

# 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

**June 17, 2024  
6:30 PM**

## 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 7 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, and Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr.

**Also Present:** 1 – Scott Cochran

**Absent:** 1 – Councilmember Latonia P. Hines

**Staff:** 5 – Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Eric Randall, and Joey Staubes

## 2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the June 17, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:32 PM.

## 3. Formal Business and Presentations

## 4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

### A. PRE2024-015 Review of the June 17, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Norton reviewed the June 17, 2024 Mayor and Council Meeting agenda. Scott Cochran, City Attorney, explained that the agenda change item is an item being added under the Consent Agenda, item D. Out of an abundance of caution, he wanted this item added to demonstrate that the City of Smyrna is considering the appeal, and this prevents the opposing side from citing a procedural argument that the City’s hearing was later than the ordinance requires. The appeal is to have billboards added throughout the City of Smyrna.

CHOR2024-004: When performing the final walkthrough for the library bathroom renovations, it was discovered that there was a load-bearing wall that was not part of the

original plans. The \$50K amount will come out of ARPA funds and will include the demo, larger beam, and rebuild.

AGR2024-023: This was triggered last fall when GDOT did their regular inspection. There were no pilings underneath the bridge. There are no historical records for the bridge that dates back to the 1970's. In order to replace the whole bridge, it would require removing the bridge and closing the road altogether. This stop-gap measure will lock the hard-packed dirt into place and stabilize the bridge. There is a gas pipeline, two water lines, and fiber optic lines. Part of the issue is that it is unclear if the bridge belongs to the City of Smyrna or Cobb County. The costs associated will be 50/50 shared cost with Cobb County. Councilmember Oglesby expressed concern that this bridge is used often by over 1,000 residents to access their neighborhoods and the Silver Comet Trail.

## 5. Other Business / Staff Comment

Mayor Pro Tem Gould mentioned the concert at the Reed House on Saturday night was a success.

Councilmember Oglesby stated that he will meet with Design Local and tour the City with them on Thursday and Friday. He also met with Walt Ray, Chattahoochee Land Project, and got a rundown of the project they are working on. He also mentioned Kathy Young is no longer on the Public Arts Committee.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, reminded all that Wednesday, June 19, is a holiday, and City Hall will be closed. He also stated that he will be on annual leave the Thursday and Friday afterward.

Councilmember Wilkinson asked if anyone would be attending the dedication of the bench at Concord Bridge. The Jonquil Garden Club is installing a pollinator garden there as well.

## 6. Executive Session (As Needed)

## 7. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the June 17, 2024 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:52 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:  
The City of Smyrna website – [www.smyrnaga.gov](http://www.smyrnaga.gov)  
City Hall, 2800 King Street SE, Notice Boards