

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2021

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	Brooks Compton
Deputy Mayor	JoAnne Rau (remote)
Councilmembers	Mark Engert
	Belinda Kenley
	Duke Lunsford
	John Palcher (remote)

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
Police Chief Matt Brown
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
IT Director Larry Rover
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Also in attendance, State Representative Andrea White.

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Andrea White Discussion

Mayor Compton conducted introductions of Staff members.

Mrs. White expressed her honor and privilege to represent Centerville and her intent to address the needs and issues of the City. She announced that the Governor had introduced his budget earlier today. She then spoke about three topics of high importance:

1. The unemployment fraud – the State will post a portal on its website to provide information and direction to citizens whose identities were used for fraudulent unemployment claims.
2. Property tax – she explained the local methodology and the impact of the State’s statutory authority to amend the local valuations. State legislators will be looking into this.

Mr. Serr arrived to the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

3. Municipal income tax collection – discussions are ongoing on both sides of the argument.

Council members expressed concerns with the State's involvement in the local property tax valuations. Mrs. White indicated she will follow up with Council on this matter.

Council members also conveyed concerns about House Bill 6.

Mayor Compton stressed the City's opposition to the State's inclination toward centralized municipal tax collection.

Executive Session

At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Palcher 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. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 6:08 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mr. Serr 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 presented the City Manager's Report, speaking about the following topics:

- The Federal lawsuit preliminary pre-trial scheduling conference date has been set for March 11. A new judge, Mike Newman, has been assigned.
- Last week's Uptown Planning and Design meeting, noting the consultant's credentials and intent to cultivate alignment among various stakeholders. Council members discussed project focus, timeline, and the comprehensive approach.
- Participation in last week's Washington Township Fire Department strategic plan survey sessions.
- The Matrix Report – Kettering City Council declined the initiative. Chief Brown indicated Centerville Police Department will move forward with necessary upgrades.
- City Hall artwork – Mrs. Bostdorff explained several pieces of artwork were discovered during the Municipal Building reorganization. Staff is seeking City Council's input on the disposal of the pieces.
- Retreat – topic ideas for the Rapid Fire session were disseminated. Mayor Compton discussed Retreat content to focus on Economic Development throughout the City with Strategic Plan as the framework. Meals for the event were also discussed. The Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at the Centerville Police Department Training Room.

IT Update

Mr. Rover discussed completed and ongoing IT projects and tasks. Work is underway to create an IT Masterplan.

Document Accessibility Demonstration

Mrs. Davis presented a demonstration of the Council documents now available on the City's website and explained measures taken over the last several years to make the documents searchable and accessible to the public.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

City Council reviewed the items on tonight's regular meeting agenda.

Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 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