

# Pre-Council Meeting – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Derek Norton, Mayor  
Tim Gould, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 6)  
Glenn Pickens (Ward 1)  
Latonia P. Hines (Ward 2)  
Travis Lindley (Ward 3)  
Charles “Corkey” Welch (Ward 4)  
Susan Wilkinson (Ward 5)  
Kathy Young (Ward 7)

Smyrna Community Center  
Oak Room  
200 Village Green Circle  
Smyrna, GA 30080

City Attorney Scott Cochran  
City Administrator Joseph Bennett  
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**October 16, 2023  
6:30 PM**

## 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 8 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, Councilmember Kathy Young

**Also Present:** 1 – Jeffrey Tucker

**Staff:** 3 – Jill Head, Penny Mocerri, and Carol Sicard

## 2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the October 16, 2023 Pre-Council Meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:32 PM.

## 3. Formal Business and Presentations

## 4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

**PRE2023-026** Review of the October 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.  
**Citywide**

Mayor Norton reviewed the October 16, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting agenda.

Item 2023-215: Mayor Norton asked which lights Council would prefer after Richard Garland (Parks & Recreation Dir.) sent out an example email with photos. After brief discussion, Council decided that solid-colored lights with the exception of purple would be a nice change. Councilmember Wilkinson asked if this is something that will be done every year or will staff take over again at some point. Penny Mocerri, Deputy City Administrator, stated that the City is short-staffed, and it already takes 6+ weeks to decorate the City. The idea of leasing for one year and seeing how it goes made the most sense. The company will set up and take down all the decorations and store them. This frees up the City's Parks & Recreation staff to address other ongoing projects and routine maintenance.

## 5. Other Business / Staff Comment

- Que & Brew event is this weekend to raise funds for domestic violence victims.
- Crafts & Drafts will be the following weekend.
- This weekend is the last Handmade Market event from 11-3.
- Smyrna Spooky Festival will take place at Brawner Hall.

Councilmember Travis Lindley mentioned that there is some sort of candidate forum at the Community Center. He expressed that he was irritated that all of their pictures were used to advertise this event as if all will be present. Mayor Norton stated that no one reached out to check everyone's schedules for availability, and he had never heard of the group that is hosting the event. He knew that it was also being sponsored by Hymes' fraternity. Councilmembers Welch and Wilkinson said they were both attending.

## 6. Executive Session (As Needed)

## 7. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the October 16, 2023 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:44 PM.

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for convenience of persons with disabilities.

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**THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN O.C.G.A. 50-14-3:**  
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