



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, April 17, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Rollcall

Present: 8 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Also Present: 6 - Mike L Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Heather Corn, Dan Campbell and David Lee

Call to Order

Mayor Bacon called the April 17, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:04PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Jeff Pennington of First Baptist Church Smyrna located at 1275 Church Street led all for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

There were no Agenda Changes

3. Mayoral Report:

There was no Mayor Report.

4. Department Head Reports:

There were no Department Head Reports

5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

A. [2017-105](#)

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z17-005 - Rezoning from R-15 to R-15-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences - 2.2 Acres - Land Lot 527 - 1258 Hayes Drive - Joshua W. Hall

Sponsors: Stoner

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to table until the May 15, 2017 Mayor and Council meeting, at the request of the applicant, item 2017-105 (Z17-005) for the rezoning from R-15 to RAD-Conditional for the development of five single-family residences on 2.2 Acres, Land Lot 527 located at 1258 Hayes Drive by the applicant Joshua W. Hall; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

6. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privelege Licenses.

7. Formal Business:

A. [2017-137](#)

Authorization for the City to continue to participate in the Cobb County Urban CDBG Program from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the corresponding agreement.

Sponsors: Fennel

City Administrator Mike Jones read the following background for this item:

This item is for the authorization for the City to continue to participate in the Cobb County Urban CDBG Program from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the corresponding agreement. Every three years, Cobb County, as the lead entity for the Cobb County Urban CDBG Program, is required to re-qualify as an Urban County along with each of its municipal partners. As such, Cobb County is requesting documentation of the City's intent to participate in the program for the next three years. This declaration is also important because of recent cuts to the federal budget on such programs. The City indicating its intention to continue to utilize and support the program is an important show of support for the CDBG program.

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A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2017-137 for the authorization for the City to continue to participate in the Cobb County Urban CDBG Program from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute the corresponding agreement; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

B. [2017-124](#)

Approval to reclassify a Police Major position to a Police Deputy Chief position

Sponsors: Norton

City Administrator Mike Jones read the following background for this item:

The need to progress with the Stratified Model of Policing along with additional department goals which have evolved over the past four years, the need for a second Police Deputy Chief has arisen. In keeping with an effective and efficient span of

control, a second Deputy Chief would allow the segregation of duties among these two positions to allow more projects and programs to be undertaken. Throughout the Metro Atlanta area (City of Suwanee, City of Brookhaven, City of Sandy Springs, City of Marietta to name a few) departments have realized the effectiveness of two Deputy Chiefs and the impact these positions have on their operations. Due to the full service nature of the City of Smyrna Police Department (Jail, E-911, and Policing functions) and an overall evaluation of the operations holistically, the need for this second position has become necessary. With the announced retirement of a Police Major effective April 24, 2017, this opportunity has presented itself.

The Chief of Police and current Deputy Police Chief recommends this approval.

B. 2017-124 Approval to reclassify a Police Major position to a Police Deputy Chief position

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

8. Commercial Building Permits:

9. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

A. [2017-141](#) Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

B. [2017-142](#) Approval of Mayor and Council Pre-Council Meeting Minutes for April 3, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

C. [2017-130](#) Approval of Property/Liability insurance renewal with Georgia Local Government Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) and authorize Mayor to execute any related documents

Sponsors: Blustein

10. Committee Reports:

Ward 1 - Derek Norton - He and wife walked to the Braves game this past weekend. He also gave updates on some roadwork in his ward for citizens.

Ward 2 - Andrea Blustein - She had no committee report.

Ward 3 - Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz also went to the Braves game and took an Uber. It was a very easy, inexpensive experience. She also commended the Police Department on their professionalism and friendliness at the game of those who worked.

Ward 4 - Corkey Welch - He gave information on this weekend's clean up event beginning at 9:00am at the Smyrna Recycling Center.

Ward 5 - Susan Wilkinson - remarked about the upcoming Jonquil Festival and Jonquil Jog on April 29th.

Ward 6 - Doug Stoner - He had no Committee report and reminded citizens about the www.GuideSmyrna.com and their attendance at the Jonquil Festival where citizens can participate.

Ward 7 - Ron Fennel - The Finance Department was well under way with the budget process. He took his sons to the Braves game this weekend and they had a tremendous time both at the park and in the Battery.

There were no other reports by staff.

11. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

12. Citizen Input:

There were two people signed up for Citizen Input:

Mr. Alex Backry of 3459 Shawnee Trail: He spoke about the removal of No Parking Signs, the installation of Speed signs and the Zoning on Hayes Drive.

Mr. Timothy Riegsecker of 1115 Pinehurst Drive: He spoke about and asked questions regarding the budget and wanted to know some of the City's liabilities in conjunction with specific projects.

13. Adjournment:

The April 17, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council was adjourned at 7:27pm by Mayor Max Bacon.