

# 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)  
VACANT (Ward 7)

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

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

**May 15, 2023  
6:30 PM**

## 1. Roll Call

**Present:** 5 – Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, and Councilmember Susan Wilkinson

**Also Present:** 1 – Scott Cochran

**Absent:** 2 – Mayor Derek Norton and Councilmember Latonia P. Hines

**Staff:** 5 – Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Landon O’Neal, and Kristin Robinson

## 2. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould called to order the May 15, 2023, Pre-Council Meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:32 PM.

## 3. Formal Business and Presentations

## 4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

### **PRE2023-015** Review of the May 15, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould reviewed the May 15, 2023, Mayor and Council agenda.

Discussion took place regarding street paving/resurfacing and how that can be made part of the record to formally commit funds. City Attorney Scott Cochran stated that an agenda item should be added at a future date to vote to commit potential excess SPLOST funds to that project. Kristin Robinson, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director, explained that when the Council adopted the budget, they adopted all that was part of the referendum – the revenue and the expense line items with amendments. When the City begins receiving any potential excess amounts, that would be the time to amend the revenue and add the expense to resurfacing. Mr. Cochran explained that is like an informal agreement in advance.

No further discussion took place.

## 5. Other Business / Staff Comment

Discussion took place about the downtown green space ribbon cutting to take place on June 10, 2023. Concern was expressed about having hundreds of people on the newly laid sod.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, updated the Council on the following:

- Talks with other City Managers about the Smyrna jail and the raised fees (\$62 – \$78 per diem) are going well and have been positive. He expressed that it would not be favorable to close the jail at this point.
- The centerpiece for the downtown village fountain is ordered. The jets, plumbing, and pool are completed.
- They are working with Ohmshiv to get the final punch list completed for the streets portion of the downtown green space project.
- Tolleson Pool continues to leak water approximately 1,000 gallons a day. GeoHydro is going to perform borings around the pool to see what is happening. Once that is complete, the Council may need to decide if it should be replaced depending on the findings.

## 6. Executive Session (As Needed)

## 7. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould adjourned the May 15, 2023, Pre-Council Meeting at 6:55 PM.

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

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