

City Council Meeting Minutes - 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
Council Chambers
2800 King Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

City Attorney Scott Cochran
Deputy City Administrator Kristin Robinson
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**May 19, 2025
7:00 PM**

I. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 – Mayor Derek Norton, 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

Absent: 1 – Councilmember Glenn Pickens

Staff: 10 – Olivia Anderson, Jennifer Bennett, Carson Haynie, Russell Martin, Heather Peacon-Corn, Evie Ramsey, Kristin Robinson, Joey Staubes, Patrick Tedeschi, Andrea Worthy

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the May 19, 2025 Mayor and Council meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in Council Chambers at 7:00 PM.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

A. Pastor Matt Koehn, Water Stone Church (1464 Spring Street)

4. Agenda Changes

5. Mayoral Report

Mayor Derek Norton announced that the Campbell High School Soccer team won the state championship to be recognized at the June council meeting. Smyrna also had volleyball, track, baseball, gymnastics, basketball state champions.

Project updates:

- Tolleson Poll – clearing debris from demo. Getting the site ready to be finished early 2027
- River Line Splash Pad – underway
- Expanding Downtown Splash Pad in the next few weeks
- Sports LED Lighting almost completely updated
- GA Power building – design phase for the interior
- Rose Garden pavilion and playground – budgetary process
- Stillfire Brewery – making a lot of progress

**A. 25-7193 Recognition of Smyrna Basketball Association's U8 State Girls Champions
*Citywide***

Smyrna Basketball Association's U8 Girls league recently competed in the State of Georgia Park and Recreation Association Basketball tourney and captured the state title for the U8 Girls division after beating College Park, Whitefield County and City of Rome. This tournament included teams from Roswell Parks and Rec, Savannah, Henry County and Spalding County. In this tourney they outscored their opponents for a total of 84-57 across 3 bracket play games.

Prior to advancing to State they won three games in the District 5 tourney with teams from North Georgia including Cartersville, Rome, Whitefield County, Paulding County and Dalton. In this tourney they outscored their opponents 114-36 to capture the district title.

This was an All-star team made up of nine girls from the community who competed across three teams out of SBA throughout the regular season: The players on the team were:

Quinn Jordan
Lively Winters
Hayden Nelson
Payton Hightower
Leilani Russell
Kyree Collins
Skylar Morse
Desola Akinnagbe
Kamryn Millsap

They were coached by:
Coach Marin (Head Coach)
Coach Jay (Asst Coach)
Coach Malik (Asst Coach)
SBA League Director: Vans Nelson

**B. 25-7247 Recognition of the Smyrna Elite - Spartans Track Club - State Championship
*Citywide***

Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby Jr. presented the team:

State Champions:
William Smallwood

Bradlee McWhorter
Alexandra Robinson
Erianna Atwater (not present)
Layla Oppong
Tianna Atwater (not present)
Amazing Ndiga (not present)
Jaide Moore
Kylee Crews
Saige Oppong
Sno Posley
Maya Foreman
Mason King
Amara Nkumeh
Wyatt Gourley
Thomas Green-Holness
Michael Gilmore
Evie Baker
Wade Gourley

Coaches:
AJ Davis
Todd Schusterman
TeMicka Hansen
Jordan McKinley
Terrance Moore
Deon Turner

II. **DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

*Public comment during this portion of the Agenda must be limited to matters on the Agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, please sign up with the City Clerk, come to the podium when called by the Mayor, state your name and address for the record and make your remarks. The time allotted for each speaker is as follows: **Public Hearing - Five (5) Minutes***

6. **Proclamations and Presentations**

A. **25-7161 Citizens Academy Graduation Citywide**

The Citizen's Academy Graduates are:

Shannon Auvil
Angela Black
Charlotte Dorsey
LaVonne Oyekanmi
Baskar Sridharan
Teva Sweet
Tanya Bryant
Sean Kushigian
Delaine Thomas
Clara Hodges
William Morgan
Jason Jeffries
Francisco Ramirez
Elainey Jones
Walter Kolis

Heather Marriott
Marquetta Bryan
Ryan Capaccio
Desislava Tonkova
William Sutton
Rich McCoy
Philip Dural

B. PRC2025-010 A Proclamation In Recognition of National Small Business Week and to Honor Businesses in Smyrna Celebrating 20, 25, 30-, 40-, 55- and 60-Year Anniversaries

Mayor Derek Norton read and Andrea Worthy, Economic Development Director, presented the following proclamation:

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of National Small Business Week and to Honor Businesses in Smyrna Celebrating 20, 25, 30-, 40-, 55-, and 60-Year Anniversaries

Whereas, the President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies; and

Whereas, this country's 32.5 million small businesses create nearly two out of three jobs in our economy, the City of Smyrna supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best - grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our local communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small businesses in Smyrna are celebrating 20 years in our community: The Realty Group (Graciela Vizcarra), Mitchell Metals, Woodchase Academy, Dr. Gary Weichbrodt MD, Fischer Orthodontics, Big Bear Construction, Maya Weston Company, ProCare Cleaners, Humphries and Company, UUA Printing, Heads R' Us Barbershop; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small businesses in Smyrna are celebrating 25 years in our community: Northwest Speakers & Equipment, Atlanta Coffee Supply Group, Arkle Veterinary Care, Tay'Maar Hair Salon, Jennifer's Nails; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small business in Smyrna are celebrating 30 years in our community: BT Income Tax; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small businesses in Smyrna are celebrating 40 years in our community: Atlanta Road Body Shop, Ron McCleave - State Farm Insurance, The Herb Shop; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small business in Smyrna is celebrating 55 years in our community: Sparkles Smyrna; and

Whereas, in 2025, the following small business in Smyrna is celebrating 60 years in our community: Lillie Glassblowers; and

Whereas, during National Small Business Week, the City of Smyrna acknowledges and celebrates the achievements made by all small businesses, including those celebrating significant milestones in our community; NOW,

Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim May 4 through May 10, 2025 as National Small Business Week in Smyrna and a week of recognition for all the small businesses in Smyrna, and encourage all city residents, officials, and staff to acknowledge and support the small businesses in our community.

7. Community Development Items

- A. **Z25-004** Public Hearing - Zoning Request - Z25-004 - Allow rezoning from R-15 to RMC-8-Conditional for the development of seven single-family homes at a density of 7.0 units per acre - Land Lot 528 - 1.01 acres - 2731 & 2743 Bell Drive - EIB Properties, LLC
Ward 1 Councilmember - Glenn Pickens

Russell Martin, Community Development Director, provided the following background:

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-15 to RMC-8-Conditional for the development of seven (7) single-family detached units at a density of 7.0 units per acre. A land use change from Regional Activity Center is not required for this rezoning.
Staff Recommendation:

Approval of the rezoning from R-15 to RMC--8 Conditional for seven (7) new single-family detached units.

Planning Board Recommendation:

Approve by a vote of 4-0 at the April 14, 2025 meeting.

The existing two (2) single-family homes will be demolished to allow the construction of the proposed development. Three (3) of the homes will face Bell Drive, and four (4) of the homes will face Woodland Terrace. All of the homes will have front-entry garages. The proposed lots will have a minimum lot size of 5,353 sq. ft. and an average lot area of 5,419 sq. ft. The applicant proposes to use elements such as brick, stone, and siding for the façade materials for each home.

Community Development has reviewed the proposed development against the zoning standards of the recent nearby rezonings and found the proposed development to be compatible with the surrounding area. The subdivision and construction of seven (7) new single-family detached homes result in a density of 7.0 units per acre on the subject property. The lot width and lot size are compatible with the other in-fill developments in the surrounding area. The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-15 to RMC-8-Conditional and the proposed zoning will not require a change of the Future Land Use Plan from Regional Activity Center.

Staff is supportive of the rezoning for the proposed development and the requested variances:

1. Allow reduction of the minimum lot area from 12,000 sq. ft. to 5,353 sq. ft. (Staff Supports)
2. Allow a reduction of the minimum lot width from 100 ft. to 50 ft. (Staff Supports)
3. Allow reduction of the minimum front setback from 50 ft. to 15 ft. (Staff Supports)
4. Allow a reduction of the minimum side setback from 10 ft. to 5 ft. (Staff Supports)
5. Allow reduction of the minimum rear setback from 30 ft. to 25 ft. (Staff Supports)
6. Allow an increase in the maximum lot coverage from 35% to 45% (Staff Supports)

Community Development recommends approval of the rezoning from R-15 to RMC-8-Conditional for the development of seven (7) single-family units at a density of 7.0 units per acre with the following conditions:

Standard Conditions

Requirements # 2, 8, 9, 10, and 17 from Section 1201 of the Zoning Code are not applicable. The following requirements remain applicable.

1. The composition of the homes in a residential subdivision shall include a mixture of elements including; but not limited to: brick, stone, shake, hardy plank and stucco. No elevation shall be comprised of 100% hardy plank siding. The residences whose lots abut external roadways shall not be permitted to utilize hardy plank for any elevation facing these roads.
2. There shall be protective covenants on all lots. These protective covenants shall be supplied to the city prior to the issuance of a building permit.
3. The developer shall provide at least 200 square feet of common space per lot. This common space shall be developed with improvements for the residential subdivision such as: gazebos, fountains, recreational/playground equipment or walking trails. The common space shall be controlled and maintained by the Homeowners Association.
4. The retention pond shall be placed and screened appropriately to be unobtrusive to homes inside and outside the development. The storm water detention plan shall be designed to create at least a ten percent reduction in a 100-year storm event. The city engineer shall approve all plans.
5. All utilities within the development shall be underground.
6. The developer shall be responsible for any traffic improvements (including additional right-of-way dedications) deemed necessary by either the City or the County during construction plan review. Sidewalks shall be provided by the developer inside the subdivision and outside the subdivision adjacent to any public right-of-way consistent with city's requirements for the extent of the development. A grass buffer with a minimum width of two feet shall be provided between the back of curb and sidewalk.
7. No debris may be buried on any lot or common area.
8. The developer will install decorative streetlights within the development, subject to approval by the city engineer. Utilization of low intensity, environmental type lighting, the illumination of which shall be confined within the perimeter of the subject property through the use of "full-cutoff lighting".
9. The developer will comply with the City's current tree ordinance. All required tree protection measures shall be adhered to by the developer during construction.
10. All landscape plans must be prepared, stamped, and signed by a Georgia Registered Landscape Architect for any common areas or entrances.
11. All yards and common areas are to be sodded, and landscaped. Irrigate as appropriate.
12. All single-family and/or duplex residential lots shall provide the following at the time of certificate of occupancy: either four 3" caliper trees or three 4" caliper trees. The following species of trees may be used: Nuttall Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Allee Elm, and Village Green Zelkova. Other species may be used if approved by the City.

Special Conditions

13. The development shall maintain the following setbacks: Front – 15', Side – 5', Rear – 25'
14. The minimum lot size shall be 5,353 sq. ft.
15. The minimum lot width shall be 50 feet.
16. The maximum impervious coverage shall be 45% per lot.
17. Driveway – 22' minimum length from building face to back of sidewalk.
18. The developer shall dedicate property 25' from center line along Woodland Terrace.
19. The developer shall install a 5' sidewalk and 2' grass strip along Bell Drive and Woodland Terrace.

20. Approval of the subject property for the RMC-8-Conditional zoning district shall be conditioned upon the development of the property in substantial compliance with the site plan submitted 4/16/2025 and created by Gaskins+Lecraw. and all zoning stipulations above.
21. Approval of the subject property shall be conditioned upon substantial compliance with the elevations submitted on 3/13/2025.

Kevin Moore on behalf of the applicant came forward. He explained that the property is just over an acre in a unique location. The area is Bell Dr. off of Spring Rd., just west of Cobb Pkwy intersection – this area has transformed in recent years. On three sides are newer developments and there are three other lots that neighbor these two lots that will not be part of this development. They will be adding detached homes, not townhomes, which will be less dense.

Councilmember Travis Lindley asked what time timeline is and what the price point is. Mr. Moore stated that it would be immediate and in the \$500K.

A public hearing was called, and no one came forward in favor of or in opposition to this item.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item Z25-004; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

8. Privilege License and Show Cause Hearing

9. Formal Business

- A. **AGR2025-024** Approval of Mike Jones as Interim City Administrator, administer his Oath of Office by City Attorney Scott Cochran and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related contract documents.

Citywide

Mayor Derek Norton noted that the former City Administrator, Joe Bennett, retired after 30+ years of service, and Mike Jones will be fulfilling those duties as the Interim City Administrator.

- Was Smyrna City Administrator previously
- VP Georgia Regional Manager with WK Dickson & Co.
- Principal Engineer with Edison Engineering Group
- County Administrator for Paulding County from January 2009 – March 2015

Scott Cochran, City Attorney, administered the following Oath of Office:

I, Mike Jones, do solemnly swear that I will well and truly conduct myself as Interim City Administrator of the City of Smyrna for the ensuing term, that I will faithfully enforce the charter and ordinances of the City of Smyrna to the best of my ability, without fear or favor, that I am not the holder of any unaccounted public money due the State or any political subdivision or authority thereof, and in all my actions as Interim City Administrator act as I believe for the best interests of the City of Smyrna. So help me God.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item AGR2025-024; seconded by Councilmember Charles Welch.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

**B. 2025-196 Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget
Citywide**

FY 2026 Budget Presentation
City Council Meeting May 19, 2025

FY 2026 Budget Presentation

- Overview
- General Fund
- E-911 Fund
- Hotel/Motel Fund
- Water/Sewer Fund
- Personnel Recommendations
- Fee Changes
- Debt Obligations
- Capital Projects

Revenues vs. Expenditures

			Transfer
			To/(From)
Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	Cash Reserves
General Fund	69,900,600	69,900,600	-
Special Revenue Funds	9,027,831	9,027,831	-
Capital Project Funds	2,046,000	2,046,000	-
Internal Service Funds	1,846,000	3,578,000	(1,732,000)
Enterprise Funds	28,642,000	28,464,088	177,912
Total Budget	111,462,431	113,016,519	(1,554,088)

FY 2026 Total proposed Budget

	FY25	FY26	Increase/	
Fund	Revised	Proposed	(Decrease)	% Change
General Fund	67,438,849	69,900,600	2,461,751	3.7%
Special Revenue Funds	9,191,658	9,027,831	(163,827)	(1.8%)
Capital Project Funds	16,327,156	2,046,000	(14,281,156)	(87.5%)
Internal Service Funds	1,411,641	3,578,000	2,166,359	153.5%
Enterprise Funds	28,966,979	28,464,088	(502,891)	(1.7%)
Total Budget	123,336,283	113,016,519	(10,319,764)	(8.4%)

General Fund Expenditures

- Insurance & Benefits (90% absorbed by GF)
 - 425K increase overall (3.7%)
 - 200K decrease to health insurance (3.2%)
 - 75K increase (12%) to prescriptions
 - 150K increase (11%) to other insurance (liability, cyber, etc.)
 - 341K increase to retirement contribution (9.9%)
- 901K contingency
 - 395K merit raises
 - 458K COLA
 - 48K unallocated
- 200K for comprehensive plan update
- 200K for stormwater master plan
- 32K for “Blanket Concert” event series
- 237K for traffic improvement/roadway maintenance

E-911 Fund

Revenues	Amount
E-911 Fee from Phone Companies	1,450,000
Transfer from General Fund	755,770
Intergovernmental Revenue	90,000
Miscellaneous	3,000
Total	2,298,770

Expenditures	Amount
Salaries	1,894,040
Other Operating	404,730
Total	2,298,770

Hotel/Motel Fund

Revenues	Amount
Hotel/Motel Taxes	1,762,000
Use of Hotel/Motel Reserves	508,671
Transfer from Auto Rental	250,000
Miscellaneous	31,873
Total	2,552,544

Expenditures	Amount
Payments to Cobb Galleria	666,573

Transfer to General Fund	660,750
Other Operating Costs	929,344
Salaries & Benefits	295,877
Total	2,552,544

Water/Sewer Fund

Revenues	Amount
Water/Sewer Base Rate & Usage	22,430,000
Miscellaneous	580,000
Total	23,010,000

Expenditures	Amount
Wholesale Purchase of Water	12,790,000
Transfer to Water/Sewer CIP	4,017,000
Salaries & Benefits	2,358,444
Transfer to General Fund	2,196,400
Other Operating Costs	1,470,244
Total	22,832,088

Proposed Fee Changes

Departments proposing fee changes:

- Community Development
- Fire
- Parks & Recreation
- Water/Sewer
- Storm Water Utility

New Personnel Request Recommended

Department	Title	Number	Requested Impact
Human Resources	HR & Risk Management Specialist	1	86,588
Parks Facilities	Parks Maintenance Tech I	1	59,169
Total		2	145,757

Reclassification Requests Recommended

Dept	Old Title	Old Grade	New Title	New Grade	Budget Impact
Comm Dev	Planner I	GOVT-10	Land Development Svcs Coordinator	GOVT-11	4,144
Engineering	Traffic Signal Tech	GOVT-6	Traffic Signal Tech III	GOVT-7	3,735
Engineering	Traffic Signal Tech	GOVT-6	Traffic Signal Tech II	GOVT-6	-
Engineering	Traffic Signal Trainee	GOVT-4	Traffic Signal Tech I	GOVT-4	-
Fire Admin	Admin Coordinator	GOVT-6	Certification Manager	GOVT-11	3,744
Fire Prev	Admin Assistant	GOVT-4	Admin Coordinator	GOVT-6	2,954
Hwys & Streets	Warehouse Supervisor	GOVT-9	Streets Maintenance Worker	GOVT-1	(20,502)

IT	Web Administrator	GOVT-10	Information Systems Specialist	GOVT-9	-
Sanitation	Sanitation Worker	GOVT-1	Sanitation Worker II	GOVT-2	9,896
Water Dist	Water & Sewer Supervisor	GOVT-10	Administrative Assistant	GOVT-4	-
Total					(172)

Debt Obligations

•\$79,636,889 total outstanding bond debt

•\$9,487,853 scheduled for FY26
 –322,468 from TAD Fund
 –6,490,970 from the General Fund
 –300,000 from previously committed funds
 –2,374,417 from SPLOST

General Fund CIP

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
General Fund	2,046,000	8,298,000	4,056,000	3,362,000	2,182,000

- Increase of \$362K compared to FY 2025 Adopted Budget
- All projects funded by transfer-in from General Fund

General Fund CIP Projects

Parks & Recreation

•Kitchen Renovations: Brawner \$80,000
 •Playgrounds: R&M \$200,000
 •Sports Field Improvements \$30,000
 •Parks Maintenance Equipment \$26,000

Fire

•Fire Training Ground Improvements \$30,000
 •Functional Fitness Equipment \$30,000

Police

•Property and Evidence Remodel \$55,000

Public Works

•Traffic Sign & Striping Improvements \$50,000
 •Traffic Signal Improvements \$70,000
 •Backflow Testing & Replacement \$25,000
 •PW Restroom Addition \$25,000
 •Green Energy Projects \$1,000,000
 •Water Heater Replacement \$75,000
 •Leak Detection \$75,000
 •Bridge Repairs & Maintenance \$175,000
 •Sanitation Carts \$100,000
 •Replace Underground Sanitation Carts \$25,000

Water/Sewer CIP

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Infrastructure	3,221,000	3,471,000	3,714,000	3,975,000	2,182,000
Drainage	296,000	316,000	338,000	362,000	375,000
Lead & Copper Inventory	500,000	200,000	200,000		
Total W/S CIP	4,017,000	3,987,000	4,252,000	4,337,000	4,629,000

- FY26 funded by transfer-in from Water/Sewer Fund

Storm Water SIP

	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
Misc. Projects	1,539,000	1,570,000	1,600,000	1,632,000	1,650,000

- Funded by monthly storm water fee
- Included \$0.07 increase effective January

Vehicle Replacements and Additions

Department	Number	Budget
Parks	2	135,000
Fire Admin	2	1,750,000
Police/Jail	12	765,000
Engineering	1	50,000
Sanitation	3	695,000
Hwys & Streets	2	78,000
Water	2	105,000
Total	24	3,578,000

- Replacements funded by transfer-in from General Fund

2022 SPLOST

2022 SPLOST	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Facility Improvements	650,000	257,210	-
Radio Replacement	523,278	343,771	-
Resurfacing	3,474,220	1,444,699	1,444,699
Traffic Calming	487,550	300,000	250,000
Sidewalks, Trails, Greenways	2,078,994	918,900	918,900
Downtown / South Cob Dr.	4,107,529	-	-
Other Projects	22,578,825	1,040,000	50,000
Repayment of 2021 Bonds	3,900,450	3,896,700	3,897,450
Total 2022 SPLOST	37,800,846	8,201,280	6,511,049

- 1% sales tax collection began in January 2022

Budget Adoption Schedule

- May 19: Budget presentation and public hearing at Council meeting
- June: Formal budget adoption at Council meeting

- C. **RES2025-009** Authorization for the approval of Resolution 2025-009 for the continuation of a moratorium for sixty (60) consecutive days beginning on June 8, 2025 for the accepting or processing applications seeking the issuance of a sign permit for free standing signs and authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to sign and execute all related documents.

Citywide

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item RES2025-009; seconded by Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby Jr.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

- D. **ATH2025-087** Authorization to approve right-of-way abandonment of Maple Drive and Park Drive as part of the redevelopment of the old IGO Church site located at 1101 Windy Hill Road, Smyrna GA, 30080 and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.

Ward 3 Councilmember - Travis Lindley

Kristin Robinson, Deputy City Administrator, provided the following background:

This request is based off discrepancy's found during the survey and engineering phases for the proposed redevelopment for the old IGO Church site. These discrepancies need to be addressed as part of the project

Public Works recommends the authorization to approve right-of-way abandonment of Maple Drive and Park Drive as part of the redevelopment of the old IGO Church site and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item ATH2025-087; seconded by Councilmember Latonia P. Hines.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

- E. **CHOR2025-007** Approval of a change order to the approved contract with Integrated Construction and Nobility Inc. for the Ward 7 Splash Pad to add a contingency line item in the amount of \$120,000.00 for an increase from the original contract price of \$2,361,808.88 to \$2,481,808.88 which allows the project team to maintain momentum and address issues as they arise, amend

the 2022 SPLOST Splash Pad adopted project length budget to increase \$120,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign any related documents.

Ward 7 Councilmember - Rickey N. Oglesby Jr.

Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby Jr. made a motion to approve item CHOR2025-007; seconded by Councilmember Travis Lindley.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

- F. **ORD2025-005** Approve ORD2025-005 for an amendment to Section 94 -52 of the Smyrna Code of Ordinances dealing with the imposition and rate of Hotel Motel tax so as to update the ordinance consistent with state law and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

Ward 3 Councilmember - Travis Lindley

Kristin Robinson, Deputy City Administrator, provided the following background:

At the request of the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority the city previously approved an Amended and Restated Funding and Operating Agreement. As the Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority prepares its financing, the city needs to update its ordinance dealing with the imposition and rate of Hotel Motel tax so as to update the ordinance consistent with state law and allows the levy through the term of the previously approved contract. This amendment extends the authorization of the levy from December 31, 2028, to December 31, 2053 as allowed by state law.

Staff recommends approval of ORD2025-005 for an amendment to Section 94 -52 of the Smyrna Code of Ordinances dealing with the imposition and rate of Hotel Motel tax so as to update the ordinance consistent with state law.

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve item ORD2025-005; seconded by Councilmember Susan Wilkinson.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

10. Consent Agenda

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; seconded by Councilmember Latonia P. Hines.

The motion to approve carried with the following vote:

Aye: 6 – Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Absent: 1 – Councilmember Pickens

A. MIN2025-098 Approval of the May 1, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

B. MIN2025-100 Approval of the May 5, 2025 Pre-Council Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda

C. MIN2025-102 Approval of the May 5, 2025 Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda

D. BCA2025-002 Approval of re-appointment of Ward 1 resident, Karen Garcia, to the Smyrna Housing Authority for five-year term to expire May 31, 2030
Ward 1 Councilmember - Glenn Pickens

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

E. BCA2025-008 Approval of the appointment of Ward 2 resident, Edward Donovan Slade, to the Smyrna Housing Authority for five-year term to expire May 31, 2030
Ward 2 Councilmember - Latonia P. Hines

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

F. BCA2025-004 Approval of re-appointment of Ward 4 resident, Doug Godbold, to the Smyrna Housing Authority for five-year term to expire May 31, 2030
Ward 4 Councilmember - Charles 'Corkey' Welch

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

G. BCA2025-006 Approval of re-appointment of Ward 6 resident, KC George, to the Smyrna Housing Authority for five-year term to expire May 31, 2030
Ward 6 Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember - Tim Gould

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

H. BCA2025-012 Approval of the appointment of Ward 7 resident, Reginald Turner, to the Smyrna Housing Authority for five-year term to expire May 31, 2030

Ward 7 Councilmember - Rickey N. Oglesby Jr.

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- I. **ATH2025-091** Authorization to approve annual contract renewal for FY2026 with Cliff's Fire Extinguisher for Fire Systems Maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$31,355.34 to be funded from Building and Facilities Professional Services line item and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.
Citywide

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

- J. **ATH2025-093** Authorization to approve annual contract renewal for FY2026 with MaxAir Mechanical for HVAC Systems Maintenance and Repair in an amount not to exceed \$209,084.00 to be funded from Building and Facilities Repairs and Maintenance line item and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all documents.
Citywide

This item was approved on the Consent Agenda.

III. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

*Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the City Council. No subject may be acted upon by the City Council unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, please sign up with the City Clerk, come to the podium when called by the Mayor, state your name and address for the record and make your remarks. The time allotted for each speaker is as follows: **Public Comment - Three (3) Minutes***

11. Public Comment

Elizabeth Hardy, 861 Daniel Drive, manages The Stout Brothers in Market Village. She stated that she recently learned that there will be a gas station/food mart at the top of the street which is allowed under General Commercial. There are several challenges like homelessness, drug issues, etc. There are examples throughout the city that already have problems. She is concerned about safety. She is advocating for her neighborhood.

12. Ward and Staff Reports

Councilmember Latonia P. Hines – had the opportunity with Mayor Pro Tem Gould to be recognized for the Fanny Williams Legacy Project. Rose Garden is having their Spring Festival on June 7.

Councilmember Travis Lindley – had the honor of renaming the field at Cobb Park after longtime resident and pillar of the community, Bill Deutsch. Noted the Rebuild Atlanta Project in Rose Garden area.

Councilmember Charles Welch – honored to be part of the renaming of the field at Cobb Park for Bill Deutsch.

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson – congratulated the graduates of the Citizen's Academy. She also thanked all the businesses that were honored this evening for doing business in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould – echoed Councilmember Hines’ acknowledgment of Cobb Landmark’s recognition of the Fanny Williams Legacy Project. He also congratulated Campbell High School’s graduates. A shout out to Campbell High School’s varsity soccer champs.

Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr. – congratulated all youth softball and Smyrna Little League. Smyrna will host its inaugural Juneteenth festival on June 19 at 5:00 PM.

13. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the May 19, 2025 Mayor and Council meeting at 8:54 PM.

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

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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