



# City of Smyrna

2800 King Street  
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Monday, January 6, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 11 - Mayor Max Bacon, Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Andrea Blustein, Councilmember Austin Wagner, Councilmember Maryline Blackburn, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

**Also Present:** 10 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Kristin Robinson, Christy Ullman, David Lee, Joe Bennett, Jennifer Bennett, Louis Defense, Janet Liberman, Landon O'Neal and Tina Monaghan

### Call to Order

Mayor A. Max Bacon called the January 6, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

#### 1. Invocation and Pledge:

Pastor Derek Porter, Smyrna First United Methodist Church (1315 Concord Rd) delivered the Invocation and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2. Agenda Changes:

There were no agenda changes.

#### 3. Old Business:

Mayor A. Max Bacon spoke about his time serving the City of Smyrna and thanked many people including family and friends. He was met with a standing ovation as he turned the meeting over to Mayor Elect Derek Norton and left Council Chambers.

##### A. [2020-12](#)

Approval of the December 16, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting minutes.

Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 Mayor and Council Meeting minutes. Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner and Councilmember Lindley

- B.**     [2020-24](#)           Approval of the December 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes
- Councilmember Andrea Blustein made a motion to approve the December 12, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes. Councilmember Maryline Blackburn seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 7 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Blustein, Councilmember Blackburn, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton
- Excused:** 3 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner and Councilmember Lindley

#### **4.     Mayoral Report:**

- A.**     [2020-01](#)           Introduction of Smyrna City Council 2020-2024 Term
- Ward 1 - Glenn Pickens  
Ward 2 - Austin Wagner  
Ward 3 - Travis Lindley  
Ward 4 - Charles (Corkey) Welch  
Ward 5 - Susan Wilkinson  
Ward 6 - Tim Gould  
Ward 7 - Lewis Wheaton
- B.**     [2020-02](#)           Swearing in Ceremony for the Mayor and City Council - Superior Court Judge Ann Harris
- C.**     [2020-03](#)           Appointment and swearing in of City Attorney
- Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Scott Cochran as City Attorney. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton
- Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn
- D.**     [2020-04](#)           Appointment and swearing in of City Administrator
- Councilmember Tim Gould made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Tammi Saddler Jones as City Administrator. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**E.**     [2020-05](#)

Appointment and swearing in of City Clerk

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Heather Corn as City Clerk. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**F.**     [2020-06](#)

Appointment and swearing in of Judge for Traffic Court

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Phyllis Gingrey Collins as Judge for Traffic Court. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**G.**     [2020-07](#)

Appointment and swearing in of Judge for Environmental Court

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Joel C. Pugh as Judge for Environmental Court. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**H.**     [2020-08](#)

Appointment and swearing in of Solicitor for Traffic and Environmental Court

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion to approve the appointment and swearing in of Timothy M. Williams as Solicitor for Traffic and Environmental Court. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 8 - Mayor Norton, Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

## 5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:

There were no land issues/zonings/annexations.

## 6. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses.

## 7. Formal Business:

### A. [2020-10](#) Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the appointment of Tim Gould as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Lewis Wheaton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

### B. [2020-14](#) Approval of Ward 3 Appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Betty Williams. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:** Lindley

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve the Ward 3 Appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Betty Williams. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

### C. [2020-15](#) Approval of Ward 1 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Nicholas Bergeron. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:** Pickens

Councilmember Glenn Pickens made a motion to approve the Ward 1 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Nicholas Bergeron. This is a two-year term

to expire December 2021. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**D.**     [2020-16](#)

Approval of Ward 3 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Leigh Anne Rehkopf. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Lindley

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Ward 3 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Leigh Anne Rehkopf. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**E.**     [2020-17](#)

Approval of Ward 7 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, J. Barrett Carter. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Wheaton

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton made a motion to approve Ward 7 Re-appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, J. Barrett Carter. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**F.**     [2020-18](#)

Approval of Ward 1 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Tom Bartlett. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Pickens

Councilmember Glenn Pickens made a motion to approve Ward 1 Re-appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Tom Bartlett. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**G.**     [2020-19](#)

Approval of Ward 3 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Keith Bentley. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Lindley

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve Ward 3 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Keith Bentley. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**H.**     [2020-20](#)

Approval of Ward 7 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Henriette Ostrzega. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Wheaton

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton made a motion to approve Ward 7 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Henriette Ostrzega. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Tim Gould seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

**I.**     [2020-21](#)

Approval of Ward 7 Appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Tripti Gadgade. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.

**Sponsors:**     Wheaton

Councilmember Lewis Wheaton made a motion to approve Ward 7 Appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Tripti Gadgade. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Susan Wilkinson seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

- J.**     [2020-25](#)            Approval of Ward 2 Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Lisa Castleberry. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.
- Sponsors:**            Wagner
- Councilmember Austin Wagner made a motion to approve Ward 2 Re-appointment to the Keep Smyrna Beautiful Board, Lisa Castleberry. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:**    7 -    Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton
- Excused:**    3 -    Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn
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- K.**     [2020-26](#)            Approval of Ward 2 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Rebekah Scillian. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.
- Sponsors:**            Wagner
- Councilmember Austin Wagner made a motion to approve Ward 2 Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission, Rebekah Scillian. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Lewis Wheaton seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:**    7 -    Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton
- Excused:**    3 -    Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn
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- L.**     [2020-27](#)            Approval of Ward 2 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Victor Jones. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021.
- Sponsors:**            Wagner
- Councilmember Austin Wagner made a motion to approve Ward 2 Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Victor Jones. This is a two-year term to expire December 2021. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.
- The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:
- Aye:**    7 -    Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton
- Excused:**    3 -    Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

## **8.     Commercial Building Permits:**

                 There were no commercial building permits.

**9. Consent Agenda:**

Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones. Councilmember Travis Lindley seconded the motion.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** 7 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Wagner, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

**Excused:** 3 - Mayor Bacon, Councilmember Blustein and Councilmember Blackburn

- A. [2020-11](#) Approval to accept and continue enactment of all current contracts for enforcement by the 2020-2024 elected and appointed officials.
- B. [2020-30](#) Approval of an increase of the monthly stormwater charge from \$2.95 to \$3.45 as was adopted in accordance with the FY 2020 budget.  
Sponsors: Welch
- C. [2020-22](#) Approval to use Council Chambers for Concord Lake Village HOA Meeting, Sunday February 23, 2020 from 4:30pm - 6:00pm.  
Sponsors: Lindley

**10. Committee Reports:****11. Show Cause Hearings:**

There were no show cause hearings.

**12. Citizen Input:**

No one signed up to participate in Citizen Input.

**13. Adjournment:**

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the January 6, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting at 8:17 PM.