



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, June 5, 2017

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Rollcall

Present: 6 - Mayor Max Bacon, Councilmember Teri Anulewicz, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Doug Stoner and Councilmember Ron Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Derek Norton and Councilmember Andrea Blustein

Also Present: 9 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Scott Cochran, Terri Graham, Ken Suddreth, Scott Stokes, Dat Luu, Heather Corn, Kristin Robinson and Jered Sigmon

Call to Order

Mayor Max Bacon called the June 5, 2017 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Invocation and Pledge:

The invocation was given by Pastor Cory Hallett of the Covered Bridge Church, located at 225 Fountaine Road. He also led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Bacon made note that there were no agenda changes.

3. Mayoral Report:

There was nothing for the Mayor's report.

4. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

There were no Land Issues, Zonings or Annexations.

5. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses.

6. Formal Business:

A. [2017-203](#)

Public Hearing: FY 2018 Proposed Budget

Sponsors: Fennel

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones provided the background for this third and

final public hearing. The First Public Hearing for the FY 2018 proposed budget was held on May 15, 2017. A second public meeting was held on May 17, 2017. There were minimum comments from the public at both presentations.

The total budget, as proposed, is \$92,365,507. The General Fund budget is \$47,306,311, Special Revenue Funds are \$4,024,291, Capital Project Funds are \$16,596,511, Internal Service Fund is \$1,289,500 and the Enterprise Funds are \$23,148,894.

While Finance Director Kristin Robinson and Budget Officer Jered Sigmon approached the podium, Mayor Bacon announced that Councilmembers Derek Norton and Andrea Blustein were absent, Councilmember Norton was out of town and Councilmember Blustein had some unexpected family emergency.

Budget Officer Jered Sigmon began with a brief explanation of the past public hearings while showing a Budget Adoption Schedule to the public. The adoption of the budget will be on the June 19, 2017 agenda for Council's consideration.

At the second public hearing the questions and concerns that were brought forward were about Smyrna Grove and the Reed House expenditures, employee benefits package, water rate annual increase and infrastructure spending. Mr. Sigmon explained that three people were in attendance for the 2nd public hearing.

He reviewed the changes with the Council and went into detail about the reduction in recommended positions.

Citizen Alex Backry came to the podium and inquired of the Council about the \$62,000,000.00 owed in bonds and how the City would repay those bonds. Finance Director Kristin Robinson responded and explained they refinanced the Smyrna Grove Bonds and the City would have all the current bonds paid in 2030 in full and ahead of schedule.

Councilmember Fennel also made note of the City's current triple A bond rating and the fact that we are one of six cities and nine counties to hold that distinction in the State of Georgia.

B. [RES2017-11](#)

Approval of Resolution 2017-11 extending the emergency 911 surcharge

Sponsors: Norton

Tammi Saddler-Jones, City Administrator, read the following background for this item: This is for the approval of Resolution 2017-11 extending the emergency 911 surcharge; it will remain the same amount at \$1.50. During May of 2001, the City council approved a resolution authorizing the City to collect a \$1.50 monthly fee from telephone subscribers within the City to offset the costs of providing 911 telephone service to residents. This resolution must be extended annually to continue the surcharge.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve RES2017-11 for Resolution 2017-11 extending the emergency 911 surcharge for FY2018; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

C. [2017-191](#)

Approve the Mayor's appointment of Kelsey Scott to the Parks & Recreation Commission for term to expire December 2018

Sponsors: Bacon

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz to approve 2017-191 the Mayor's appointment of Kelsey Scott to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire December 2018; seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

D. [2017-208](#)

Approval of the Ward 7 appointment of J. Barrett Carter to the Smyrna Parks & Recreation Commission, for a term to expire December 2017

Sponsors: Fennel

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve 2017-208 the Ward 7 appointment of J. Barrett Carter to the Smyrna Parks & Recreation Commission, for a term to expire December 2017; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

E. [2017-189](#)

Authorization to allow Southern Landscapes, sole source provider of the G2 Turfplaner, to perform fieldwork in Chuck Camp Park in the amount of \$67,080.60 using CDBG funds.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read the following background aloud:

This item is for the authorization to allow Southern Landscapes, sole source provider of the G2 Turfplaner, to perform fieldwork in Chuck Camp Park in the amount of \$67,080.60 using CDBG funds.

City of Smyrna will hire Southern Landscapes, who has an exclusive contract with the sole source provider, G2 Turftools, to perform turfplaning services with the use of the unique and patented G2 Turfplaner on Baseball Fields 1, 2, 3, and the Multi-Use Field at Chuck Camp Park. Southern Landscapes will also till, blend, and install infield clay mix on the three baseball fields and lay Bermuda Grass sod on the three baseball fields and multi-use field.

The G2 Turfplaner can leave a finished grade during the grass removal process and alleviate the need to pay additional monies for laser-grading before sod installation. The unique capability to set a "finished" grade separates this planer from others. G2 Turftools is the only company in the state of Georgia with this equipment and service, and they have an exclusive contract with Southern Landscapes to be the sole provider of this equipment. Other turf-planers follow the undulations of the ground, and require subsequent work to prepare the area for sod. The G2 Turfplaner can be set to follow a specific grade, through laser-leveling, and the result is a sod-ready, finished grade. Specifics on the work to be performed on each field are below:

-Multi Use Field - Turfplane entire field with G2 Turfplaner (approx. 75,000 sq. ft.) and install approximately 45,000 sq. ft. Bermuda Sod.

-Baseball Field 1 - Turfplane lips of the field with the G2 Turfplaner around entire infield diamond and outfield arches. Till, blend, and install infield with estimated 18 tons of 70/30 Calcined Clay Infield mix. Install approximately 4,250 sq. ft. of Bermuda Sod. Install 6 new base anchors (50/70 bases).

-Baseball Field 2 - Turfplane lips of the field with the G2 Turfplaner around entire infield diamond and outfield arches. Till, blend, and install infield with estimated 18 tons of 70/30 Calcined Clay Infield mix. Install approximately 4,250 sq. ft. of Bermuda Sod. Install 6 new base anchors (50/70 bases).

-Baseball Field 3 - Turfplane lips of the field with the G2 Turfplaner around entire infield diamond and outfield arches. Till, blend, and install infield with estimated 18 tons of 70/30 Calcined Clay Infield mix. Install approximately 5,040 sq. ft. of Bermuda Sod. Install 6 new base anchors (50/70 bases).

The CDBG Coordinator and Parks and Recreation have reviewed the quote and recommend award of \$67,080.60 (CDBG funds) sole source provider Southern Landscapes and to authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson to approve 2017-189 to allow Southern Landscapes, sole source provider of the G2 Turfplaner, to perform fieldwork in Church Camp Park in the amount of \$67,080.60 using CDBG funds; seconded by Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

F. [ORD2017-08](#)

Approval of Ordinance 2017-08 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 11: Racing Events Article I and Article II

Sponsors: Fennel

Ms. Tammi Saddler-Jones, City Administrator, read aloud the following background for this item:

This is for the approval of Ordinance 2017-08 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 11: Racing Events Article I and Article II.

A recommendation has been made to adopt a formal racing event policy that requires event organizers to obtain a racing event permit and identifies the requirements and expectations for all racing events within the City.

The city has had an internal process for approving racing event permits but not a formal one that has clearly outlined requirements and a clear approval process. The proposed amendment to the City code will bring the city in alignment with the practice of many other municipalities that outline these requirements in their own city codes. Racing event organizers will now have to submit an application first through the Smyrna Police Department and ultimate approval will come from the Office of the Assistant City Administrator. It requires that various departments be involved in the process so all relevant parties are aware and communicating about the event and any potential issues that may arise. The ordinance requires that race organizers obtain an emergency medical services plan approved by the Smyrna Fire Department to provide for the safety of all participants and the public, that they execute an indemnity form, and that they secure appropriate liability insurance, which is standard practice in many other communities.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to approve item ORD2017-08 Ordinance 2017-08 to Amend the City of Smyrna Code of Ordinances by Adding Chapter 11: Racing Events Article I and Article II; seconded by Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

G. [2017-195](#)

Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan

Sponsors: Stoner

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read aloud the following background for this item:

This is for the adoption of a Resolution Supporting the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan and approval of the recommendations of the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan and the Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the Plan.

In April 2015 the City Council authorized the submission of an application to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the funding of a transportation and land use study of the South Cobb Drive Corridor. In December 2015 the City was notified that a grant award in the amount of \$120,000 was received from the GDOT. The funding for this grant was from the Surface Transportation Program Urban Category. The grant required a twenty (20%) percent match from the City which amounted to \$30,000. The match was included in the FY16 City Budget. The total amount available for the study was \$150,000 (\$120,000 grant + \$30,000 match). After the completion of the City's Request for Proposal process the Croy Engineering consulting team was chosen to conduct the study. They initiated the study process in September 2016.

The study area includes both sides of South Cobb Drive from Windy Hill Road south to Concord Road (approximately 1.5 miles). The study focused on analyzing transportation issues, opportunities and challenges along the aforementioned corridor and makes specific recommendations and proposals for addressing those issues. The study also addressed land use issues along the study corridor and made recommendations related to those issues.

The consulting team went through an eight (8) month study process. After completing an extensive citizen participation process, gathering input from stakeholders in the study corridor and documenting numerous website survey results, three (3) improvement concepts were formulated and proposed. Those improvement concepts and the recommendations regarding land use for the study corridor are outlined in the attached DRAFT study document. While some minor format changes and corrections will need to be incorporated into the document, the proposed improvement concepts and land use recommendations have been finalized.

The results of this study will be utilized to inform the Smyrna Comprehensive Plan and will also be used as the basis for future funding requests related to the implementation of the preferred improvement concept.

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to table until the June 19, 2-017 Mayor and Council Meeting item 2017-195 for the Adoption of a Resolution Supporting the South Cobb Corridor Improvement Plan table to the June 19, 2017 Mayor and Council Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

H. [AGR2017-01](#)

Authorize the City of Smyrna to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a state funded HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) Signal, located on South Cobb

Drive approximately 120 feet South of Plaza Dr., and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

Sponsors: Wilkinson

City Administrator Tammi Saddler-Jones read aloud the following background for this item:

This item is to authorize the City of Smyrna to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a state funded HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) Signal, located on South Cobb Drive approximately 120 feet South of Plaza Dr., and authorize the Mayor to execute any related document and to authorize the City of Smyrna to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a HAWK Signal and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents. The HAWK signal is fully state funded and at no cost to the city. The cost to the state is between \$80,000 to \$100,000. The city will provide maintenance and minimal electrical usage. The HAWK Signal will be located approximately 120 feet South of Plaza Drive on South Cobb Drive.

Georgia DOT conducted a study along the So. Cobb Drive corridor last year and determined that a protected mid block crossing was warranted on So. Cobb Drive 120 feet South of Plaza Drive. GDOT is requesting the City execute an application agreement for the installation of the HAWK Signal. GDOT will cover all costs for the materials, labor and installation of the crossing. The city would be responsible for the repairs, maintenance and power costs of the device which is typical of all the traffic signals along the corridor we currently maintain.

Public Works has reviewed this request from GDOT and recommends the City enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a HAWK Signal on So. Cobb Drive and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.

A motion was made by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson to approve AGR2017-01 and authorize the City of Smyrna to enter into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the installation of a state funded HAWK (High Intensity Activated Crosswalk) Signal, located on South Cobb Drive approximately 120 feet South of Plaza Dr., and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents; seconded by Councilmember Doug Stoner.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

I. [2017-207](#)

Approval to change the Mayor and Council Meeting date from Monday July 3, 2017 to Wednesday July 5, 2017 due to the July 4th Holiday on Tuesday

Sponsors: Fennel

Tammi Saddler-Jones read aloud the following background:

This item is for the approval to change the Mayor and Council Meeting date from Monday July 3, 2017 to Wednesday July 5, 2017 due to the July 4th Holiday on Tuesday

The Mayor and Council discussed postponing the Mayor and Council Meeting on Monday, July 3rd, at the Committee of the Whole meeting June 1, 2017. This would allow the availability for a long weekend for elected officials and employees. It was decided to move this meeting to Wednesday July 5, 2017 beginning at 7:00 PM. This

would also move the Pre Council Meeting to Monday July 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM. All City facilities will be open Monday July 3, 2017 normal hours 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If employees would like to take July 3rd off they would have to request approval to use their leave, this would not be an additional holiday.

A motion was made by Councilmember Ron Fennel to move the July 3, 2017 Mayor and Council meeting to Wednesday July 5, 2017 due to the July 4th Holiday; seconded by Councilmember Charles (Corkey) Welch.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

7. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

8. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Doug Stoner to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones seconded by Mayor pro tem/Councilmember Teri Anulewicz.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Councilmember Anulewicz, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Stoner and Councilmember Fennel

Absent: 2 - Councilmember Norton and Councilmember Blustein

- A. [2017-196](#) Approval of the Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2017
Sponsors: City Council
- B. [2017-197](#) Approval of the Pre-Council Meeting Minutes for May 15, 2017
Sponsors: City Council
- C. [2017-198](#) Approval of the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2017
Sponsors: City Council
- D. [2017-193](#) Award RFP 17-028 Pretty Branch Sanitary Sewer Outfall Rehabilitation to the lowest bidder Site Engineering Inc. for \$325,909.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute any related documents.
Sponsors: Stoner

9. Committee Reports:

WARD 7 - Councilmember Ron Fennel - Thanked the Finance Committee for the budget information as well as their diligence with the monies of the citizens. He also announced that the Smyrna Sharks Swimmers were doing very well in competitions and were undefeated. He also spoke about the direction of the Parks and Rec

department and expressed his approval towards the new director, Richard Garland. The Cobb Municipal Association would hold their annual steak dinner meeting in Acworth next Tuesday night.

WARD 6 - Councilmember Doug Stoner - Reminded citizens of the current studies and noted the update to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan occurring every 10 years.

Thursday, June 8, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at Brawner Hall was an interactive meeting to engage the public and receive their input. He mentioned the Guide Smyrna.com website for participation as well.

WARD 5 - Councilmember Susan Wilkinson - made an announcement regarding the library's Summer Reading Program and noted a variety of events for all ages. The Summer Concert Series would begin this Saturday, June 10, 2017 at the Wolfe Center. Tables are available for rent and the Get Right band would be performing. She also acknowledged the beautiful recent Garden Tour of Smyrna.

WARD 4 - Councilmember Corkey Welch - Announced an upcoming Ward meeting.

WARD 3 - Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Teri Anulewicz - Asked citizens to stop by Thursday June 8 for the Guide Smyrna event. She also noted a lot that is changing and all the redevelopment that is occurring and she too commended the Smyrna Sharks.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings

11. Citizen Input:

Mr. Alex Backry: commented on a local coyote problem and the removal of no parking signs on Shawnee Trail.

Mr. Keith Bently: commented about pedestrian safety and spoke about his neighborhood working with the City, City Engineer and Mayor Pro Tem Anulewicz.

Mrs. Susan Bently: commented about pedestrian safety also.

Mr. Al Graves: commented about the City Water Department and the recent increase in water rates.

12. Adjournment:

Mayor Max Bacon adjourned the meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:56 PM.