

Committee of the Whole Minutes - 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
Dogwood Room
1250 Powder Springs Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

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

**September 27, 2023
6:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 5 – Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Councilmember Kathy Young

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Staff: 5 – Dan Campbell, Penny Mocerri, Paul Osburn, Heather Peacon-Corn, Eric Randall

Absent: 3 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould

Call to Order

Councilmember Travis Lindley called to order the September 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Dogwood Room at 6:30 PM.

2. Staff M&C Agenda Items to Review

3. Formal Business and Presentations

4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. COW2023-051 Review of the October 2, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Agenda

- Eric Randall, Public Works Director, provided information regarding the Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) for the downtown parking deck. Two Construction firms were interviewed, and Winter Construction was selected based on scoring.

Councilmember Welch stated that he had not seen this plan and was not comfortable taking a vote on this at the next Council meeting. Mr. Welch also expressed that he is not happy with Winter Construction because of the huge budget changes for the last two projects under Winter Construction. In a CMAR situation, the large changes are not

supposed to occur. Mr. Welch asked who was on the selection committee. Mr. Randall answered it was himself, Mark Wolff (City Engineer), Zach Strickland (Croy Engineering), Paul Osburn (Asst. Public Works Dir.), and Russell Martin (Community Development Dir.).

Discussion took place about CMAR versus Design-Build and when and why the City chooses one over the other. It was suggested that this item be removed from the agenda.

- Paul Osburn, Asst. Public Works Director, explained why Public Works needed to re-classify a sanitation laborer to a sanitation driver.

- Paul Osburn explained that due to the storms that occurred in August, emergency work needed to be completed because there was a storm drain collapse. Ardito Construction will complete the work but are asking for approximately half the funding early – the total budget for the project is \$356,316.72. Councilmember Welch asked if Ardito Construction has an existing contract with the City for general services. Mr. Osburn explained that because this is a stormwater project, Finance said they could not use the sewer contract for stormwater. Mr. Osburn put out a bid for stormwater contract, and Ardito Construction came in first and KM Davis came in second.

- Councilmember Wilkinson stated that Jennifer Corcoran will be appointed to the Ward 5 seat on the Smyrna Tree Board to replace the prior member who moved out of the City. She said she feels that Ms. Corcoran will be a good added member because she works in the environmental field.

- Councilmember Pickens stated that his choice of Karen Garcia for the Ward 1 Housing Authority seat is excited to serve after attending a previous meeting. Discussion took place regarding a Cobb County Housing Authority meeting and the necessity for the Smyrna Housing Authority to have a meeting about the policy updates that need to be discussed.

Brief discussion took place regarding Thermoplastic Striping and the Consent Agenda.

5. Other Business / Staff Comment

Councilmember Welch – Recommended that the Council needs to ask more questions concerning changes in project budgets and changes. Mr. Randall explained that he would like to have staff dedicated to the role of overseeing those budgetary concerns.

Councilmember Pickens – Asked if Council is getting logistical information concerning the 151st Birthday Celebration. Penny Mocer, Deputy City Administrator, stated she would ask Jennifer Bennett to come to the Pre-Council meeting to discuss that.

Penny Mocer (Deputy City Administrator) – Updated Council on City Hall on:

- The remediation and repairs on City Hall. Council Chambers is moving forward, but the first and second floors' repairs had to be put out for bid because of insurance changes and requirements.
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration had over 2,000 attendees. They did run out of food because nobody anticipated so many people attending.
- Football Saturday will be this weekend.
- Prepping for the 151st Birthday Celebration.
- The Christmas Lights contract might be ready for Monday's Council meeting. Looking at purchasing or leasing lights. Tree will be where it was last year.

- A public input session was held the night before for the aquatic center and dedicated tennis and pickleball courts. Many comments have already come in. Two more will be Sunday and Tuesday at the Community Center.

Councilmember Young – Attended the Smyrna Youth Council prior to this meeting. They asked a lot of great questions. Thanked Council for allowing the Campbell HS Drama Club to come before Council last meeting. If anybody would like to meet Rickey Oglesby, he is putting together some listening events – he is running unopposed for Ward 7 Council.

Councilmember Wilkinson – Stated that she did not receive the 9/22/2023 Smyrna Housing Authority meeting notice. Stated that she has continued to hear a lot about stormwater issues.

Heather Peacon-Corn (City Clerk) – Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports are due on September 30, 2023 for both incumbent and new candidates.

6. Executive Session (As Needed)

7. Adjournment

Councilmember Travis Lindley adjourned the September 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:07 PM.

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