

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
SMYRNA TOWN COUNCIL
May 15, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John L. Embert III at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Alvin C. Pope, William D. Pressley Sr., Peter M. Retzlaff, Robert C. Johnson, and Valerie M. White.

Also present were Acting Town Manager Gary F. Stulir, Chief Norman E. Wood, and Recording Secretary Valerie L. Heritage.

Mayor Embert asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO PUBLISHED AGENDA

Mr. Stulir asked to add Discussion and possible action on trash contract to the agenda.

Councilwoman White made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve the regular minutes of March 20, 2017 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pope and carried unanimously.

Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve the executive session minutes of May 3, 2017 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pope and carried unanimously.

REPORTS

- A. Bills & financial statement** – Mr. Stulir said Council was sent draft report and bank balances.
- B. Presiding Officer** – Mayor Embert reminded everyone about the reservations for the DLLG and DEMEC.
- C. Town Attorney** – Mr. Edwards said he had nothing.
- D. Police Chief** – Chief Wood reviewed the events of the last two weeks.
- E. Town Manager** – Mr. Stulir touched on items from his report to Council.
- F. Committees** – Councilman Pope said the IT Committee will meet in May 22nd; and the Personnel Committee will meet May 31st.

Councilman Johnson said the Utility Committee will meet in May 22nd.

Councilman Retzlaff said the Finance Committee will meet in May 18th.

Councilwoman White said the Shade Tree Commission met May 15th.

Mr. Stulir said the Economic Development Committee will meet June 1st.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Visitors present were Michelle Wadkins, Bill Evans, William Wilson, Jim Wolfe, Jerry Neal, and Conrad Hebert.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on third reading: Ord. No. 004-17, an ordinance to amend Chapter 18 (“Buildings and Building Regulations”) of the Town Code of the Town of Smyrna to incorporate into the Town Code the 2012 version of the International Building Code and other codes associated with the construction and maintenance of buildings in the Town of Smyrna, to make various amendments to these model codes in order for more fully adapt these codes to the needs of the Town of Smyrna, to adopt regulations pertaining to accessible and usable buildings and facilities, and to make miscellaneous changes to the Housing Code – Councilman Johnson made the motion to make this the first reading of Ord. No. 004-17, an ordinance to amend Chapter 18 (“Buildings and Building Regulations”) of the Town Code of the Town of Smyrna to incorporate into the Town Code the 2012 version of the International Building Code and other codes associated with the construction and maintenance of buildings in the Town of Smyrna, to make various amendments to these model codes in order for more fully adapt these codes to the needs of the Town of Smyrna, to adopt regulations pertaining to accessible and usable buildings and facilities, and to make miscellaneous changes to the Housing Code. Motion was seconded by Councilman Pope and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on Cost of Service Study for Electric, Water/Sewer systems – no action was taken.

B. Discussion on who votes in town election – Councilwoman White made the motion to send this to the Charter Review Committee. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action on Resolution to Approve Downtown Development District Boundary Change – Councilman Johnson made the motion to approve the resolution to approve the Downtown Development District boundary change. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman White and carried unanimously.

D. Consideration and vote on delinquent utility bills for medical customers – Councilwoman White made the motion to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

E. Discussion and possible vote on utility and code enforcement issues involving 41 W. Mt. Vernon St., 219 W. Frazier St., 221 N. Main St., and 155 S. East St. – this item was removed from the agenda.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Councilman Johnson asked for distances driven of take home vehicles. Councilman Pope said this is on the Personnel Committee agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive session to discuss personnel matters in which the names, competencies, and abilities of individual employees may be discussed; and

B. Executive session to discuss potential acquisition of real property – Councilman Johnson made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters in which the names, competencies, and abilities of individual employees will be discussed and to discuss potential acquisition of real property. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman White and carried unanimously. Council went into executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Councilman Pope made the motion to come out of executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously. Council came out of executive session at 8:54 p.m.

C. Discussion and possible vote on matters discussed in executive session regarding personnel matters – no action was taken.

D. Potential action on matter discussed in executive session regarding potential acquisition of real property – Councilman Pope made the motion to move forward as discussed in executive session. Motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Embert adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.