

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers Mark Engert
Belinda Kenley
Duke Lunsford
John Palcher

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Finance Director Tyler Roark
Development Director Mike Norton-Smith
City Planner Mark Yandrick
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:40 P.M.

Memorial Day Ceremony

Mrs. Bostdorff discussed the event specifics to include seating with chairs socially distanced. Mask order is still in effect on that date. Air Force Colonel Michael Phillips Vice Commander of the 88th Air Base Wing at Wright Patterson AFB will be the guest speaker. The flyover is not confirmed at this point. The event is scheduled to take 35-40 minutes. Laura Filaseta is drafting a press release.

Mr. Serr arrived for the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Summer Concerts

Mrs. Bostdorff discussed signage which will be installed regarding the new masking guidelines. The City will not pass a donation bucket this year. Mayor Compton inquired about summer concert scripts for introductions before each concert. Mrs. Bostdorff advised staff will prepare the scripts. She also listed the organizations which will share the beer sales vendor responsibilities throughout the season.

Executive Session

At 5:49 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, for real estate to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, for a conference with an attorney for the City, concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending or potential court action, and for labor negotiations to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

At 6:45 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mr. Palcher made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Benham's Grove Update

Mrs. Vogelgesang presented a revenue and expense comparison, events revenues, revenue and expense projections, and a list of potential improvements for Benham's Grove. Mrs. Vogelgesang requested City Council's guidance regarding the direction it would like Benham's Grove to go, that is, to be managed as a revenue-producing event center or to be managed more as a community park/gathering facility. Council members indicated their support for maintaining the facility as a revenue-producing event center. Council members indicated they were comfortable with the associated expenditures expected for the breadth of needed improvements, including constructing a permanent building to be utilized as a conservatory. Council members emphasized keeping the charm and park-like setting. Council members recommended a phased approach to the improvements. Mr. Davis advised a Benham's Grove business plan, similar to the Yankee Trace business plan, is also in the works.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

City Manager's Report

Mr. Davis spoke about the following topics:

- City of Hamilton murals tour.
- The reliefs at the Stubbs Park Veterans Memorial. Council members will discuss it further at the June 14, 2021 meeting.
- Employee spotlight in the weekly update. Mayor Compton suggested doing something similar in the City Council newsletter which begins publishing on May 26.
- Ryan Hawk trainings continue; very good feedback so far.
- A scheduled meeting with the owners of the Archer House later this week.
- Resolution on the Consent Agenda tonight to lift the State of Emergency.
- Demolition of the properties at 32 Ridgeway and 888 E. Franklin.
- The Uptown Upgrades program.

Recess

At 7:27 p.m., Council recessed to move into Regular Session.

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:17 p.m.

Card Playing at Yankee Trace

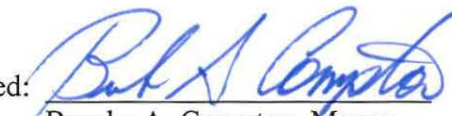
Mrs. Vogelgesang explained a new policy regarding card playing at Yankee Trace. Groups may play Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. There will be no fee to play; however, the plan requires a lunch order be made which will be served at 11:00 a.m. Players can register online each week. The facility can accommodate up to 40 players. The new policy begins on June 1 and will be fully assessed in August or September in order to plan for the winter months. Council members indicated they were comfortable with the plan as presented.

Adjournment

At 8:38 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, June 14, 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