

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2020

TIME: 6:45 P.M.

PLACE: via Zoom.com

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers JoAnne Rau
Belinda Kenley
Mark Engert
Duke Lunsford
John Palcher
Bill Serr

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Finance Director Tyler Roark
Development Director Michael Norton-Smith
City Planner Mark Yandrick
Chief of Police Matt Brown
Police Lieutenant Tyler Wilson
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Mayor Compton read an opening statement regarding the use of the remote teleconference platform for the meeting, pursuant to Sub. H.B. #197.

Council Rules Review

Mr. Liberman spoke about the proposed amendments to Council Rules noting the redlined draft copy which was provided to Councilmembers prior to the meeting. During the review, there was discussion about the use of the Consent Agenda within the agenda. Mr. Liberman noted it is usually used for approval of minutes and other housekeeping items. Mrs. Davis spoke about her previous experience using a Consent Agenda, and Mr. Davis noted some municipalities do not use it at all. It was determined to leave Approval of Minutes as its own agenda item and to continue to use the Consent Agenda with the intent to fine tune its usage. Council will act on the agreed upon changes at the next meeting.

Bond Legislation

Mr. Roark discussed the specifics of the Bond legislation which will be heard in Public Hearing during the Regular Session meeting. The Bond issuance is for Phase IV of Cornerstone North and will be used for \$2.5 to \$3 million in improvements. Mr. Roark provided a map to

indicate where the improvements will take place. It is a limited tax general obligation bond and is tax exempt. It is a 20-year bond, with a \$185,000 annual debt service, paid with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues. Mr. Roark and members of Council discussed the Bond's success projections, the current economic environment, and the City's credit rating of AA2, including the City's effort which is underway to increase the credit rating scheduled for next week. The next step is to complete the Preliminary Official Statement. Closing on the bond is expected in early June.

Telephone System Purchase

Lieutenant Wilson, Chair of the City's Information Technology Task Group, discussed the new telephone system purchase on the agenda as a Resolution in the Regular Session meeting. Ten vendors responded to a Request for Proposals which was put out earlier this year. The proposals were pared down to three viable vendors. Garber Connect of Englewood, Ohio was determined to be the best proposal based upon mobility, equipment, and warranty package. The total purchase cost is \$99,194. Implementation timeline is mid-July.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

Councilmembers reviewed the agenda for the Regular Session Council meeting.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Davis indicated he had several items to discuss, and suggested returning to Work Session following the Regular Session.

At 7:34 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned to move into Regular Session.

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 9:05 p.m.

City Manager's Report (cont'd)

Mr. Davis reported on the following items:

- Mrs. Bostdorff's return to work.
- The modeling of the City's financials continues – a full presentation to City Council will be forthcoming.
- Business outreach efforts.
- Employee vacation accrual balances – the maximum accrual has been increased by 40 hours due to employees not having the ability to take vacation due to Covid-19; this one-year adjustment prevents employees from losing accrued leave at no fault of their own.
- Consideration of a small business tax break proposal; will be discussed further at the May 4, 2020 Work Session.
- Vectren project is ongoing.
- The sewer line project on West Franklin; City is waiting for a determination regarding the Americana Festival before starting the project.
- Bulk pick-up program options.
- Health insurance renewal underway; numbers are strong so far.

Adjournment

At 9:31 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., location to be determined and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.


Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor