

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

**October 21, 2024
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 Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr.

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Staff: 4 – Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Joey Staubes

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the October 21, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:29 PM.

3. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. PRE2024-029 Review of the October 21, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Norton reviewed the October 21, 2024 Mayor and Council agenda. There was no discussion.

4. Other Business / Staff Comment

Councilmember Oglesby – He attended a Westchester Commons meeting, a more senior community in Ward 7. They said they are happy with the leadership of the City. He announced that Chief Judge Yvette Miller is retiring on Thursday, and she expressed wanting to be more engaged in the community. He stood in for Mayor Norton at the Campbell High School homecoming announcement of homecoming queen. And he said the first public art installation is complete in front of City Hall by artist Lela Brunet.

Councilmember Pickens – He spoke to the Emerson Center group about a week ago when they presented lots of visuals and their progress. They anticipate coming before Council early next

year. They are working with Cobb County on getting bonds. Scott Cochran, City Attorney, mentioned it will likely be off the tax digest. Brief discussion took place about the 10 year abatement. They have met with GDOT concerning access to Spring Hill.

Councilmember Lindley – Has received a couple calls about Tolleson Pool. Design concepts should be coming in about a month.

Councilmember Hines – the Black History Month Program date has been set for February 28, 2025.

Councilmember Welch – He and Councilmember Wilkinson attended the Fire Award Ceremony. He also noted there are several street lights out as one leaves the Braves Stadium and travels down Spring. Joe Bennett, City Administrator, stated the City has to wait on GA Power to fix those lights. Councilmember Oglesby said he has a connection with someone at GA Power and for a list of those lights to be forwarded to him so he can reach out to his contact.

Councilmember Wilkinson – Spoke about new telephone poles with the old poles still in place. She also announced her Ward 5 meeting being held this Saturday at the Wolfe Center.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, said he has seven pages of street lights to report that are out. He updated Council on the surface lot project. During the grading, they found a lot of organic materials and a natural spring.

5. Executive Session (As Needed)

6. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the October 21, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:53 PM.

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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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