

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
Monday, October 19, 2020

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brooks Compton  
Deputy Mayor JoAnne Rau  
Councilmembers Belinda Kenley  
Duke Lunsford  
John Palcher (via phone)  
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 Mike Norton-Smith  
City Planner Mark Yandrick  
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull  
City Engineer Jim Brinegar  
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff  
IT Director Larry Rover  
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick  
Police Chief Matt Brown  
Yankee Trace Administrator Steve Marino  
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:37 P.M.

**Yankee Trace Update**

Mr. Marino presented an update regarding Yankee Trace operations. Rounds of golf have once again broken a record with the total for 2020 over 62,000 rounds played. Off-Season offerings will include the return of Sunday Brunch beginning November 8 through January 2, 2021, Clubhouse Grille considering a third-party delivery service, and SIMS will return November 1 with two of the three simulators available for use.

Mr. Marino discussed projects which will be undertaken in the off-season, including the Vectren gas line project which affects the driving range, but will result in new practice greens. Yardage markers will be installed as well.

*Mr. Engert arrived at 5:47 P.M.*

Other projects include the audio/visual improvements beginning in January, the clubhouse transformation beginning in February, and the patio expansion beginning in the fall of

2021.

Mr. Davis advised the proposed 2021-2025 budget will include funding for these upcoming projects.

Council members indicated their support for the upcoming improvements. Council members suggested other improvements be considered such as a sound system at the driving range, a rooftop entertainment area, iconic artwork, and an outdoor wedding area. Mr. Davis advised Staff will conduct a Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) assessment tomorrow morning.

Mayor Compton updated Council on an issue regarding several groups of card players who had been utilizing the dining room regularly. The group has determined to take its card playing events to a new location. Mayor Compton expressed his appreciation to Staff for its efforts to move Yankee Trace in a new direction.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mrs. Bostdorff discussed holiday cards. She also advised of changes to the Art at the Trace event. Arts Commission wishes to revamp the event as an ongoing art event at Cornerstone or Stubbs Parks. The Veteran's Day commemoration, scheduled for November 11, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., will be conducted similar to how the Memorial Day event was done. A Flyover is possible but not confirmed. The Tree Lighting event is scheduled for November 22 at 5:30 p.m. A different tree, the blue spruce farther back on the property, will be used this year. The City has purchased glowing globes for additional holiday lighting.

Council members suggested a platform in front of the tree for photos and also suggested alternative flyover options if the Air Force is unavailable.

### **2021 Meeting Calendar**

Mrs. Davis addressed proposed modifications to the 2021 City Council Meetings calendar. Meeting dates would be altered in January and September due to holidays, and there would be only one meeting per month during the summer months. If Council is satisfied with the calendar as proposed, there will be a motion to set the 2021 meeting calendar included on the November 2, 2020 Consent Agenda. Council members indicated their consent of the calendar as presented with a caveat that consideration be given for an extra summer Council event if appropriate.

### **Indoor Archery Code Amendments**

Mr. Yandrick discussed the Ordinance included on the Consent Agenda tonight which will allow for indoor archery with a stipulation that Police Chief approval is required. The Ordinance will be set for public hearing on November 2, 2020.

### **Non-Profit CARES Act Funding**

Mr. Norton-Smith explained the item on the Consent Agenda tonight establishing COVID-19 Relief funding for non-profit organizations. Non-profit agencies may request up to \$5,000 for services provided and to cover costs incurred due to COVID-19. There will be \$100,000 available in total funding. If approved tonight, the application process will begin tomorrow. The program will not run through the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation (CCIC) like the business relief program, but will instead be administered by Staff.

The program will be promoted online and through social media.

### **Electric Generation Agreements**

Mr. Roark discussed two resolutions on the Consent Agenda tonight. The first terminates an agreement with MidAmerican and the second authorizes a sixth amendment to the City's agreement with Interstate Gas Supply (IGS) for electric service provision. Mr. Roark noted MidAmerican may try to charge the City an early termination fee, but the City will contest the fee. Mr. Liberman added MidAmerican should have been aware of the City's agreement with IGS, thus voiding the agreement with MidAmerican.

Mayor Compton raised the question of utility aggregation. It would require a ballot initiative. Mr. Davis recommended against it, noting residents have tools available to make informed decisions about choosing a service provider. Mrs. Rau added a comparison of rates is available on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio website. Council members indicated no interest in moving forward with an aggregation initiative.

### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Davis spoke about the following topics:

- The extension of Virginia Avenue, emphasizing the advantages to the extension include safety, access, and traffic flow. Some infrastructure, such as sidewalks, is already in place.
  - Council members discussed concerns over the timing, higher priority projects, the potential for controversy, and the need for full Council consensus which does not currently exist.
- Community Leadership Forum planning is underway for a January or February timeframe.
- A Boards and Commissions orientation and handbook is being developed.
- Mr. Davis and Mr. Yandrick held a remote meeting with Jim Durham to discuss the quasi-judicial processes of the Planning Commission. Enhanced practices will include benchmarking, Planning Commission member orientation and education, and attention to the customer experience needs.
- Personnel changes/attrition: Officer Doug Train has announced his retirement effective March of 2021. Three positions have been posted for hiring processes:
  1. Assistant Engineer
  2. Business Operations Coordinator
  3. Yankee Trace Assistant Administrator.
- Municipal Building updates and artwork. Planning underway to spruce up common areas of the Municipal Building including Council Chambers, the Kingseed Law Library, and the Tornado Shelter. Council feedback is encouraged. Mayor Compton requested Staff to provide a proposed direction for the updates so that Council members can make recommendations.
- CCIC meeting on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Council LEAN Process Team meeting on Thursday morning.
- Neighborhood outreach: Mrs. Bostdorff discussed a new neighborhood interactive map posted on the website. Clicking on a neighborhood will provide population information and interesting facts. Neighborhood events can be promoted on the site, and requests for Police or Fire participation in events can be submitted. Other

neighborhood engagement during the summer concert series is being explored.

**City Council Meeting Agenda Review**

Councilmembers reviewed the agenda for the Regular Session Council meeting.

**Recess**

At 7:30 p.m., Council recessed to move into Regular Session.

**Executive Session**

*Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.*

At 8:59 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 8:59 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:30 P.M., in the Centerville Police Department Training Room and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.

  
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Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved:   
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Brooks A. Compton, Mayor