

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
Monday, July 6, 2020

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

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

Clerk of Council Teri Davis  
City Manager Wayne Davis  
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang  
Finance Director Tyler Roark  
Assistant Finance Director Chris Hacker  
Development Director Michael Norton-Smith  
City Planner Mark Yandrick  
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull  
City Engineer Jim Brinegar  
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff  
Yankee Trace Administrator Steve Marino  
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

**Executive Session**

At 5:38 p.m., Mr. Lunsford made a motion to move into Executive Session for personnel to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official and for economic development to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 5:55 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mr. Engert made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Davis spoke about the following topics:

- New Mission, Vision and Values Booklet.
- High Performance Organization presentation materials.

- Flags are at half staff in honor of Officer Anthony Dea of the Toledo Police Department.
- Two Community Development Block Grant application Resolutions on the agenda tonight.
- Citizen requests for Block Party permits – staff is monitoring situation for 30 days.
- Chief Kujawa will provide a Fire Department update at the August 10, 2020 meeting.
  - Mayor Compton requested the update include a Station 41 status report and he suggested inviting the Washington Township Trustees to a Joint Work Session on September 21, 2020.
- New Washington Township logo and branding campaign released July 4, 2020.
- Summer Concerts start July 12, 2020; 236 reserve-able spaces have been marked, 200 already reserved; will include beer sales.
- Tax collection is down 9.6%.
- The new IT Director background check is in progress.
- There will be a Public Works Organizational Assessment presentation tonight.
- ERP system implementation progress.
- Finance Committee will meet on August 13, 2020.
- Two police officers promoted to Sergeant – Jared Rhoten and Nick Pauley.
- Arbitration is scheduled for August 19, 2020.
- A contract with Matrix Technologies has been executed.
- There has been one staff member reported with a positive COVID-19 test.
- Lt. Tyler Wilson earned his Master’s Degree in cyber terrorism.
- City Planner Mark Yandrick passed his AICP certification exam.

### **Yankee Trace Update**

Mr. Marino presented a Yankee Trace update. He discussed golf operations, noting the course set a new record in June for rounds. Mr. Marino spoke about improvements to the course, including bunker renovations and fencing at the driving range. He indicated Staff is developing a comprehensive strategy to enhance food service. Mr. Marino discussed the clubhouse transformation, including painting, patio expansion, restroom renovations, new furnishings, A/V upgrades, and updating of the natural stone fireplaces.

Mrs. Vogelgesang added, due to COVID-19, it is a good time for Staff to rearrange priorities to address needed improvements at the clubhouse, hastening the timeline for those budgeted projects.

Council further discussed lighting, landscaping design, signage, food offerings, and consistency of operational hours.

### **Stubbs Park Veterans Memorial**

Mayor Compton requested Council’s input regarding an issue which was brought to his attention by a concerned individual regarding some information depicted on the Memorial which could be construed as supportive of the Confederacy.

Council discussed the historical relevance of the depictions and the original intent of the Memorial (to honor Veterans).

Mayor Compton advised any action would need to be coordinated with Washington

Township and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW).

Mayor Compton will contact Memorial artist, Virginia Hess to discuss options. He will continue conversations with the individual who brought forward the issue.

### **Summer Concert Series**

Mrs. Bostdorff discussed the concert reservations which are underway for the first concert on July 12, 2020. She noted a video tutorial is available to assist users through the reservation process. Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. Five guests will be allowed in each 8' circle. Dancing will be prohibited. City Council will have a designated area. She requests City Council members to sign up to provide the Welcome speech at the concerts.

### **Face Masks**

Mayor Compton discussed with Council members their interest in mandating face masks within the City. Council members indicated no interest in the mandate. Mayor Compton will make a statement tonight during Mayor's Report to strongly encourage individuals to wear masks in public.

### **City Council Meeting Agenda Review**

Councilmembers reviewed the agenda for the Regular Session 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, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., location to be determined and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.

Approved:

  
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor

  
Teri Davis, Clerk of Council