

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)
Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr. (Ward 7)

A Max Bacon City Hall
Administration Conference Room
2800 King Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

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

**January 16, 2024
6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 8 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley (virtual), Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr.

Also Present: 1 – Jeffrey Tucker

Staff: 5 – Joe Bennett, Richard Garland, Russell Martin, Hather Peacon-Corn, Paul Osburn

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the January 16, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:31 PM.

3. Formal Business and Presentations

4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. PRE2024-001 Review of the January 16, Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the January 16, 2024 Mayor and Council agenda. No discussion took place.

5. Other Business / Staff Comment

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, let Council know that Smyrna Water Supply has the items in stock for the Crestwood water line project. The total comes in at \$99,258.07 which is just under Mr. Bennett’s threshold, but he wanted to bring it before Council to make sure they were comfortable with his signing off on it. The Council were in agreement to move forward. Councilmember Welch asked if Ardito and K.M. Davis were the City’s on-call contractors for these types of projects. Paul Osburn, Assistant Public Works Director, answered that they are the number 1 and number 2 pre-qualified vendors.

Discussion took place about the closing of city hall due to inclement weather.

Councilmember Oglesby stated that Campbell High School is trying to upgrade their facilities which will be great for the community overall.

Mayor Pro Tem Gould stated that crews did a great job over the weekend restoring water service after a water main break on Atlanta Road.

Councilmember Welch mentioned that he spoke to Bo Jones, Utility Services Director, who has a 10-year plan for the water department only. Mr. Welch stated that the Utilities Department typically gets around \$2M/year, but the capital improvements alone are closer to \$4M, so he would like the budget committee to keep that in mind when the next budget comes around. He further stated that stormwater and water/sewer should pay for themselves, and there is a cushion, but the City needs to adjust rates to keep up.

Councilmember Pickens mentioned that he and Councilmember Hines met with a charter school group – Amana Academy – who are interested in purchasing property in Smyrna for a new location. They have one location in Alpharetta with around 700 students, and the one in Smyrna would initially have around 300 students. They will at some point be coming before the Planning and Zoning Commission for rezoning.

Councilmember Hines reminded all to purchase their tickets for the Black History Month Celebration dinner taking place on February 23, 2024.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked if the water/sewer fund included stormwater. It was stated that they are separate.

Mayor Norton mentioned that there were imperfections in the final product in the Council Chambers repairs, so those will be addressed soon. City Clerk Corn stated that Council Chambers will be closed next week, Court will be held at the Community Center, and License and Variance Board will be held in the Oak Room.

Councilmember Lindley thanked staff for their work during these inclement weather issues.

6. Executive Session (As Needed)

7. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the January 16, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:46 PM.

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