

Pre-Council Meeting – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



A Max Bacon City Hall
Council Chambers
2800 King Street SE
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)
Kathy Young (Ward 7)

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

**August 21, 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 – Scott Cochran

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

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called ot order the August 21, 2023 Pre-Council meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in the Administration Conference Room at 6:32 PM.

3. Formal Business and Presentations

Mayor Derek Norton introduced Benjamin Rhue, third grader from St. Benedict’s Episcopal School, who was “Mayor for the Day.”

- His father, Alex, and his older sister, Lauren, were both in attendance.
- He is eight years old.
- He plays tennis, but stated that his sister is better.
- He toured City Hall, had lunch with the Mayor, had a police escort to the police station, and toured one of the fire stations.
- He attended both the Pre-Council meeting and the Mayor and Council meeting in Council Chambers.

4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

PRE2023-020 Review of the August 21, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

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

5. Other Business / Staff Comment

- Mayor Pro Tem Gould mentioned that five schools in Smyrna were nationally recognized for their PTSA.
- Mayor Norton stated that they have finalized the rest of the lineup for the 151st Birthday Celebration and that tables go on sale on August 23 at 6:00 PM.
- Councilmember Wilkinson stated that she received a call/complaint that one of the building foyers in downtown smells of smoke. The foyer in question has a cigar bar in that building.
- Eric Randall explained that Cobb DOT is in the process of identifying potential sites in the Cumberland area to relocate a transfer center. Some sites discussed were Heritage Pavilion and another location near Chuck E. Cheese. Nothing has been decided at this point.
- Councilmember Lindley mentioned an article in the Marietta Daily Journal that the City of Marietta is not offering support to Cobb Galleria. Mayor Norton stated that Marietta's mayor had expressed that even if the council had approved the funding, he would have vetoed it because he felt that they have funded it enough and want to use their resources to fund their own facilities. Without Marietta's support, financing is affected for the authority for the long-term.
- Councilmember Hines stated that she attended the CMA meeting where Trey Hutchens spoke. It was hosted by Powder Springs in the Green Magnolia. When Smyrna hosts it in October in the Reed House, it will allow for the showcasing of that facility.

6. Executive Session (As Needed)

7. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the August 21, 2023 Pre-Council meeting at 6:50 PM.

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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
City Hall, 2800 King Street SE, Notice Boards