



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, August 7, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Roll Call

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: 7 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Heather Corn, Ken Suddreth, Maxwell Ruppensburg and Ashley Youmans

Call to Order

1. Invocation and Pledge:

Father Brian Sullivan of St. Benedict's Episcopal (2160 Cooper Lake Road) gave the invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

An agenda change was noted by Mayor Bacon.

A. [2017-308](#)

Suspend the Rules to add an agenda item to Formal Business

Sponsors: City Council

A motion was made by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to suspend the rules and add agenda item (7F) to Formal Business, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [2017-311](#)

Approval to add an agenda item, 7F under Formal Business.

Sponsors: Norton

A motion was made by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to add agenda item (7F) to Formal Business to approve the appointment of Keith Bentley to the Parks and Recreation Board to fulfill the current term, seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Mayoral Report:

Mayor Bacon invited any candidates to the podium and Mr. Matt Bentley, who is running for Senate District 6, came forward and introduced himself. Mayor Bacon gave a brief presentation via PowerPoint of some of the pictures from the 145th Birthday Celebration and spoke about the success of the event.

4. Department Head Reports:

There were no Department Head Reports.

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. [2017-285](#) Adoption of 2017 millage rate of 8.99 mills.

Sponsors: Fennel

City Administrator Tammi Saddler- Jones read the following background for this item: This item is for the adoption of 2017 millage rate of 8.99 mills.

The FY18 budget that was approved by council included revenue projections based on 8.99 mills. This is the formal adoption of the 8.99 millage rate.

Information was received from Cobb County on June 29, 2017. Per the information provided, the City would need to roll back the millage rate to 8.498 to not advertise a tax increase.

The official notice, and all required information, was posted in the Marietta Daily Journal on July 24, 2017 and July 31, 2017. Required public meetings were held on July 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on August 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Staff recommends approval of the adoption of the 2017 millage at 8.99 mills.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item 2017-285 for the adoption of 2017 millage rate of 8.99 mills; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

B. [2017-284](#) Authorize the purchase of a playground unit for North Cooper Lake Park for the amount of \$46,797.72 paid as a SPLOST expenditure from Kompan, a member of the U.S.Communities Government Purchasing

Alliance and authorize the mayor to sign and execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Welch

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background for this: Authorize the purchase of a playground unit for North Cooper Lake Park for the amount of \$46,797.72 paid as a SPLOST expenditure from Kompan, a member of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance and authorize the mayor to sign and execute any related documents.

This playground purchase will include the installation of the following elements: five (5) balance waterlilies, one(1) Custom Play tower with slide and curly climber, one (1) six sided climbing structure, one (1) seat poles and round table, one(1) triple somersault, one (1) triple balance beam, two (2) spinner bowls, four (4) bay swing set with two (2) standard seats and two (2) baby seats, and one (1) park bench. Additional, authorize the mayor to execute any related documents.

At the request of Council, Parks and Recreation sought out a unique play structure for the North Cooper Lake Park within a \$50,000 budget limit.

Parks and Recreation recommends the Council authorize the expenditure of \$46,797.72 SPLOST for the purchase of the aforementioned playground to be erected at North Cooper Lake Park from Kompan, a member of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance and authorize the mayor to execute any related documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles Welch to approve item 2017-284 to authorize the purchase of a playground unit for North Cooper Lake Park for the amount of \$46,797.72 paid as a SPLOST expenditure from Kompan, a member of the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance and authorize the mayor to sign and execute any related documents; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

C. [2017-295](#)

Public Hearing - Authorization Request LIC 2017-295 - Apartment Name Change - 8 Cumberland Way - Jasmine At The Galleria dba The Aaron with Zack Foster as the agent. The applicant has requested to withdraw this item as of August 7, 2017.

Sponsors: Norton

This item was withdrawn by the applicant prior to the Mayor and Council Meeting.

D. [ORD2017-11](#)

Approval of Ordinance 2017-11 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Sec. 6-2, Definitions, Wine Specialty Shop, (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8); Sec. 6-34, Types of Licenses, (4); Sec. 6-37, Limitations on use, (b); Sec. 6-45, Consumption on Package Licensed Premises Prohibited; Sec. 6-46, Carry in Prohibited, (b); Sec. 6-61, Hours of Operation, (b); Sec. 6-62, Sunday Sales Permit, (a); Sec. 6-77, Growler Specialty Shop (a), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (c) & (e); Sec. 6-118, Distance from Certain Locations, (b) (3) & (7); Sec. 6-124, Pouring Requirements

Sponsors: Stoner

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background for this item: This item is for the approval of Ordinance 2017-11 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Sec. 6-2, Definitions, Wine Specialty Shop, (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8); Sec. 6-34, Types of Licenses, (4); Sec. 6-37, Limitations on use, (b); Sec. 6-45, Consumption on Package Licensed Premises Prohibited; Sec. 6-46, Carry in Prohibited, (b); Sec. 6-61, Hours of Operation, (b); Sec. 6-62, Sunday Sales Permit, (a); Sec. 6-77, Growler Specialty Shop (a), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (c) & (e); Sec. 6-118, Distance from Certain Locations, (b) (3) & (7); Sec. 6-124, Pouring Requirements

In an effort to have Growler Specialty Ships operate in the same manner as a Wine Specialty Shop several ordinances must be amended. The net effect of these amendments will allow Growler Specialty Shops to sell alcohol beverages to be consumed on site under certain circumstances provided that no more than 25% of the shops gross income is derived from these sales. This is consistent with the regulations imposed on Wine Specialty Shops.

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve item ORD2017-11 for the approval of Ordinance 2017-11 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, Sec. 6-2, Definitions, Wine Specialty Shop, (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8); Sec. 6-34, Types of Licenses, (4); Sec. 6-37, Limitations on use, (b); Sec. 6-45, Consumption on Package Licensed Premises Prohibited; Sec. 6-46, Carry in Prohibited, (b); Sec. 6-61, Hours of Operation, (b); Sec. 6-62, Sunday Sales Permit, (a); Sec. 6-77, Growler Specialty Shop (a), (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (c) & (e); Sec. 6-118, Distance from Certain Locations, (b) (3) & (7); Sec. 6-124, Pouring Requirements; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

E. [RES2017-14](#)

Approval of Resolution 2017-14 in Support of the City's Application to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and have the Mayor sign all related documents.

Sponsors: Stoner

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background for this item: This is for the approval of Resolution 2017-14 in Support of the City's Application to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and have the Mayor sign all related documents.

This resolution would declare the Mayor and Council's formal support for the City's application to participate in the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing. This resolution will strengthen the City's official application to a competitive program. The Georgia Initiative for Community Housing is a program organized by the University of Georgia and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. It is a three-year program that involves the formation of a community housing team made up of local stakeholders and representatives. The housing team participates in a bi-annual retreat as well as local facilitated meetings to learn about the housing issues that affect their community and develop forward-looking ideas and recommendations for the Mayor and City Council to consider.

Staff and Administration recommend approval.

Special Projects Coordinator, Maxwell Ruppensburg, spoke to the purpose of the program and noted that this resolution would allow for the forming of a team of local stakeholders and representatives who would hold bi-annual retreats around the state to discuss and learn about housing issues the state as a whole faces. These groups

would compare notes and it would create partnerships for the City and be a learning process. The meetings would be in a public forum and allow for public input and comment.

Councilmember Doug Stoner thanked Mr. Ruppensburg for his efforts in bringing this item forward.

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve item RES2017-14 for the approval of Resolution 2017-14 in Support of the City's Application to the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing and authorize the Mayor sign all related documents; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

F. [2017-309](#)

Appointment of Keith Bentley to the Parks and Recreation Board to finish the term of the current board member to expire December 2017

Sponsors: Anulewicz

Mayor Pro Tem Teri Anulewicz noted that Mr. Bentley came at the recommendation of the previous Board member and that he as well as his wife Susan, were already participating in Smyrna boards and events and this would be a tremendous addition to the Parks and Recreation Board.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve item 2017-309 for the appointment of Keith Bentley to the Parks and Recreation Board to complete the term of the current board member that will expire December 2017; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

8. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

9. Consent Agenda:

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the consent agenda aloud for Council approval.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz for the approval of the consent agenda as read aloud; seconded by Councilmember Ron Fennel.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A. [2017-287](#)

Approval of the July 17, 2017 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

B. [2017-288](#)

Approval of the July 17, 2017 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

- C. [2017-296](#) Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for Thursday July 13, 2017

Sponsors: City Council

- D. [2017-294](#) Approval of revisions to Personnel Policies and authorize Mayor to execute related documents

Sponsors: Blustein

10. Committee Reports:

Councilmember Ron Fennel - Ward 7: Announced a Finance Committee Meeting to be held next Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 2:30pm at City Hall. It will be posted with the agenda and additional details.

The Cobb Municipal Association will hold its meeting on August 15, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Thread Mill Complex in Austell, Georgia. Exciting announcements will be forthcoming regarding the Smyrna Blue and the Smyrna Sharks.

Councilmember Doug Stoner - Ward 6: Thanked all who came out to Brawner Hall regarding the rezoning on Atlanta Road. 250 people were in attendance and he was grateful for all the comments, questions and suggestions.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson - Ward 5: She thanked staff for the wonderful Birthday Celebration.

Councilmember Corkey Welch - Ward 4: He also thanked staff for the Birthday Celebration and noted a spotless clean up the following morning.

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz - Ward 3: She thanked staff as well for the Birthday Celebration and noted an uneventful evening as far as incidents or injuries.

Councilmember Andrea Blustein - Ward 2: Remarked that for those who did not make it to Saturday night's event there was a tremendous fireworks show. Also there were no lost parents or children this time.

Councilmember Derek Norton - Ward 1: Had no report.

11. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

12. Citizen Input:

Alex Backry remarked about term limits and paint colors of homes / businesses on Conrod Road.

Cynthia Lawrence commented on remaining a small town and turning down the increase to density in Smyrna.

Tim Riddleston remarked that the Atlanta Road street lights were going off at 12:15am every night.

13. Adjournment:

The August 7, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council was adjourned at 7:39 PM by Mayor A. Max Bacon.