

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

**September 18, 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: 8 – Jennifer Bennet, Joe Bennett, Jill Head, Russell Martin, Penny Mocer, Carol Sicard, and Joey Staubes

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the September 18, 2023 Pre-Council meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:30 PM.

3. Staff M&C Agenda Items to Review

4. Formal Business and Presentations

5. Review of Current M&C Agenda

PRE2023-021 Review of the September 18, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Norton reviewed the September 18, 2023 Mayor and Council agenda.

Concerning item Z23-009, Councilmember Wilkinson stated she agrees that the removal of the requirement to have an off-duty officer at the intersection be removed. Some discussion took place about previous variances for this same property.

Councilmember Welch asked where the additional funds are coming from for item 2023-191, the CMAR for the splash pad at River Line Park to Winter Construction. Kristin Robinson, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director, explained ARPA money was set

aside for this project, and it will be a combination of ARPA and SPLOST. An amendment was done on June 20, 2023.

Brief discussion took place regarding item ATH2023-36, the memorandum of understanding between the City of Smyrna and Smyrna First Baptist Church. Councilmember Hines asked if this is basically a good faith gesture to which City Attorney Scott Cochran concurred.

For item ATH2023-37, FY 2023 year-end budget amendment, Ms. Robinson explained that this is the standard clean-up to balance funds.

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, provided the following information concerning the flooding of City Hall:

- After the COW last Thursday, a second floor instant water heater attached under a sink burst
- Water was discovered throughout the second floor Administration hallway
- There are several of the instant water heaters throughout City Hall which are being replaced
- The water caused the ceiling to collapse in Court Services
- There were several small electrical fires in the lights on the first floor
- Council Chambers should be ready first with an anticipated completion date around Thanksgiving – Council Chambers should be completed sooner
- Administration staff is in Finance and downstairs across from Human Resources

7. Executive Session (As Needed)

A. PRE2023-022 Legal Discussion – Executive Session

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion Enter into Executive Session; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion Enter into Executive Session carried with the following vote:

Aye:	7 – Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Young
Nay:	0 – None
Recuse:	0 – None

Councilmember Charles Welch made a motion Return to Regular Session; seconded by Councilmember Latonia P. Hines.

The motion Return to Regular Session carried with the following vote:

Aye:	7 – Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Young
Nay:	0 – None
Recuse:	0 – None

8. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the September 18, 2023 Pre-Council meeting at 6:58 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