

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, December 4, 2017

TIME: 6:45 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building – Law Library
Mayor Brooks Compton
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
Finance Director Jonathan Hudson
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
City Planner Andrew Rodney
Public Works Director Doug Spitler
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

At 6:30 P.M. Mayor Compton called the meeting to order. At 6:35 P.M. Mr. Beals made a motion to move into Executive Session for Personnel to conduct an interview for an Arts Commission Board Member, to discuss the appointment of the Chair for the Sister City Committee, the vacancy on the Board of Architectural Review and to review compensation for public employees. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, which passed with a 6-0 roll call vote. At 7:45, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Beals made a motion to move out of the Executive Session. It was seconded by Mr. Engert. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Rodney provided a presentation on Case P-2017-0035, the Final Development Plan for the Gateway Lofts in Chardon Valley, a 360 unit multi-family housing development. Numerous changes have been submitted since the approval of the Preliminary Development Plan in February of 2017 due to conditions found as the developer performed due diligence items. Problems defined were areas of bedrock near the surface, two jurisdictional streams and the steep grades on the property. The plan now consists of thirteen three-story units without elevators, 601 parking spaces and 13.73 acres of open space. The buildings have pitched roofs and a mixture of brick, vinyl siding and board and batten siding. Mr. Rodney shared illustrations showing the placement of buildings, the roadways, the sign tower, and the entrances in relation to the existing homes. Due to the request to use vinyl siding, Council expressed the desire to visit some of the existing Hallmark Communities in Ohio to examine the durability of this material.

At 8:20 P.M. Mayor Compton requested a five-minute break. When Council reconvened, Mr. Rodney reviewed the UDO text amendment changes. The proposed changes will simplify processes, will make regulations easier to understand and will memorialize how things have been done operationally.

Kristen Gopman reviewed the year for Benham's Grove and provided a comprehensive report on the proposed rate changes for 2018. Councilmember Engert inquired as to whether a roof-type structure with garage doors and a fireplace had ever been considered for the brick patio.


Mrs. Gopman also presented information on developing a new City website. The current website was last redesigned in-house by staff in 2006. After determining what capabilities the website should have, a website committee investigated ten different vendors. A good fit has been found with a company that will provide a custom website with the necessary support services. Staff will circulate various websites this company has designed to Councilmembers for their review. The committee and the company hope to have an agreement by the end of the year.

In City Manager/Councilmember Communications, Mr. Davis reported on a meeting with State Representative Jim Butler who will attend the February 12th work session meeting. Staff will be attending an EOP session next week and will be sharing a recap of these exercises at an upcoming work session with Public Responders present, possibly on February 5, 2018. Staff is preparing language for Mission, Vision and Value in the Strategic Plan. The Planning Department received an application from Sinclair for rezoning the Far Hills Church property. A lobbying group to advocate pursuing funds from various sources is being considered. Council is asked to submit a two line introductory summary to Maureen Russell Hodgson which MVCC will put on a banner format for the televised meetings.

Mayor Compton took a moment to review with Council the manner in which packets are being distributed and opened this up for any questions or suggestions.

Mayor Compton adjourned the meeting at 9:55 P.M. Council will hold its next work session meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.


Carin R. Andrews

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor