



City of Smyrna

Meeting Minutes - Final Pre-Council Meeting

City of Smyrna
A. Max Bacon City Hall /
Council Chambers
2800 King Street
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Monday, December 19, 2022

6:30 PM

Administrative Conference Room

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, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Excused 1 - Scott Cochran

Also Present 1 - Tom Cauthorn

Staff 7 - Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Penny Mocerri, Eric Randall, Carol Sicard, and Joey Staubes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the December 19, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:30 PM.

2. Review of the current Mayor and Council Agenda

Before Mayor Norton began the review of the agenda, he stated that what occurred at the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting was something he does not want to repeat. He expressed that there will be order, everyone needs to wait to be recognized, and that includes in Council Chambers when each member can hit their button when they want to speak. He stated that everyone will be heard.

Penny Mocerri, Deputy City Administrator, announced the Atlanta Track Club is having their Heart & Soles 10K of February 4, 2023. Fire and Police have reviewed the course. They will have a central start and finish in downtown. This is a qualifier for the Peachtree, and they will have a wheelchair team as well. She asked for a verbal consensus that this can go forward. All Council concurred.

A. [PRE2022-14](#) Review of the current Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

For item Z22-014 to allow rezoning from GC to MU for the development of 24 residential lofts and 9,450 sq. ft. of office/commercial area on 1.09 acres on land lot 559 located at 2934 Atlanta Road, 0 Atlanta Road, and 2950 Atlanta oad by applicant Tanalta LLC & Jamac Corp., Councilmember Susan Wilkinson attempted to recuse herself. When asked what her reason was for the recusal, she stated that she was advised to do so. Judge Cauthorn stated that there was no need for her to recuse herself because she has no financial interest in this item.

There was no further discussion.

3. Other Business

Joe Bennett, City Administrator stated that he sent out the project updates earlier in the day, and the Google hut on Powder Springs St. is now gone.

Councilmember Welch expressed concern about corporate entities buying large tracks of homes. He asked that the Council think about solutions.

Councilmember Lindley stated he and Mr. Bennett walked around downtown earlier. Everything looks great, and there has been lots of progress.

Councilmember Hines reminded all about the Menorah Lighting at Brawner Hall at 5:30 PM the following day.

Carol Sicard, Human Resource Director, handed out new entry badges to Mayor and Council because of the new security system being put in place. Ms. Mocerri told Mayor and Council that this badge disarms the alarm, but if they use the keypad, they could accidentally trigger the alarm. She also announced that water will be shut down in the public restrooms at the parks to avoid frozen pipes.

4. Executive Session (As Needed)

5. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the December 19, 2022 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:46 PM.