

Pre-Council Meeting – Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Smyrna Community Center
Oak Room
200 Village Green Circle
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

**October 02, 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, Councilmember Kathy Young

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Staff: 4 – Jennifer Bennett, Joe Bennett, Jill Head, and Penny Mocerri

2. Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called to order the October 2, 2023 Pre-Council Meeting held at the Smyrna Community Center in the Oak Room at 6:29 PM.

3. Staff M&C Agenda Items to Review

4. Formal Business and Presentations

A. **PRE2023-023** 151 Birthday Celebration Review – Jennifer Bennett

Jennifer Bennett, Community Relations Director, provided detailed information about parking, stage areas, scheduling of concerts, and the possibility of meet-and-greets with the musical artists.

5. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. **PRE2023-024** Review of the October 2, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Derek Norton reviewed the agenda with the Council. No discussion took place.

6. Other Business / Staff Comment

Penny Mocer, Deputy City Administrator, mentioned that the Smyrna Corn Hole League needs a street closing for October 12, 2023. This was not added to this agenda because the request came in too late, so she asked if Council was okay to place it on the following agenda to approve retroactively. The Council was in agreement.

Councilmember Welch asked that Croy Engineering provide updates quarterly on the many projects in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould asked about a BP that is selling vaping and bong paraphernalia. City Administrator, Joe Bennett, stated there is nothing that can be done to stop the selling of those items. City Attorney, Scott Cochran, concurred and stated that it is very difficult to regulate the sale of those items. Further discussion took place about Georgia's laws relating to marijuana, hemp, and other such items.

Councilmember Hines stated that the Hispanic Heritage Celebration was fantastic – well attended and well organized. She also mentioned the first sets of artwork on utility boxes are great.

Councilmember Young stated Newsies Jr. opens this week at Campbell High School.

Joe Bennett, City Administrator, stated that Girma is still waiting on quotes for repairs for the first and second floor flood damage. Work is moving forward on Council Chambers.

7. Executive Session (As Needed)

8. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the October 2, 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
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