

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2020

TIME: 5:30 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
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Also in attendance were several citizen observers.

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Personnel

Mr. Turnbull spoke to City Council regarding the current Public Works staffing status and expected departures due to retirements and attrition. Mr. Turnbull proposed some staffing overfill by adding three new equipment operator positions, filling an open mechanic position, and modifying the Facilities Manager position to have an HVAC focus in order to provide training and assimilation into the department's work environment in preparation for the future transition. Mr. Davis added that as the attrition occurs, the positions will be re-evaluated as to need. Mr. Davis and Council discussed budgetary expectations with regard to the COVID-19 impacts and availability of Federal assistance. Mr. Turnbull also discussed the need for a data management system for the department.

Mrs. Vogelgesang provided an update on the transition of the Information Technology Director position. The hiring process is underway. A second position of I.T. Tech is also proposed, and a hiring process will begin for that position once the Director is chosen.

Debt Issuance Follow Up

Mr. Roark provided a review of the presentation made to Moody's last week which seeks a credit rating increase from AA2 to AA1 for the City. Mr. Roark and Mr. Davis discussed the

preliminary score card, expected outcomes of the presentation, and how COVID-19 might play into the final decision. Council members praised the quality of the presentation.

Conditional Use Case

Mr. Yandrick discussed the Conditional Use case at 871 East Franklin Street which Council will hear in Public Hearing at the regular meeting. The applicant requests a dog grooming facility which requires Conditional Use approval.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

Councilmembers reviewed the agenda for the Regular Session Council meeting. Mrs. Davis advised one additional edit was added to the Council Rules removing Report of the Planning Commission from the Officials' Reports portion of the agenda.

Backup Building Inspection Agreement

Mr. Norton-Smith explained the Intergovernmental Agreement with Montgomery County to provide backup building inspections between the two agencies.

Revised Events Schedule

Mrs. Bostdorff reviewed the event accommodations, modifications, and cancellations caused by COVID-19 and the Governor's directives. Mrs. Vogelgesang also spoke about facility usage at Benham's Grove under the current restrictions.

Special Waste Collection and Free Community Pickup

Mr. Turnbull advised that Public Works has resumed Special Waste Collection. The department is now evaluating how to reschedule Clean Sweep. The tentative timeframe is early August. A firm plan will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Business Incentives and CIC

Mr. Norton-Smith discussed business incentive programs which could assist local businesses to navigate the economic downturn caused by COVID-19. Mr. Norton-Smith proposed a program similar to the existing Property Investment Reimbursement grant program. Council reviewed and discussed the appropriateness of and the various considerations associated with the structure of the program. Council requested further discussion to continue at the next Work Session after more is known about the Governor's process of re-opening the State.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Davis suspended his report until the Regular Council meeting.

Adjournment

At 7:21 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned to move into Regular Session. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 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