City Council May 18, 2020

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:35 P.M. via remote teleconference utilizing the Zoom.com platform pursuant to Substitute House Bill #197. The meeting was opened with an Invocation by Pastor Tony Miltenberger of Restoration Church of Centerville, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag with Mayor Compton presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff were present as follows:

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

Clerk of Council Teri Davis City Manager Wayne Davis Finance Director Tyler Roark Assistant Finance Director Chris Hacker Public Works Director Pat Turnbull City Engineer Jim Brinegar Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang Development Director Michael Norton-Smith City Planner Mark Yandrick Police Chief Matt Brown Communications Director Kate Bostdorff Human Resources Manager Kathy Weisgarber Assistant to the Clerk of Council Donna Fiori Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Also in attendance were several citizen participants.

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

Community Outreach

Mayor Compton invited Pastor Miltenberger to discuss ongoing efforts by Restoration Church to provide a phone ministry and to provide food assistance through its drive-up Food Pantry.

Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings had been distributed prior to this meeting:

Council Meeting:

May 4, 2020.

Work Session Meeting: May 4, 2020.

Mrs. Kenley made a motion for approval of the minutes, Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed with 7 ayes.

Communications

Mrs. Davis reported no communications.

Proclamations

Mr. Lunsford read a Proclamation designating the week of May 17-23, 2020 as City of Centerville Public Works Week.

Citizen Comments and Petitions

Mike Scholle of 316 Box Elder Drive addressed City Council regarding an ongoing personnel issue and to request an independent investigation into the related actions of the City Manager.

Debbie Lakins of 236 Brookway Road addressed City Council regarding the content of emails sent by Councilmembers Engert and Serr.

Comments submitted via email by Susan Jones of 1125 Kentshire Drive were read into record by Mrs. Davis (Mrs. Jones indicated she was unable to access the Zoom platform). Her email requested information about the procedures of the May 4, 2020 Council meeting via Zoom.com, the purchase of Cornerstone Park, and certain particulars of the City Manager's contract.

Official's Reports

Mayor Compton moved onto Official's Reports.

Mayor Compton commented about special events for 2020 graduates around the community.

Mayor Compton spoke about the reopening of local restaurants on Friday. He encouraged support of all local businesses.

Mayor Compton explained changes to this year's Memorial Day event. It is not a public event, but it will be broadcast via MVCC.

Mrs. Rau expressed appreciation for the members of the City Beautiful Commission and for the staff at Public Works who assisted with the Four Corners project over the weekend.

Mrs. Rau advised there will be an MVCC meeting via Zoom.com this week.

Mrs. Kenley spoke about her participation in a Sinclair Community College focus group survey regarding the future of higher education.

Mr. Palcher promoted the To-Go meals available at Yankee Trace on Wednesdays through Fridays.

Mr. Lunsford recognized Bill's Donuts for its signage tribute to the graduating seniors.

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Mr. Serr commented about the Red Horse Chestnut tree at Bill's Donuts which was planted last year by the City as part of the Business of the Year recognition and which is in full bloom right now.

In the City Manager's Report, Mr. Davis spoke about:

- Expected funding for the City via the CARES Act.
- Clean Sweep 2020 being rescheduled to the first two weeks of August.
- Recognized the Public Works team.
- Recycling Containers Grant received.
- IT Director hiring process with 281 applications received.
- The re-opening of the City, timing and preparations.

Mr. Engert asked about the specifics of the CARES Act funding. Mr. Davis and Council discussed State funding expectations in the upcoming year. Mrs. Kenley pointed out the efforts of the Ohio Municipal League, advocating for local government funding.

Mayor Compton mentioned the status of the Home Rule case currently at the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Liberman spoke about the recent proceedings.

Mr. Roark presented the Finance Update Presentation which was provided to Moody's during the City's effort to receive a credit rating increase. Mr. Davis and Council members praised Mr. Roark's and the Finance Department's hard work on the presentation and the transition over to the new finance systems.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Compton turned the attention of the group to the Consent Agenda. Any City Councilmember may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

City Council read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

- A. Ordinance 11-20, An Ordinance Authorizing The Write-Off Of The Uncollectible Accounts For Waste Collections. (Set For Public Hearing on June 8, 2020).
- B. Ordinance 12-20, An Ordinance To Repeal Ordinances Number 29-19 And 30-19 In Their Entirety And To Establish Class Titles, Pay Ranges, Grades, Rates Of Pay, And Regulations For Employees Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio. (Set For Public Hearing on June 8, 2020).
- C. Resolution 31-20, A Resolution Ratifying The Actions Of The City Manager To Enter Into A Managed Services Agreement For Professional IT Consulting Services With The Greentree Group For Back To Business I.T.
- D. Resolution 32-20, A Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Extension Of The Professional Services Agreement For Human Resources Services With Kathy Weisgarber.

Mayor Compton praised Kathy Weisgarber's efforts in the role of Human Resources Manager.

Mr. Serr sponsored the Consent Agenda, and moved for its approval. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Old Business – none.

New Business - none.

Closing Comments

Mr. Engert mentioned Kettering City Manager Mark Schwieterman's improving health.

Mr. Engert also encouraged tuning in for the Memorial Day event next Monday, at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 5.

Mayor Compton encouraged open dialogue between the citizens and Council via email or phone.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Compton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M. The next regular meeting of City Council is scheduled to take place on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 7:30 P.M.

Approved:

Mayor

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Clerk of Council