

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, February 5, 2018

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building – Law Library
Mayor Brooks Compton
Deputy Mayor Belinda Kenley
Councilmembers John Beals
Mark Engert
John Palcher
JoAnne Rau
Bill Serr

Clerk of Council Carin Andrews
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant To The City Manager Kristen Gopman
Human Resources Manager Jennifer Wilder
Interim Human Resources Manager Kathie Weisgarber
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
City Planner Andrew Rodney
Public Works Director Doug Spitler
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Fire Chief Bill Gaul
Asst. Fire Chief Scott Kujawa
Police Lt. Joseph LaVigne
Mr. George Oberer – Oberer Developers
Mr. Robert Hall – Oberer Developers
Mr. Adam Murka – Sinclair Community College

At 6:45 Mayor Compton called the meeting to order and welcomed Police Lt. Joseph LaVigne, who updated Council on crime statistics, staffing, traffic data and police programs. Fire Chief Bill Gaul and Assistant Fire Chief Scott Kujawa reviewed numbers of calls, response times, equipment, staffing challenges and gaps in service for the Washington Township Fire Department. Because the fire department has the goal of maintaining a five-station model, plans for a new firehouse are under consideration. The Assistant Fire Chief broached the subject of closing the Maple Street station.

At 7:30 P.M. Council moved to Council Chambers for a scheduled Special Council meeting and reconvened the work session at 7:50 P.M.

Mr. George Oberer and Mr. Robert Hall of Oberer Developers shared revised plans for the park at Cornerstone North. New plans include an amphitheater plaza concept with a yoga lawn, a play area and a relocation of the fountain. Providing a more flexible venue,

the revised plans will be brought to Planning Commission this spring.

Mr. Rodney provided a presentation on the proposed rezoning of the Far Hills Church property at 5800 Clys Road from R-1C, Single-Family Residential, To O-PD, Office-Planned Development. Council reviewed the concerns of residents including inadequate screening in bufferyards, light intrusion, traffic access on Center Point Drive, and the lack of long-term plan for the property. Although the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning by a vote of 4-0, several members had voiced concerns about the number of occupants used in the traffic impact study and about rezoning prior to the closing of the purchase of the property by Sinclair College. Tasks remaining included finalizing the traffic impact study and engaging regional partners to understand and participate in the required upgrades to handle the gradually increasing traffic impacts along the Wilmington Pike corridor.

Mr. Rodney thoroughly explained the seven criteria to be followed in approving zoning map amendments as detailed in the Unified Development Ordinance. Councilmembers expressed uneasiness regarding the inability to place conditions or stipulations on the approval of a rezoning.

Mr. Rodney reviewed the annual updates Planning Commission recommended for the Unified Development Ordinance, Public hearings for the four ordinances will be held at the Council Meeting on February 19, 2018. Councilmembers questioned the approval of finished metal as a siding material for accessory buildings.

Mr. Spitler reported on the OEPA recycling grant application Public Works submitted requesting \$196,180 for the purchase of a new refuse truck and compatible recycling totes. Notifications of grant awards are expected in May.

Mr. Davis discussed the Cornertone Memorandum of Understanding and introduced Kathie Weisgarber, the Interim Human Resources Manager, before announcing Kristen Gopman will be assuming responsibilities at Yankee Trace with the departure of Jennifer Wilder.

This being her final work session at Centerville, Mrs. Wilder displayed a sample board of flooring, fabrics, and furniture possibilities for the Yankee Trace Clubhouse renovation. Council questioned the use of slate in the entrance gathering hall due to maintenance requirements and noise amplification.


Staff left the meeting at this time.

At 10:10 P.M. Mr. Serr made a motion to move into Executive Session for personnel to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or related individual. Mr. Engert seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 7-0 vote. At approximately 10:50 P.M. after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Rau made the motion to move

out of Executive Session with Mr. Engert seconding. The motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Compton adjourned the meeting at 10:59 P.M. The next work session will be Monday, February 12, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.


Carin R. Andrews, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor