

**CITY OF CENTERVILLE
COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES
February 20, 2021**

On February 20, 2021, the following City Council and Staff members met for the annual retreat:

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

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Development Director Michael Norton-Smith
City Planner Mark Yandrick
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull

At 9:07 a.m., Mayor Compton called the meeting to order.

Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Davis and Mrs. Vogelgesang discussed the accomplishments of the last six months, tasks slated for the next six months, and the opportunities and challenges associated with each of the six Strategic Plan goals.

Economic Development

1. Uptown – Mr. Norton-Smith discussed 2021 expectations, the visioning process, planning and design process, branding roll out, and an overview of the Uptown Upgrades which encompass three components: Façade Program, Streetscape, and Murals program. He also spoke about the establishment of an entertainment district, outdoor beverage service areas, and the creation and makeup of a Steering Committee. Mr. Davis expressed the City’s desire to establish alignment with the various stakeholders.
2. I-675 and Wilmington Pike – Mr. Turnbull provided an update regarding the project status, project parameters, the TID agreement, and timeline. He added planning studies and funding strategies are underway.
3. Social Row and Yankee – Mr. Norton-Smith advised that conversations continue in order to bring this project forward.
4. CCIC – Mr. Norton-Smith reviewed the structural changes to and capitalization of the CCIC over the previous year.
5. Cornerstone Park – Mr. Norton-Smith discussed design status. Construction is expected to begin this year and be completed by November. Final signatures are being obtained on the NCA petition. City Council action to approve the NCA and appoint members will occur in April.

6. Stubbs Park – Mr. Turnbull highlighted the park improvement priorities. Public Works has begun the design plan Request for Qualifications process. Additional grant funding is being sought for the trails program.
7. Gateway – Mr. Norton-Smith recapped the City’s desire and efforts to enhance the corner of State Route 48 and Alex Bell with a gateway feature.
8. Yankee Trace Club House Renovations – Mrs. Bostdorff spoke about the renovation plans and progress for the clubhouse.

City Council Directed Expedited Topics

Council Members brought up the following topics for discussion with Staff:

1. Benham’s Grove new building construction timing for commemorative naming. Need for a policy for this type of request.
2. Consideration of body cameras for Police Department.
3. Street width minimum standards.
4. Public Works equipment needs. Road maintenance safety concerns.
5. Frost, Brown, and Todd letter of support.
6. Introduction to new employees.
7. Municipal Attorney services.
8. Snow removal on sidewalks.
9. Municipal Building needs.

Expedited Policy Guidance to Staff Topics

Staff members requested guidance from or sought to inform City Council on the following topics:

1. Charter Review – not earlier than normally scheduled.
2. Golf Carts Operating (public/private streets) in the City – low priority.
3. Solid Waste Fees and Charges – to be reviewed at year end.
4. Low Speed Micro-mobility Devices – yes to evaluation.
5. SHD Charter and Future Policy Recommendations – yes.
6. Community Leadership Forum – yes.
7. Boards and Commissions – more active approach to engagement.
8. Munger Property – okay to explore development opportunities.
9. Interstate Overlay District – yes.
10. Housing Study – planning study for this year.
11. Create the Vision Update – planning study for this year.
12. Drone deliveries regulations – question of City’s authority.
13. Increase in Internship Program – yes.
14. Health Insurance cost increases.

Executive Session

At 2:17 p.m., Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move into Executive Session for Personnel to consider the employment, dismissal, or discipline of a public employee and for Real Estate to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Mrs. Rau left the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

At 2:48 p.m. after no official business was conducted, Mr. Engert made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Mayor Compton adjourned the Retreat at 2:48 p.m.



Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved: 

Brooks A. Compton, Mayor