



TOWN OF SMYRNA

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES



April 14, 2026

5:00 PM

Smyrna Town Hall

1. Call to Order

Mayor Reed called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

Prayer: Smyrna Police Department Chaplain, Tim York

The Invocation was led by Smyrna Police Department Chaplain, Tim York.

Pledge of Allegiance: Town Attorney, Jeff Peach

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2. Roll Call

The roll was called by the Town Clerk and the following Town Council Members were present: Council Member Racquel Peebles, Council Member Steve Sullivan, Council Member Gerry Short, Council Member HG Cole, Council Member Jerome Dempsey, Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins, and Mayor Mary Esther Reed.

3. Approval or Correction of Minutes

March 10, 2026, regular meeting, the March 26, 2026, workshop meeting and the March 27, 2026, and April 2, 2026, special-called meetings of the Town Council.

Following a review of the minutes of the March 10, 2026, regular meeting, the March 26, 2026, workshop meeting and the March 27, 2026, and April 2, 2026, special-called meetings of the Town Council. Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins made a motion to approve the minutes; the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Jerome Dempsey. The motion was approved 7-0.

4. Awards and Recognitions

Proclamation for Senior Citizens Day

Fran Dunne, Executive Director at the Senior Activity Center of Smyrna, accepted a Proclamation on behalf of Senior Citizens Day 2026.

5. Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda items were next presented for consideration by the Town Council. Following discussion, Council Member Jerome Dempsey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items; the motion was duly seconded by Council Member Steve Sullivan. The motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said documents referenced on the Consent Agenda are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "1".

- 5.a. **Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, an amendment with Neel Schaffer for additional CEI services associated with the ITS Phase 3, 4, 5 project to oversee installation of the replacement fiber along Lowry Street.**
- 5.b. **Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, addendum 2 with Kimley Horn for the Old Nashville Highway Sidewalk project.**
- 5.c. **Approval of the terms of, and authorization for the Mayor to execute, a contract from the Tennessee Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial for the Smyrna Greenway Historical Signage Revitalization project in the amount of \$23,482.**
- 5.d. **Consideration and authorization of a list of items to be auctioned through online surplus sale with GovDeals.**
- 6. **Old Business**
- 6.a. **PUBLIC HEARING: Consideration of an Ordinance amending the Smyrna Municipal Code Title 7 relative to the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code.**

The Town Council next considered on second and final reading an Ordinance amending the Smyrna Municipal Code Title 7 relative to the adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code.

At this time, Mayor Reed recessed the meeting without objection, and a public hearing was opened related to the agenda item. No citizens spoke relative to this agenda item. At this time, the public hearing was closed without objection, and the Council meeting was resumed.

Following discussion, Council Member HG Cole made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final reading; the motion was duly seconded by Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on second and final reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "2." (Ordinance #26-17)

- 7. **New Business**
- 7.a. **Planning Commission Report**
- 7.a.1. **Consideration of an Ordinance relative to the rezoning of property located on Tax Map 28, part of Parcel 12.02 from C-2 to PCD requested by SEC, Inc. on behalf of CSC Properties, LLC. The property requested to be rezoned contains approximately 2.21 acres and is located on Lee**

Victory Parkway.

The Town Council next considered on first reading an Ordinance relative to the rezoning of property located on Tax Map 28, part of Parcel 12.02 from C-2 to PCD requested by SEC, Inc. on behalf of CSC Properties, LLC. The property requested to be rezoned contains approximately 2.21 acres and is located on Lee Victory Parkway. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was that the request be approved with three (3) conditions:

1. The proposed building elevation on Lot 1 does not meet Design Review and is required to be revised to meet Design Review.
2. The entire property is in the 100 year floodplain. A floodplain development permit application is required to be submitted as a part of the grading permit application.
3. The signal warrant analysis shows that a traffic signal is warranted at the intersection of the private drive and Lee Victory Parkway. This signal is required to be installed, pending approval by TDOT.

Following discussion, Council Member HG Cole made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, including the conditions provided by staff, as well as confirming an agreement with the church for use of the private drive and subject to the elevations on the road and the bank meeting design review. Following further discussion, prior to receiving a second to the motion, Council Member H.G. Cole requested to withdraw his motion for approval and subsequently made a motion to defer the Ordinance on first reading until such time that all conditional discussion items have been resolved. Council Member Gerry Short seconded the motion to defer this item on first reading. The motion to defer was unanimously approved.

A copy of said Ordinance, as deferred on first reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "3."
(Ordinance #26-15)

7.a.2. Consideration of an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article IV Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts, Section 4.010.2.B regarding parking requirements for elementary and middle schools.

The Town Council next considered on first reading an Ordinance amending the text of the Smyrna Municipal Zoning Ordinance Article IV Supplementary Provisions Applying to Specific Districts, Section 4.010.2.B regarding parking requirements for elementary and middle schools. The recommendation of the Planning Commission was that the Ordinance be approved.

Following discussion, Council Member Gerry Short made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Jerome Dempsey. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on first reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "4."
(Ordinance #26-23)

7.b. Consideration of a Resolution revising the updated Town of Smyrna logo.

The Town Council next considered a Resolution revising the updated Town of Smyrna logo.

Following discussion, Council Member Jerome Dempsey made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Racquel Peebles. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Resolution, as approved, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "5." (Resolution #26-10)

7.c. Consideration of an Ordinance relative to an update to the Sewer Use Ordinance.

The Town Council next considered on first reading an Ordinance relative to an update to the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Following discussion, Vice-Mayor Marc Adkins made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading. The motion was duly seconded by Council Member Jerome Dempsey. After further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

A copy of said Ordinance, as approved on first reading, is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if set forth at length verbatim as Exhibit "6." (Ordinance #26-22)

7.d. Consideration of the appointment of one (1) member to the Board of Zoning appeals to serve a three-year term ending in 2029.

The Town Council next appointed sole applicant, Wayne Blair, to serve a three (3) year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals ending in 2029. This appointment was confirmed unanimously.

7.e. Consideration of the appointment of one (1) member to the Sister City Relations Committee to serve an unexpired term ending in 2028.

Mayor Reed next nominated applicant, Gregory Creasey, to serve an unexpired term ending in 2028. This nomination was confirmed unanimously by Town Council.

8. Public Comment

The following three citizens spoke under public comment:
Thomas Crow and Pat Selley relative to Lake Farms subdivision, and Kathryn Taylor relative to speed humps and traffic concerns/safety issues.

9. Other

At this time, Council Member Racquel Peebles requested Town Planner, Kevin Rigsby, to discuss the status of the Comprehensive Plan and Steering Committee selection. There was no other new business before the Council at this time.

10. Status Reports

February State Shared & Local Sales Tax

Director of Finance, Sierra Lowry, presented Council with the February State Shared Tax and February Local Sales Tax numbers.

11. Correspondence & Announcements

At this time, Utilities Director, Mike Strange, made an announcement relative to an emergency purchase of a pump motor that was faulting out at Mason Tucker Booster Station for the Water Treatment Plant. This is critical to continue supplying water to the Sam Ridley corridor, including the hospital. Utilities ordered a new pump and is having the existing pump reworked to keep it as a spare because the 2nd pump is also 18 years old. Details: Vendor: Southwest Electric Company Cost: \$34,531.00.

Next, Mayor Mary Esther Reed and other Council members, as well as Town Manager, David Santucci, recognized various Town employees for a job well done; spoke of various community events and also extended well-wishes, congratulations and condolences to various individuals.

12. Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35PM.

Attest:


Amber Hobbs, Town Clerk

Town of Smyrna, Tennessee


Mary Esther Reed, Mayor