



Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Monday, March 6, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Rollcall

Present: 6 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson and Councilmember Doug Stoner

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Teri Anulewicz and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 11 - Mike L Jones, Terri Graham, Kristin Robinson, Richard Garland, Dat Luu, Ken Suddreth, Heather Corn, David Lee, Maxwell Ruppensburg, Ann Kirk and Tammi Saddler Jones

Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the March 6, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:01 PM

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Lee Delbridge of Smyrna Christian Church located at 910 Concord Rd., Smyrna GA gave the meeting's invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Councilmember Ron Fennel, Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz and City Attorney Scott Cohran were absent from this evenings meeting.

There were no agenda changes

3. Mayoral Report:

4. Department Head Reports:

Police Chief David Lee gave the following report:

Two audits were completed recently on the Police Department. The first was by the FBI and procedures for NCI were reviewed and found to be in compliance. This is a very lengthy process. The PD had to answer a 15 page document and they were on site for an entire day. The PD passed this audit with only two minor corrections to make prior to the audits completion.

The second audit was conducted by the GBI where they sent a chemist out and performed marijuana testing. The police department received high praise for its procedures.

Additionally Swat assisted in a narcotics bust today and seized 40 lbs. as well as took three people to jail and retrieved a weapon.

Kristin Robinson, Finance Director gave the following report:

*Operating Indicators**Fiscal Year to Date:**Accounts Payable**9,397 invoices processed**4,682 checks processed**\$33,185,539**Purchasing:**4,590 POs issued**Receipt transactions**212,611 transactions processed**Journals Posted**4,780**Fiscal Year to Date (Average per month)**Utility Billing**432 Work Orders**46 "Edits Service Orders"**49 Defective Meters/ Registers/ Dials**3 Vacant with Usage**202 New Accounts**15,110 Total Accounts**106,582 Monthly Water Consumption**Property Taxes**Amount Billed \$19,011,359**Collections to Date \$18,781,415**Amount Outstanding \$ 274,540**Percentage Collected 98.55%**Budget Update**General Fund**Revenues are tracking 3.4% higher**Expenditures are at 67%**Water & Sewer**Revenues are at 61.5%**Expenditures are at 49.1%**FY 2018 Budget Calendar**Nov 17 Begin CIP Process**Jan 27 Finalize Proposed CIP**Feb 16 Operating Budget Kick-off**Apr 27 (COW) 1st Presentation to Council**May 11 (COW) 2nd Presentation to Council**May 15 & 17 Public Hearings**Jun 5 Formal Adoption***5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:**

There were no Land Issues, Zonings or Annexations

6. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses

7. Formal Business:

- A.** Approval of extended work hours for Benning Construction to complete slab on grade concrete pour for Belmont Physician's Center - Land Lot 490 -1.901 Acres - 1060 Windy Hill Road - Benning Construction on behalf of Halpern Enterprises

Sponsors: Anulewicz

*City Administrator Mike Jones read the following background for this item:
Benning Construction (the General Contractor at Belmont) is requesting an extension of normal work hours for the slab on grade concrete pour of the Belmont Physician's Center. Benning Construction is requesting an extension of normal work hours from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m for March 8, 2017 to March 14, 2017. The contractor expects to complete the work in one day on March 9, 2017 but requests additional days only for the sake of inclement weather that may cause the pour to be rescheduled to another day. Normal construction work hours are limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.*

Benning Construction is requesting a variance from the provisions of the Noise Ordinance to complete the slab on grade concrete pour for Belmont Physician's Center. Benning Construction's variance request includes the following:

1. Extension of work hours from 3 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., on one day between March 8, 2017 to March 14, 2017, for the purpose of slab on grade concrete pour of Belmont Physician's Center.

2. All concrete pouring on-site shall be coordinated with the Department of Community Development. Benning Construction shall comply with any implementation measures or requirements imposed by the Community

Development Department to mitigate the effect of extended work hours on traffic patterns and on the surrounding residential property owners.

3. Extension of work hours will expire once concrete pour is complete and no other construction activities will be allowed during the work hour extension period.

Community Development is supportive of the request for extended work hours.

These extensions will allow the building to be completed on schedule. Community Development recommends approval of the extended work hours.

A motion was made to approve item 2017-92 by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch for extended normal work hours from 3 a.m. to 8 p.m for March 8, 2017 to March 14, 2017 for Benning Construction to complete slab on grade concrete pour for Belmont Physician's Center - Land Lot 490 -1.901 Acres - 1060 Windy Hill Road - Benning Construction on behalf of Halpern Enterprises, there was a second by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Stoner

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Anulewicz and Councilmember Fennel

8. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits

9. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to approve the consent agenda, a second was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson and Councilmember Stoner

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Anulewicz and Councilmember Fennel

A. Approval of Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2017 Council Meeting

B. Approval of the Mayor and Council Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

C. Approval of Mayor and Council Pre-Council Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

D. Approval to modify Personnel Policy BEN 1-0 Holidays to recognize Christmas Eve as a full holiday and authorize the Mayor to sign related document

Sponsors: Blustein

E. Approval to use Council Chambers for Vinings Forest HOA Meeting, Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Sponsors: Stoner

F. Approval of Atkins Park Annual Crawfish Boil April 29, 2017, from 11 a.m.-10:00 p.m. and Sun., April 30, 2017, from 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Sponsors: Anulewicz

10. Committee Reports:

Ward 1 - Derek Norton had no committee report. He gave an update on the Carolyn Drive Sidewalk completion and spoke about the landscape improvements to Spring Road.

Ward 2 - Andrea Blustein reminded Ward 2 residents about ward meeting on March 15th from 6:30p - 8:00p at Brawner Hall to discuss traffic concerns, the Braves and Suntrust Park.

Ward 3 - ABSENT

Ward 4 - Corkey Welch commended Public Works for the linear park on Concord Road and recommended the citizens slow down to look at it when driving along Concord.

Ward 5 - Susan Wilkinson reminded everyone about the St. Patrick's Day Event where the Mayor would dye the fountain in the Village green. This would take place on both March 17th and March 18th.

Ward 6 - Doug Stoner reminded citizens of the comprehensive plan underway and invited them to participate in a public workshop on March 21 from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Brawner Hall or to go to GuideSmyrna.com.

Ward 7 - ABSENT

11. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings

12. Citizen Input:

Mr. Kirk Johnston spoke about the importance and need for the Education SPLOST in the upcoming special election.

Students from Campbell High came forward and remarked about the schools deficiencies in comparison to other participating schools in the area.

13. Adjournment:

Prior to Mayor Bacon adjourning the meeting he wanted to mention the passing of a long time resident of Smyrna. He remarked he usually did not do this in an open meeting, but Carmen Wright was a friend and a very good man and he will be missed.

Mayor Max Bacon adjourned the March 6, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:30pm.