

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, April 2, 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
Public Works Director Doug Spitler
Interim Police Chief Matt Brown
Information Technology Manager Scott Ontjes
Human Resources Manager Jennifer Brumby
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman
Public Works Operation Manager Mary Lou Pence

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. and welcomed the members of the City Beautiful Commission—Chair Sue Jessee, Jan Prettyman, Carol Adams, Sherry Leighty, Debbie Schmidt and staff liaison Mary Lou Pence. The group updated Council on its activities, including holiday lighting awards, summer landscape awards, the spring seminar, the Arbor Day ceremony, and planting/care of the landscaping at the Four Corners in Heart of Centerville. The Centerville City Beautiful Commission will plant 50 trees in honor of the 50th anniversary of the City. Next spring the City Beautiful Commission will host a prestigious Tree City USA luncheon at Yankee Trace on April 26, 2019.

At 7:00 P.M., Mr. Beals made a motion for Council to move into Executive Session for Personnel to consider the appointment of a public employee or official to interview a candidate for the Sister City Commission and for Collective Bargaining to review bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, which passed with a 7-0 vote. Staff members left the meeting at this time.

At 7:20 P.M., Interim Police Chief Matt Brown, Jonathan Hudson, Jennifer Brumby and Scott Liberman returned to the meeting. After no official business was conducted, at 7:50 P.M., Mrs. Rau made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, which unanimously passed.

Council concurred to appoint Mr. Surinder Jain as a member of the Sister City

Committee for a three-year term.

Following the Executive Session, Council took a short break and reconvened at 8:00 P.M. Mrs. Gopman, Mr. Spitler and Mr. Ontjes returned to the meeting at this time, and Chief Brown left.

IT Manager Scott Ontjes updated Council on technology projects and the proposed community fiber optics network within the City. This second proposed network could include the City, libraries, schools and the township as partners. It is a low cost opportunity to acquire fiber optics for traffic signals, to create redundancy for back-up of systems, and to strengthen partnerships with neighboring entities. The network is an opportunity to take a leadership role in implementation of fiber optics and to use this marketing tool for economic development. Cost of the project is an estimated \$78,000.

Council discussed a response to a letter received from the Centerville Community Band expressing concern about the decision by the Americana Committee rescheduling the 4th of July fireworks to July 3 for 2018.

After reviewing summer schedules, Council will not have a work session on July 9, 2018.

In City Council City Manager Communications, Mr. Davis talked about the following items:

- Completion of LEAD training with the Commonwealth Center For High Performing Organizations by Police Sgt. Yoder
- Ongoing negotiations between Aeroseal and the Martin group
- 50th Anniversary sponsorships totaling \$30,000
- Implementation of "Prepared Community" concepts
- Strategic Plan Schedule: To Council by the work session on May 7 and on the agenda for the regular meeting on May 21, 2018.

Scott Liberman reported on Section 270 of the Municipal Code, the section dealing with the Historical Commission. A review of Council minutes from 1999 showed Council made the decision to transition away from a City Historical Commission to an independent Historical Society. After this decision was made and implemented, the change was never made in the Municipal Code. An Ordinance will be prepared to have references to the City Historical Commission removed. On April 16, 2018, the Ordinance will appear on the Council consent agenda to be set for public hearing in May.

At 9:15 P.M. Mayor Compton adjourned the meeting. The next work session will be Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. in the Law Library.


Carin R. Andrews, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor