



City of Smyrna

2800 King Street
Smyrna, Georgia 30080

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Monday, August 17, 2020

7:00 PM

Community Center, Large Gym

Smyrna Community Center Large Gym / 200 Village Green Circle SE
Parking and entrance to meeting on Powder Springs Street Side of Building
MASKS REQUIRED / TEMPERATURE WILL BE CHECKED

If you wish to speak during the Public Hearing portion of this meeting and you are unable to attend the meeting due to health concerns with Covid 19, you may participate via telephone. To participate via telephone, you must register with the City Clerk's Office by emailing your name, address and telephone number to ClerksOffice@Smyrnaga.gov.

The deadline to register to speak via telephone is Sunday, August 16, 2020 at 11:59PM

Everyone that attends the meeting in person, will have an opportunity to speak and will not have to register prior to the meeting. You will need to sign the Public Hearing /Citizen Input Sign Up Sheet at the City Clerk's desk prior to the start of the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you choose to speak via telephone, you must be available to receive a call between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM. You will be notified on Monday, August 17 as to additional details of these procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate new ways to encourage Public Comment.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Austin Wagner, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Tim Gould and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present: 1 - Scott Cochran

Staff: 13 - Tammi Saddler Jones, Heather Peacon-Corn, Roy Acree, Joe Bennett, Kristin Robinson, Janet Liberman, Frank Martin, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, Kevin Moore, Brendan North, Landon O'Neal and Joey Staubes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the August 17, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Council to order at 7:00PM.

2. Invocation and Pledge:

Mayor Norton invited Pastor Lee Delbridge of Smyrna Christian Church to the podium to offer the prayer and lead all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Mayoral Report:**A. [2020-318](#)**

Recognize Smyrna Elite Track Club Athletes, Grace Smith, Leighla-Rachelle G. Herriott, Matthew Fernando, Doyle Morrison, Jr., and Roger Baker, Jr., for Outstanding Performance at the 84th AAU Junior Olympic Games

At tonight's meeting we recognize stellar young athletes from Smyrna Elite Track Club. These young athletes, ranging in age from 8 years old to 17 years old, competed in the 84th annual AAU Junior Olympic Games and brought back FOUR National Junior Olympic Titles and all were honored with the title of AAU All Americans. Congratulations to Smyrna Athletes, Grace Smith, Leighla-Rachelle G. Herriot, Matthew Fernando, Doyle Morrison, Jr. and Roger Baker, Jr. and their head coaches, AJ Davis and Todd Schusterman.

Grace Smith (14 years old; entering 9th grade)

***AAU Junior Olympic Champion - Girls 14 year old Long Jump*

***AAU Junior Olympic CHampion - Girls 14 year old 100 Yard Dash*

***Silver Medalist in the Girls 14 year old 200 Meter Hurdles*

***Bronze Medalist in the girls 8 and under 100 Meter Dash*

Leighla-Rachelle G. Herriott (8 years old; entering 3rd grade)

***National Champion in the Girls 8 and under 400 Meter Dash*

***Silver Medalist in the Girls 8 and under 200 Meter Dash*

***Bronze Medalist in the Girls 8 and under 100 Meter Dash*

Matthew Fernando (17 years old; entering the 11th grade)

***AAU Junior Olympic Champion in the Mens 1-18 years old 1500m Run*

Doyle Morrison (10 years old; entering the 5th grade)

***Placed 4th Nationally in the 10 year olds 400 Meter Dash (All American)*

Roger (RJ) Baker (9 years old; entering 4th grade)

***Placed 5th Nationally in the 9 years old 1500 Meter Run (All American)*

Mayor Norton also noted the Governor's new Executive Order allowing Municipalities to mandate face coverings, so tomorrow he will enact our own Executive Order regarding the same.

4. Agenda Changes:

Mayor Norton noted item 5D would be tabled until the September 8, 2020 Mayor and Council meeting at the request of the applicant.

5. Land Issues/Zonings/Annexations:**A. [2019-440](#)**

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z19-019 - Rezoning from NRC & OI to MU for the development of 170 unit independent senior living facility and 114 townhomes at a density of 11.85 units per acre - 23.95 Acres - Land Lots 775, 810, & 811 - 2320 Campbell Road - InLine Communities, LLC.
- This item will be tabled to the October 19, 2020 Mayor & Council

Meeting at the request of the Applicant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Travis Lindley to table at the request of the applicant until the September 21, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting item 2019-440, a Public Hearing for a Zoning Request (Z19-019) for the Rezoning from NRC & OI to MU for the development of 170 unit independent senior living facility and 114 town homes at a density of 11.85 units per acre on 23.95 Acres located on Land Lots 775, 810, & 811 at 2320 Campbell Road by the applicant InLine Communities, LLC.; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion to table to a specific date carried by the following vote:

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

B. [2020-237](#)

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z20-008 - Rezoning from GC & RM-12 to MU for the development of 105 multi-family units 15,100 sq. ft. of retail at a density of 35.8 units per acre - 2.93 acres - Land Lot 594 & 631 - 2930 - 2968 Jonquil Drive, 1650 Spring Road, and 1639 Corn Road, The Woodbery Group, LLC - THIS ITEM HAS BEEN TABLED INDEFINITELY AT THE REQUEST OF THE APPLICANT.

A motion was made by Councilmember Austin Wagner to table at the request of the applicant until the September 21, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting item. 2020-237, a Public Hearing for a Zoning Request (Z20-008) for a Rezoning from GC & RM-12 to MU for the development of 105 multi-family units 15,100 sq. ft. of retail at a density of 35.8 units per acre on 2.93 acres located on Land Lot 594 & 631 at 2930 - 2968 Jonquil Drive, 1650 Spring Road, and 1639 Corn Road by the applicant The Woodbery Group, LLC.; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

The motion to table to a specific date carried by the following vote:

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

C. [2020-84](#)

Public Hearing - Plat Approval with Variances - V20-015 - 0.462 Acres - Land Lot 627 - 1730 & 1740 Seneca Court - LaDonna Lewis.

Planner II Joey Staubes was called to the podium and reviewed the background for this item, gave the staff approval as well as the Planning and Zoning approval for this item. He read allowed conditions for the approval.

Planning Board Recommendation: The Planning Board recommended approval by a vote of 6-0 at the August 10, 2020 meeting.

The reconfiguration and platting of four lots (Lots 8 – 11 of Creatwood Forest) to three single-family residential lots. Lots 9 & 10 will be combined into one lot and require variances to reduce the front setback to 10 feet; and allow encroachment into the 75 ft. impervious surface setback.

The applicant is requesting approval to reconfigure four lots (Lots 8 – 11 of Creatwood Forest) into three residential lots. The subject property is currently comprised of four lots of record with two existing single-family homes (Lots 8 & 11) all owned by a single property owner. The two middle lots (Lots 9 & 10) are undeveloped and their respective side property lines extend into Lots 8 & 11. The current configuration is consistent with the original subdivision plat recorded in 1962 within the Creatwood Forest Subdivision.

However, when Lots 8 & 11 were developed the original houses extended over their original property lines. The applicant wishes to reconfigure the lots so the houses on Lots 8 & 11 are within their own property boundaries. The applicant also wishes to combine the two middle lots (Lots 9 & 10) into one lot in order to build one new single-family home. The applicant has submitted a proposed site plan for the development for your reference.

Currently Lots 9 & 10 have a drainage easement running through the middle of the two lots, and a stream buffer running along the back of both lots. The applicant plans to relocate the drainage easement to the east side property line of Lot 10. To accommodate the encroachment into the 75' impervious surface setback the applicant will be required to provide stormwater management and water quality to protect the existing stream. Additionally, the applicant will use buffer averaging at a 1:1 ratio to account for any encroachment into the impervious surface setback.

Lots 9 & 10 are approximately 15,000 sq. ft. each and combined will measure 30,056 sq. ft. in size and is zoned R-15 (single-family residential). The proposed subdivision will result in one new lot having frontage on Seneca Ct. Table 1 below shows a comparison of the proposed lot to the R-15 zoning district (Section 801 of the Zoning Ordinance).

The proposed reconfiguration and replatting will require the following variance for the middle lot:

1. Reduction in the minimum front setback from 35' to 10' (Staff Supports); and
2. Allow encroachment into the 75' impervious surface setback (Staff Supports).

Lot sizes along this section of Creatwood Forest average at 15,000 sq. ft. The proposed lot will have an area of 30,056 sq. ft. and is consistent with the existing development pattern in this immediate area. Approval of the proposed lot reconfiguration will resolve current property line issues and result in two lots combining to one lot for the purpose of building one new single-family home.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Community Development has reviewed the proposed reconfiguration and replatting against the requirements of the R-15 zoning district. The variances are necessary to reconfigure the lots and reduce impact to the stream buffer. The subject property will maintain an R-15 zoning classification and will not increase the density for the property in its original configuration. Community Development recommends approval of the requested reconfiguration and replatting with the following conditions:

1. A reduction of the front setback from 35' to 10'.
2. Allow encroachment into the 75' impervious surface setback.
3. Encroachment into the 75' impervious surface setback shall be replaced at a 1:1 ratio.
4. Approval is conditioned upon substantial compliance with the site plan submitted July 31, 2020 and prepared by Surveys Plus, Inc.

Applicant Ladonna Lewis came forward to speak as the owner of these properties. Her dream has been to improve this land by building a beautiful custom home on the lot.

There were no questions of the applicant or Mr. Staubes from Mayor and Council. Mayor Norton called the Public Hearing and no one came forward to speak in favor of or in opposition to this item.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould to approve with conditions item 2020-84, a Public Hearing and Plat Approval with Variances (V20-015) on 0.462 Acres on Land Lot 627 at 1730 & 1740 Seneca Court by the applicant LaDonna Lewis; seconded by Councilmember Lewis Wheaton.

The motion to approve with conditions carried by the following vote:

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

D. [2020-233](#)

Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z20-006 - Rezoning from NS & RM-10 - Conditional for the development of 10 single-family attached townhomes at a density of 9.3 units per acre - 1.08 acres - Land Lot 669 - 3302 Atlanta Road - Edgeline, LLC. - The applicant requests to table the item until the October 19, 2020 Mayor & Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould to table at the request of the applicant until the September 8, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting item 2020-233, a Public Hearing and Zoning Request (Z20-006) for a Rezoning from NS & RM-10 Conditional for the development of 10 single-family attached town homes at a density of 9.3 units per acre on 1.08 acres located on Land Lot 669 at 3302 Atlanta Road by the applicant Edgeline, LLC; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

The motion to table to a specific date carried by the following vote:

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

6. Commercial Building Permits:

There were no Commercial Building Permits.

7. Formal Business:

A. [2020-301](#)

Approval of the Mayor's Appointment of Mr. Sean Tintle, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Travis Lindley to approve item 2020-301 for the approval of the Mayor's Appointment of Mr. Sean Tintle, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

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

B. [2020-302](#)

Approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 1 resident, Harrison Aiken, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Glenn Pickens to approve item 2020-302 for the approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 1 resident, Harrison Aiken, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Lewis Wheaton.

The motion to approve carried by the following vote:

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

C. [2020-317](#)

Approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 2 resident, Ben Eggers, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Austin Wagner to approve item 2020-317 for the approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 2 resident, Ben Eggers, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

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

D. [2020-303](#)

Approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 3 resident, Robyn Phillips, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Travis Lindley to approve item 2020-303 for the approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 3 resident, Robyn Phillips, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

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

E. [2020-304](#)

Approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 6 resident, Jean Manki, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould to approve item 2020-304 for the approval of the Re-appointment of Ward 6 resident, Jean Manki, to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

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

F. [2020-305](#)

Approval of the Appointment of Ward 7 resident, Rev. Charles Maxell, Jr., to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024.

A motion was made by Councilmember Lewis Wheaton to approve item 2020-305 for the approval of the Appointment of Ward 7 resident, Rev. Charles Maxell, Jr., to the Smyrna Tree Board. This is a four-year term that expires 8/31/2024; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

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

G. [RES2020-08](#)

Approval of Resolution RES2020-08 for the Trees Atlanta One Million Trees Project with a goal to participate in the overall preservation and planting of 1 million trees throughout Metro Atlanta from February 2020 through February 2030 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all related documents.

The One Million Trees Initiative is an innovative collaboration of 10 Metro Atlanta cities and 10 local nonprofits to plant and save one million trees in the metro area over the next 10 years; and Tree Atlanta will lead the One Million Trees Initiative, the first of its kind in the United States to connect diverse communities and approaches that protect and improve the urban forest in our region. The one million count will include trees planted on city land, for public projects, preserved in forested areas, and installed by individuals on private property, such as residential yards and businesses. Trees Atlanta is not requiring any financial commitments from its partners. Both Keep Smyrna Beautiful and the Smyrna Tree Board are enthusiastic about this project.

City or County partner commitments / responsibilities

- Commit to maintaining or increasing annual tree planting activities within its boundaries*
- Identify parcels for potential conservation*
- Report planting and preservation activity to Trees Atlanta to be included in the shared database*
- Promote the program and the public benefits of trees to its constituents and encourage them to plant and preserve trees on their own property.*
- Be willing to share strategies and approaches to tree planting and protection with other partner cities and counties to assist in their own efforts.*

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles "Corkey" Welch to approve item RES2020-08 for the approval of Resolution RES2020-08 for the Trees Atlanta One Million Trees Project with a goal to participate in the overall preservation and planting of 1 million trees throughout Metro Atlanta from February 2020 through February 2030 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all related documents; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould.

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

H. [2020-298](#)

Approval to amend the FY 2021 budget to include the revenue and anticipated expenses related to the CARES funding from Cobb County.

Council approved an intergovernmental agreement with Cobb County at the August 3, 2020 meeting. This agreement will allow for \$2,968,559.10 to be received from the County for qualifying CARES expenses. The Multi-Grant fund needs to be amended for the revenue and expenses related to this funding.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould to approve item 2020-298 for the approval to amend the FY 2021 budget to include the revenue and anticipated

expenses related to the CARES funding from Cobb County seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

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

I. [2020-313](#)

Approval of the second expenditure listing and amendment to the FY21 budget for CARES Act Funding for an amount not to exceed \$310,980.00 for necessary expenditures incurred and/ or planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cobb County received funding from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund as an eligible unit of local government. Under U.S. Department of Treasury guidance, the County approved the transfer of funds to other local governments within Cobb County provided that the transfer qualifies as a necessary expenditure incurred due to COVID-19 and meets the other criteria of section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.

The total amount of funds allocated to Smyrna is \$2,968,559.10. Half of this sum, \$1,484,279.50 will be paid as an advance and the other half will be paid as a reimbursement for eligible expenses. The agreement provides that the funds may only be used to cover those costs that:

- (a) are necessary expenditures incurred due to COVID-19;*
- (b) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020 for the City;*
- (c) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.*

City staff were asked by the City Administrator to prepare a listing of items that would meet the above specifications. Several staff members reviewed these requests. This item is the second of several expenditure requests. This request will for the purchase of technology for City personnel and also a public outreach program to purchase hot spots for children in Smyrna to be able to attend school virtually while schools are remote learning.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones also noted that the City intended to purchase approximately 900 WiFi's to give to students in the community to allow them to access online learning tools for their continuing education.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould to approve item 2020-313 for the approval of the second expenditure listing and amendment to the FY21 budget for CARES Act Funding for an amount not to exceed \$310,980.00 for necessary expenditures incurred and/ or planned due to the COVID-19 pandemic; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

J. [2020-297](#)

Approval to amend the budget and purchase a 2020 Alamo 6105-SE Mower at a cost of \$122,169.00 using the Alamo State Contract SWC #

99999-SPD-0000102 Flint Equipment Company located at 4500 Wendell Drive SW Atlanta Georgia 30336. This will be funded through the FY21 vehicle replacement fund.

Approval to purchase a 2020 Alamo 6105-SE Mower, the Equipment will be purchased using the Alamo State Contract SWC # 99999-SPD-0000102 from Flint Equipment Company at 4500 Wendell Drive SW Atlanta Georgia 30336. Funded through the FY21 Vehicle replacement fund for a total cost of \$ 122,169.00. The Public Works Department budgeted in the FY21 vehicle replacement fund for replacement of 2005 UD dump truck and a 2006 Lee Roller. The funds from these budgeted vehicles, will be used to purchase an Alamo 2020 6150-SE Mower, This equipment has already been competitively bid through the Alamo State contract..

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles " Corkey" Welch to approve item 2020-297 for the approval to amend the budget and purchase a 2020 Alamo 6105-SE Mower at a cost of \$122,169.00 using the Alamo State Contract SWC # 99999-SPD-0000102 Flint Equipment Company located at 4500 Wendell Drive SW Atlanta Georgia 30336. This will be funded through the FY21 vehicle replacement fund; seconded by Councilmember Lewis Wheaton.

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

K. [2020-312](#)

Authorization to amend the budget for the use of emergency funds in the Vehicle Replacement Fund for an emergency repair of Smyrna Fire Department Truck 1.

The FY 2021 budget included a line item in the Vehicle Replacement Fund for emergency repairs. The FD would like to use a portion of this money for an emergency repair to Truck 1. An amendment to the budget is needed to move these funds. The amendment would move the funds from the general line item for emergency repairs and into a FD specific project within VRF.

Repairs & Maintenance for Truck 1

Smyrna Fire Truck 1 was placed out of service in November due to a serious oil leak. The apparatus was sent to Rush Truck for the initial service work. Over the next several weeks, the apparatus was in and out of Rush Truck to resolve the reoccurring issue. After several attempts to make the repairs, the fleet supervisor at Rush Truck recommended an engine replacement. They originally quoted us with \$48,669.32 to replace the engine. With guidance from our City's Fleet Manager, Patten Smith, we contacted another mechanic at Performance Diesel and Transmission in Marietta. After further consultation with Performance Diesel, they advised using MHC Kenworth - in hopes of receiving rebates by going thru a Cummings engine retailer. Once they received the truck, they quoted us \$30,964.50, which did include several rebates. This Truck is a frontline response apparatus and serves as one of our two aerals within the SFD fleet. It provides the city with unique operational capability and is critical to our emergency response.

A motion was made by Councilmember Charles " Corkey" Welch to approve item 2020-312 for the authorization to amend the budget for the use of emergency funds in the Vehicle Replacement Fund for an emergency repair of Smyrna Fire Department Truck 1; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

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

L. [2020-306](#)

Authorization to approve the installation of speed humps and associated striping between addresses 2729 and 2735 Spring Drive.

Council Member Pickens is requesting the installation of two new speed humps on Spring Drive. The locations are between addresses 2729 & 2735 and between 2823 & 2813. Data was collected in the summer of 2019. At the time traffic volumes averaged approximately 200 vehicles per day and the 85th percentile speed was approximately 30 mph. Additional speed humps are not warranted based upon the City's current traffic calming policy.

Spring Drive is in Ward 1 and Ward 2.

Councilmember Pickens gave a brief background on this item and noted several years ago, two speed tables were installed but the area warrants two additional speed tables to be added.

Councilmember Austin Wagner has a few issues and concerns with this item on the agenda where it involves traffic calming policies and procedures.

This was an issue prior to him being on Council, a petition was circulated and two speed humps were installed. He knows there is a request, however, he has not heard from Ward 2 residents regarding this request.

He is a policy person and feels that as policy makers, they should follow the recommendation of staff when it comes to policies such as this.

The request does not comply with policy and goes against staff recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould remarked that we do have citizens that have concerns over traffic safety and staffs recommendation is taken into account when making policy decisions but as Council the needs and concerns of the Citizens must have a place in the decision as well.

Councilmember Austin Wagner replied that citizen input is taken into consideration in the process but reiterated that he heard from no one in his Ward.

Mayor Norton weighed in as the formal Councilmember for this ward and replied that there was a need and the previous installed humps did not provide enough barrier to the traffic and the additional speed tables will help with that concern.

A motion was made by Councilmember Glenn Pickens to approve item 2020-306 for the authorization to approve the installation of speed humps and associated striping between addresses 2729 and 2735 Spring Drive; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

The motion to approve was carried by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Councilmember Gould and Councilmember Wheaton

Nay: 1 - Councilmember Wagner

8. Consent Agenda:

A motion was made by Councilmember Travis Lindley to approve the Consent Agenda as read aloud by City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

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

- A. [2020-291](#) Approval of the August 3, 2020 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes.
- B. [2020-315](#) Approval of the August 3, 2020 Special Called Mayor and Council Meeting Meeting Minutes.
- C. [2020-292](#) Approval of the August 3, 2020 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes.
- D. [2020-294](#) Approval to purchase a 2021 Ford F-550 Chassis with a 11' (eleven foot) contractor bed at a cost of \$62,388.00 funded in the FY21 Vehicle Replacement Fund and to purchase through Wade Ford located at 3860 South Cobb Drive Smyrna, Georgia 30080 using the Georgia State Contract #99999-01-SPD-0000155
- E. [2020-296](#) Approval to purchase a 2021 Kenworth T880 Tandem Axle Dump Truck at a cost of \$151,587.00 funded in the FY21 Vehicle Replacement fund and purchased through MHC Kenworth Atlanta 5860 Riverview Road Mableton, Georgia 30126 using the Georgia State Contract #SPD0000155 / 081716 - KTC.

9. Privilege Licenses:

There were no Privilege Licenses.

10. Show Cause Hearings:

There were no Show Cause Hearings.

11. Ward / Committee Reports:

Ward 1 - Councilmember Glenn Pickens had no report.

Ward 2 - Councilmember Austin Wagner gave a special thanks to teachers that were teaching our children virtually.

Ward 3 - Councilmember Travis Lindley offered good luck to all kids and parents as they return to virtual learning. He also thanked staff for always working diligently on requests received from City Council. He noted staff responds, usually within minutes, and he is very appreciative for their efforts.

Ward 4 - Councilmember Corkey Welch offered credit to the teachers and parents as

they return to school.

Ward 5 - Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made the following announcement for the Smyrna Library:

The Smyrna Library provides weekly virtual story time for toddlers and preschoolers. New programs are placed on the FB page every Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They also provide take home craft kits for older children and young adults. To keep up with library happenings visit SmyrnaLibrary.com then click on the Library Calendar.

Ward 6 - Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould thanked residents in Ward 6 for discussion regarding the Townhome development on Atlanta Road. Wanted to touch on the implementation of the WiFi's for students and thanked the staff for their concerted efforts to get this project completed.

Ward 7 - Lewis Wheaton thanked the Education Committee for supporting residents in Smyrna with WiFi access and also thanked the Smyrna Education Foundation for their participation in this project as well.

Mayor Derek Norton thanked Love Street for their recent backpack / school supply drive and also Penny Mocer, Special Projects Coordinator for her efforts with this event.

City Administrator Tammi Saddler Jones thanked the teachers for their efforts this first day back to school as well. She also announced the City Labor Day Holiday and the next Council meeting would be held Tuesday September 8th.

12. Citizen Input:

Steven Jones of 2823 Spring Drive spoke about the approved speed tables to be installed on Spring Drive and the Mayor and COuncil efforts to see this project to completion.

13. Adjournment:

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the August 17, 2020 meeting of the Mayor and Council at 7:54PM.