

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)
Kathy Young (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

**August 7, 2023
6:30 PM**

1. 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 Kathy Young

Also Present: 1 – Jeffrey Tucker

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

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the August 3, 2023 Pre-Council meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:30 PM.

3. Review of Current M&C Agenda

PRE2023-019 Review of the August 7, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Discussion took place regarding item Z23-003, rezoning from R-8 Conditional to RDA – Conditional for the development for six single-family homes on Madison Street. Russell Martin, Community Development Director, explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission denied this rezoning because some residents raised some concerns. Commission Member Jonathan Howard asked the developers if they would be the ones developing the land, and they were unable to answer in the affirmative.

Councilmember Hines stated that there have been several iterations of this plan. She mentioned that there had been a proposal to arrange the houses so there would be a private access drive. Ms. Hines expressed that she did not like the configuration with the private drive. This new configuration allows for front-facing homes and no private drive which comports with Smyrna’s desire to not have

private drives. Ms. Hines stated that she approves of this plan in its current configuration.

4. Other Business / Staff Comment

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, updated the Council on the progress of Council Chambers:

- Dais has been refinished.
- Carpet will be laid at the end of the week.
- Tray lighting is completed.
- Pews are refinished and will be reset by end of the following week.

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Gould asked if the front railings will be removed. Mr. Bennett said they have been removed already. Discussion took place about a previous meeting when paid protestors came to Council Chambers, and those railings should have provided some protection, but they did not.

5. Executive Session (As Needed)

6. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the June 20, 2023 Pre-Council Meeting at 6:47 PM.

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for 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