City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final
City Council

Monday, May 1, 2017 | **7:00 PM** | **Council Chambers**

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Councilmember Derek Norton, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Absent: 1 - Mayor Max Bacon

Also Present: 16 - Roy Acree, Jennifer Bennett, Tom Boland, Phyllis Collins, Heather Corn, Richard Garland, David Lee, Terri Graham, Dat Luu, Russell Martin, Mary Moore, Leslie Olejnik, Tammi Saddler Jones, Kelsey Scott, Ken Suddreth and Tim Williams

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz called the May 1, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:01PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor John Burney of Cumberland Community Church, located at 3110 Sports Avenue, gave the invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Item 7A under formal business will be tabled.

3. Mayoral Report:

A. 2017-168 Swearing in Tammi Saddler Jones as the Interim City Administrator for the City of Smyrna by Chief Judge Phyllis Gingrey Collins

Sponsors: City Council

Municipal Court Judge, Phyllis Gingrey Collins officiated the swearing in of Assistant City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones as Interim City Administrator. Her family was present for the reading of the oath.

B. 2017-131 Proclamation in Recognition of Respect for Law Day (May 5, 2017)

Sponsors: Norton

Councilmember Derek Norton read aloud the Proclamation in Recognition of Respect for Law Day.
Ms. Betty Turley of the Smyrna Optimist came forward and accepted the proclamation and thanked the public for their support.

C. 2017-140 Proclamation in Recognition of Municipal Clerks Week, May 7 - 13, 2017

Sponsors: Blustein

Councilmember Andrea Blustein read aloud the Proclamation recognizing Municipal Clerk's week. City Clerk Terri Graham came forward and accepted the proclamation and thanked the Mayor Pro Tem and Council.

4. Department Head Reports:

5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

There were no Land Issues / Zonings / Annexations.

6. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses.

7. Formal Business:

A. 2017-144 Authorization to purchase playground equipment with CDBG funds for Chuck Camp Park from Kompan via the U.S. Communities state contract at a total cost of $149,999.43.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to table item 2017-144 for the authorization to purchase playground equipment with CDBG funds for Chuck Camp Park from Kompan via the US Communities state contract at a total cost of $149,999.43; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

B. RES2017-10 Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Spring Road Corridor LCI Master Plan

Sponsors: Stoner

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve item RES2017-10 for the adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Spring Road Corridor LCI Master Plan; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

C. 2017-155 Submission of Application to the Atlanta Regional Commission seeking funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Smyrna Transit Analysis and Feasibility Study

Sponsors: Anulewicz

Interim City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background for

this item:
This is for the submission of Application to the Atlanta Regional Commission seeking funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Smyrna Transit Analysis and Feasibility Study.
The Atlanta Regional Commission has recently issued a call for applications for funding of studies and other non-capital projects. The application deadline is May 17, 2017. A DRAFT project list would be made public in late summer or early Fall of 2017. Once the project list is established it will be reviewed by the ARC Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC), the ARC Transportation and Air Quality Control Committee (TAQC), the ARC Board and the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority (GRTA) Board. If the project application is approved it will be made a part of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) which is scheduled to be adopted in January 2018. At that time the funding would be made available and the City would begin the process of executing contracts and agreements necessary to proceed with the study.
The purpose of the analysis/study is to conduct a comprehensive updated analysis of transit needs for the City of Smyrna and its environs. The analysis will take into consideration the transit services currently being provided and seek to identify where those and other transit services can be established, enhanced or improved to better serve the community and its current and future transit users. The study initiative will actively engage with Cobb County, Cobb LINC, GRTA, GDOT, MARTA, ARC, other relevant governmental organizations, entities and agencies, the private transportation providers, and others as required to complete the process.
If the application is successful and funding is awarded, the City will be required to provide a 20% match which, in this case would be $100,000. This would give the City a total of $500,000 ($400,000 FHWA + $100,000 City of Smyrna) to conduct the corridor study. If the funding award is less than $500,000 the match could be reduced accordingly. The $100,000 match is currently in the proposed FY 2018 Community Development Budget.
It is recommended that Mayor and Council approve the submission of an application to the Atlanta Regional Commission under the Studies and Non Capital Funding Category of the FHWA to conduct a transit analysis and feasibility study for the City of Smyrna.
Councilmember Corkey Welch had several questions regarding this item. He asked Mr. Suddreth if this was a study to look at beginning a Smyrna transit system separate from Cobb Link and MARTA.
Mr. Suddreth noted there was no immediate plan to do so and the study was to see if there should be more transit within the City. There was additional discussion and Councilmember Welch noted he would not support this item.
Councilmember Wilkinson noted that Ward 5 has a system that is very convenient to its residents. She feels the City can use the grant money to improve the current bus lines and that there is room for improvement to the system, especially on Braves game days.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2017-155 for the Submission of Application to the Atlanta Regional Commission seeking funding through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a Smyrna Transit Analysis and Feasibility Study; seconded by Councilmember Andrea Blustein. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Nay: 2 - Councilmember Welch and Councilmember Wilkinson

D. 2017-167 Award roof replacement contract to lowest available bidder, Southern Ventures. Southern Venture will install a synthetic slate roof at the

Reed House.

Sponsors: Welch

Interim City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the follwoing background for this item:
This item is to award roof replacement contract to lowest available bidder, Southern Ventures. Southern Venture will install a synthetic slate roof at the Reed House. Total price not to exceed $98,459.58. Any wood damage discovered will fall under the responsibility of the contractor and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.
Croy Engineering requested bids for the replacement of the slate roof at the Reed House with a synthetic slate. Three vendors submitted bids as follows:
Southern Ventures - $98,459.58
Williamson Roofing - $96,601.37
North Ridge Roofing - $125,591.00
Parks and Recreation, Purchasing, and Croy Engineering have reviewed the bids and recommend award of bid for roof replacement at the Reed House to lowest available bidder, Southern Ventures. Total price not to exceed $98,459.58. Any wood damage discovered will fall under the responsibility of the contractor and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles Welch to approve item 2017-167 to award roof replacement contract to lowest available bidder, Southern Ventures. Southern Venture will install a synthetic slate roof at Reed House; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

E. 2017-165 Authorization for commercial land lease and temporary facility agreements to facilitate the temporary relocation of Fire Station 2 personnel and apparatus during the construction of Fire Station 2 and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Sponsors: Norton

Interim City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background.
This item is for the authorization for commercial land lease and temporary facility agreements to facilitate the temporary relocation of Fire Station 2 personnel and apparatus during the construction of Fire Station 2 and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.
In order to maintain operational standards during the construction of Smyrna Fire Station 2, the Smyrna Fire Department is requesting approval to temporarily relocate those response assets to a location within the same geographic area. Quality Tape and Label, located at the corner of N. Cooper Lake and Concord Rd, has agreed to lease a portion of their property to the City of Smyrna, for 10 months at a total cost of $10,000 to facilitate the placement of a "Job Trailer" type facility that would house all Smyrna Fire personnel during the construction time frame. Additionally, Action Mobile has provided a facility lease that would satisfy the facility requirements that totals $18,285.00.
The replacement of Smyrna Fire Station 2 is a project included within the approved 2016 SPLOST. The RFP has been awarded to BM&K Construction Co. for the construction of the new facility. Approval of this request will allow the Smyrna Fire Department to keep those response assets within that response area during construction, allowing established response standards to be maintained while the new facility is being constructed.

Councilmember Derek Norton stated this was not an ideal situation however, it continues the much needed coverage to the area currently serviced by Fire Station #2.

A motion was made by Councilmember Derek Norton to approve item 2017-165 for the authorization for commercial land lease and temporary facility agreements to facilitate the temporary relocation of Fire Station #2 personnel and apparatus during the construction of Fire Station #2 and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

F. 2017-163 Approval of Ward 6 appointment to the Smyrna Tree Board, Matt Davis, for term to expire August 2020.

Sponsors: Stoner

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve item 2017-163 for the approval of Ward 6 appointment to the Smyrna Tree Board, Matt Davis, for term to expire August 2020; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

8. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

9. Consent Agenda:

Interim City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read aloud the Consent Agenda for Council's approval.

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud; seconded by Councilmember Derek Norton.
The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

A. 2017-157 Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2017

B. 2017-158 Approval of the Mayor and Council Pre-Council Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

C. 2017-166 Approval of the Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on Thursday, April 20, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

D. 2017-164 Authorization to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for Title VI, Non-Discrimination Agreement and allow the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Sponsors: Blustein

E. 2017-153 Approval to use Council Chambers for Forest Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting, Wednesday May 10, 2017 from 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Sponsors: Stoner

10. Committee Reports:

Ward 1 - Derek Norton - No committee reports. He gave the information regarding upcoming HOA meetings with Afton Downs and a few other neighborhoods in his Ward.

Ward2 - Andrea Blustein - No committee report. She gave the information regarding Food Truck Tuesdays from 5:00pm - 9:00pm beginning Tuesday May 2 and running through September.

Ward 4 - Corkey Welch - No committee report. He thanked Keep Smyrna Beautiful for the event he participated in last week.

Ward 5 - Susan Wilkinson - She thanked the Light of the World Church for their participation in the KSB clean up event.

Ward 6 - Doug Stoner - He was pleased with the turnout and participation with GuideSmyrna.com at the recent Spring Jonquil Festival. He mentioned the Food Truck Tuesday event and the parking in the Forest Hills subdivision.
The Forest Hills preservation group would meet at City Hall on Wednesday, May for a potential development on Hayes Drive.

Ward 7 - Ron Fennel – He acknowledged Mayor Bacon with his leadership at being a unique partner for education and pioneering the Mayor's Education Awards. He thanked Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz for leading the awards ceremony as well as the Council meeting in Mayor Bacon's absence.
The Smyrna Business Association would be having their monthly luncheon at the Community Center and the guest speaker would be Jim Wilkus of Cobb County DOT. It is budget season and the Finance Department has the budget available for review on the front page of the website, at the Finance office as well as the Clerk's office. The City and staff welcome inquiries and questions.

Mayor Pro Tem - Teri Anulewicz - Noted it was a sincere pleasure to have all the participants at the Mayors Awards. She also acknowledged Mayor Bacon and gave credit to him for this event and bringing attention to education in a positive way.
She noted Kelsey Scott's Vision Report and the ways citizens can be involved.

11. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

12. Citizen Input:

There was no Citizen Input.

13. Adjournment:

The May 1, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council was adjourned at 8:20pm by Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz.