per acre - 1.23 acres - Land Lot 632 - 2783 Mildred Place, 2791, 2801, and 2811 Madison Street - Baebrook LLC

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Zoning Request - Z21-003 - Allow rezoning from R-15 and R-20 (Cobb County) to R-8-Conditional for the development of five single-family detached homes at a density of 4.07 units per acre - 1.23 acres - Land Lot 632 - 2783 Mildred Place, 2791, 2801, and 2811 Madison Street - Baebrook LLC. 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

#### **H.** 2020-233

<u>Public Hearing</u> - Zoning Request - Z20-006 - Rezoning from NS & RM-10 - Conditional for the development of 10 single-family attached townhomes at a density of 9.3 units per acre - 1.08 acres - Land Lot 669 - 3302 Atlanta Road - Edgeline, LLC - *This item will be tabled to the April* 19, 2021 Mayor & Council meeting.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to table Zoning Request - Z20-006 - Rezoning from NS & RM-10 - Conditional for the development of 10 single-family attached townhomes at a density of 9.3 units per acre - 1.08 acres - Land Lot 669 - 3302 Atlanta Road - Edgeline, LLC - to the April 19, 2021 Mayor & Council meeting at the request of the applicant. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to table was carried by the following vote:

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

#### I. RES2021-01

<u>Public Hearing</u> - Approval of a moratorium on the acceptance of rezoning and variance applications seeking to develop or otherwise use the property as a townhome or for a townhome development from March 15, 2021 to September 15, 2021.

City Administrator Joe Bennett provided the background information on the agenda item. The City Council has received complaints regarding the lack of development and architectural standards for townhome developments. The moratorium would provide the City the opportunity to evaluate existing design standards for new townhome units and to consider amendments to the zoning ordinances regarding townhome developments. The request is to establish a moratorium on the acceptance of rezoning and variance applications for townhome developments starting March 15, 2021 and extending through and including September 15, 2021, unless the moratorium is terminated sooner by an act of the City Council. Community Development recommends approval of a moratorium on the acceptance of rezoning and variance applications seeking to develop or otherwise use the property as a townhome or for a townhome development from March 15, 2021 to September 15, 2021.

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

Councilmember Tim Gould offered a little explanation into the background of this item.

Councilmember Austin Wagner noted that he is passionate about housing. He has an issue with building standards, but he doesn't feel like it should require a moratorium. He feels like this may put the city in the wrong direction and that something like this may hurt or hinder the desire of developers to move forward with economic development. Recent development discussions have gotten stretched out way too much and have forced applicants to jump through way too many hoops. Mr. Wagner is concerned that this may potentially affect future affordable housing in Smyrna

Mayor Norton said his focus is to put town homes into their own zoning category like most other cities have already done.

Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Tucker asked Community Development Director Rusty Martin to offer his input.

Mr, Martin said the need for the moratorium is to allow time to look at the issue without the pressure of incoming applications. This will not affect prior applications, but will halt anything new for the time being. The moratorium can be ended earlier if all concerns are addressed sooner.

Councilmember Gould said the benefits of this is that developers can come to the table with clear expectations of what the city is seeking in terms of town home developments.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve RES2021-01 Moratorium on the acceptance of rezoning and variance applications seeking to develop or otherwise use the property as a townhome or for a townhome development from March 15, 2021 to September 15, 2021. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve 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

# 5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no privilege licenses.

### 6. Formal Business:

There was no formal business.

### 7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no commercial building permits.

# 8. Consent Agenda:

City Administrator Joe Bennett read aloud the consent agenda at the request of Mayor Norton

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Joe Bennett. 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

- A. MIN2021-15 Approval of the February 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes.
- **B.** MIN2021-16 Approval of the March 1, 2021 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes.
- C. MIN2021-17 Approval of the March 1, 2021 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- D. 2021-098

  Authorization to enter into a contract with OpenGov for an all in-one online citizen service platform for permitting, licensing, plan review and inspections in the amount of \$149,202.00, to be funded out of the CIP Fund Balance.

# 9. Ward / Committee Reports:

Councilmember Tim Gould took a moment to speak about a nonprofit mentoring program for school aged children. Their annual fund raiser is coming up and he will post the information on his Facebook page.

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton thanked the police and fire departments for their assistance with a fire that happened in Ward 7 over the weekend. He spoke of a Town Hall virtual meeting that would be taking place on Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

# 10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no show cause hearings.

### 11. Citizen Input:

Ms. Sally Knox, 3421 Navajo Trail, has lived in the Smyrna/Vinings area since 1984. Currently lives in Creatwood Forrest and is here to ask for support and help with a couple of issues. The entrance off of Atlanta Road is lacking a monument sign. The subdivision does not have an HOA so the residents have to raise the money for the sign. She asked if the city could work on improving the blinded entrance. This Saturday is their first Keep Smyrna Beautiful clean up day. Ms. Knox also spoke about two small businesses that are close by and that they need help due to COVID. She asked for reduction in sign application fee and that the areas that are the City's be cleaned up.

Ms. Nakita Arnold from Fifth Third Bank which is opening up a new location in May on South Cobb Drive came to introduce herself and provide Mayor and Council with the new design of the branch. Café style banking center which is a new concept. The grand opening is May 3rd and she invited everyone to come out and celebrate.

# 12. Adjournment:

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the March 15, 2021 Mayor and Council meeting at 8:18 PM.