

Pre-Council Meeting – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Smyrna Community Center
Magnolia Room
200 Village Green Circle
Smyrna, GA 30080

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)
Lewis Wheaton (Ward 7)

City Attorney Scott Cochran
City Administrator Joseph Bennett
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**May 01, 2023
6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 7 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, and Councilmember Lewis Wheaton

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Absent: 1 – Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Tim Gould

Staff: 8 – Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, Heather Peacon-Corn, Eric Randall, Carol Sicard, and Andrea Worthy

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the May 1, 2023, Pre-Council Meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Magnolia Room at 6:30 PM.

3. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. **PRE2023-013** Review of the May 1, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda.

Mayor Norton stated that Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould was unable to attend because he is traveling for business.

Mayor Norton reviewed the Mayor and Council agenda. No discussion took place.

4. Other Business / Staff Comment

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, provided the following updates:

- Downtown greenspace is coming along nicely. They are working on the wall at the Community Center and the pocket park.
- A new plan for the ribbon cutting for the new greenspace will be June 10 at the first concert. They will also be re-sodding Veteran's Memorial Lawn.

- They have received an initial report from a company about the splashpad site. The original site had too much rock. The new site across the street is looking much better.
 - The Reed House landscaping project/outdoor event space is beautiful. The grand opening will be Thursday next week.
 - The acoustic panels for the Council Chambers are ordered. Once those come in, work will move forward in Council Chambers.
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- Councilmember Welch stated he may not be able to attend the May 11, 2023, Committee of the Whole meeting.
 - Penny Mocer, Deputy City Administrator, discussed the next steps from the Committee to Honor Fanny Williams.
 - Councilmember Wilkinson mentioned that there will be a Traffic Calming Committee meeting with the Smyrna Grove HOA.
 - Eric Randall, Public Works Director, stated that the Traffic Calming Committee meeting for Concord Road will be May 17, 2023 at 6:30 at Fire Station 2.
 - Councilmember Wheaton stated that the designs and the process for the Fanny Williams Legacy Project have been amazing. He also shared that because of a family circumstance, his family has had to relocate and move out of Ward 7. He will be resigning his Council seat as of May 10, 2023. Dr. Wheaton recommended Kathy Young to be appointed to his seat.
 - Mayor Norton stated that it has been an honor to serve with Dr. Wheaton.

5. Executive Session (As Needed)

6. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the May 1, 2023, Pre-Council Meeting at 6:53 PM.

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