

# Pre-Council Meeting – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



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

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)

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

**November 06, 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 – Scott Cochran  
**Staff:** 3 – Richard Garland, Jill Head, and Russell Martin

## 2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the November 6, 2023 Pre-Council meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:28 PM.

## 3. Staff M&C Agenda Items to Review

## 4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

**PRE2023-025** Review of the November 6, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the Mayor and Council Meeting agenda. No discussion took place.

## 5. Other Business / Staff Comment

Richard Garland, Parks & Recreation Director, was present to fill in for City Administrator Joe Bennett. He stated that there is a crew in Athens who will receive a Summer Publication Award. He also stated that around 461 attendees went through the haunted house at Brawner Hall.

Mayor Norton announced that the Village Green Park received an award for the 2023 Medium Redevelopment of the Year. College Football Saturday will be on November 18. And the Veterans Day ceremony will be this Saturday. Mayor Norton proudly announced that there are 44 veterans employed with the City of Smyrna across several departments.

Councilmember Gould asked if the Cumberland CID had any portion as part of the City of Smyrna. Russell Martin, Community Development Director, stated the City of Smyrna is not involved with that. It requires an extra taxation for commercial properties, and he is not sure there is any benefit for the City of Smyrna to be involved in that because any funds are directly used for those projects in the CID.

Discussion took place about the polling places for the municipal elections being held on November 7, 2023.

Councilmember Lindley asked when City Hall will be ready. Mayor Norton said he heard that Administration should be back in there around Thanksgiving. Council Chambers are waiting for acoustic panels before being able to go back in there for meetings.

Discussion took place about the meeting calendar for next year. A special called meeting would be held just for the swearing-in ceremonies.

**6. Executive Session (As Needed)**

**7. Adjournment**

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the November 6, 2023 Pre-Council meeting at 6:42 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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City Hall, 2800 King Street SE, Notice Boards