

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

**December 09, 2024
6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 6 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr.

Absent: 2 – Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Staff: 7 – Jennifer Bennett, Joe Bennett, Richard Garland, Jill Head, Kristin Robinson, Joey Staubes, Andrea Worthy

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the December 9, 2024 Pre-Council meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Admin Conference Room at 6:31 PM.

3. Review of Current M&C Agenda

PRE2024-035 Review of the December 9, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the December 9, 2024 Mayor and Council agenda.

BCA2024-045: Rose Diggs is being appointed to the Smyrna Tree Board by Councilmember Hines. She is also Smyrna’s Citizen of the Year for 2024. She is has fostered hundreds of children and is an asset to the community.

ATH2024-206: Kristin Robinson, Deputy City Adm./Finance Director, listed the following ARPA projects:

- Community Center Chairs
- City Hall Chairs
- Filed netting at Brinkley Park and Chuck Camp Park
- Traffic Signal Intersection Camera replacements

- Miscellaneous Park Amenities

4. Other Business / Staff Comment

Mayor Norton mentioned the misinformation posted on the web about Smyrna's rebranding efforts. He mentioned that it stemmed from a dishonest write-up on Reddit which was then picked up by the Marietta Daily Journal, and neither article stated that the Mayor and Council have not approved anything at this point. Jennifer Bennett, Community Relations Director, added that all previous logos were never professionally designed and never went through the citizen input phase. Mayor Norton as an aside announced that Ms. Bennett had been with the city for 25 years and congratulated her. Mayor Norton also announced that Stillfire Brewery closes on their financing this week.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, said there will be a December 18, 2024 HB581 meeting. If one cannot attend in person, there is a virtual option.

Councilmember Oglesby announced that a second public art installment will go in this week. There will be a slight delay because of the rain, but this means that Smyrna has completed two public art projects before the year ends.

Councilmember Pickens stated that his friend who teaches at Westminster and has his students reimagine the Baptist Church property. He would like to show Mayor and Council the results.

Scott Cochran, City Attorney, stated that the city has pre-closed on the bond and real estate transaction. This is for the church property and GA Power building.

5. Executive Session (As Needed)

6. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the December 9, 2024 Pre-Council meeting at 6:53 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:
The City of Smyrna website – www.smyrnaga.gov
City Hall, 2800 King Street SE, Notice Boards