

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2020

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: Police Department Training Center

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
Development Director Michael Norton-Smith
City Planner Mark Yandrick
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
Information Technology Director Larry Rover
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Davis spoke about the following topics:

- Introduced new I.T. Director Larry Rover.
 - Mr. Rover discussed his background and expressed his appreciation for being here.
 - Mayor Compton welcomed him to the City.
- The hiring process for a new Human Resources Director has closed; 80 plus applications were received; 7-8 candidates to be interviewed in the first round.
- The City has been notified of a Covid-19 positive employee; appropriate quarantine measures are underway.
- Tax collections are stronger than anticipated;
 - Mr. Roark elaborated that 80 percent of returns have been submitted; City finances are looking strong.

Executive Session

At 6:11 p.m., Mr. Engert made a motion to move into Executive Session 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 and for real estate to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 7:03 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendments

At this time, Paul Clark and Bob Muzechuk of the Centerville Planning Commission joined the meeting as well as Assistant Planner Joey O'Brien.

Mr. Yandrick presented the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) with regard to sign regulations. Case P-2020-0017, with 26 recommended amendments, will go before Planning Commission on July 28 and is expected to be heard in Public Hearing by City Council on September 14.

The intent of the sign regulation amendments is to provide greater flexibility to the City's business community. The amendments affect three categories of signs: Electronic Message Centers (EMCs), Permanent Signage, and Temporary Signage. Mr. Yandrick discussed recommended changes which will decrease the minimum stagnancy time for EMCs to 1 minute from 10 minutes and to increase the allowable EMC area from 25 percent to 60 percent of the overall ground sign area. Mr. Yandrick noted American Planning Association standards and comparisons with other jurisdictions.

Mr. Clark discussed Planning Commission's history of EMC restriction decisions and noted he recalled no variance requests for stagnancy timing.

Mr. Yandrick continued his presentation explaining an amendment to allow internal rotation of permanent signs. Mayor Compton asked for a further explanation of the allowed rotation. The rotation would only be allowed within the sign's frame. External rotation will still be prohibited. Mr. Liberman noted the language of the amendment protects the City against claims of regulating content.

Mr. Yandrick then reviewed proposed changes for temporary signs, allowing 30 days unpermitted for new businesses to display temporary signs, increasing the number of calendar days temporary signs can be displayed to 45, and increasing the wall signage calculation to 3 square feet for every 10 feet of building frontage. These changes will apply to brick and mortar businesses only. The increased wall signage allowance excludes the APD.

Mr. Engert expressed support for these recommended amendments, stating the updates were necessary and a plus for Centerville businesses.

Following this presentation, Mr. Clark, Mr. Muzechuk, and Mr. O'Brien left the meeting.

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At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Serr made a motion to move into Executive Session 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 and for real estate to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 8:38 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Adjournment

At 8:39 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. 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.


Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor