

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers JoAnne Rau
Mark Engert
Belinda Kenley
Duke Lunsford
John Palcher
Bill Serr

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Finance Director Tyler Roark
Police Chief Matt Brown
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
IT Director Larry Rover
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman
Development Intern Kileigh Lade

Also present were Montgomery County Commissioner Carolyn Rice and Americana Executive Director Keith Weiskittle.

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Carolyn Rice Discussion

Commissioner Rice spoke about the great working relationship between the City of Centerville and Montgomery County. She thanked the City for its assistance through the pandemic and noted Centerville zip codes have the highest vaccination rate in the county. She discussed shared economic development initiatives and expressed a desire to participate in future Business Walks. Commissioner Rice discussed environmental services, roads and bridge improvements projects, and land bank impacts. She spoke about the youth work experience program, an eight-week work program for teens to gain work exposure and connections. She touted the County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library outreach efforts and statistics.

Americana Update

Mr. Weiskittle informed about the planning process and the final plans for the Americana Festival. There will be no street fair this year due to low vendor applications. There will be participation by non-profits and up to 82 food vendors. The Grand Master dinner, the concert, and the fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, July 4. The 5k run, parade, car show, and food truck fair are scheduled for Monday, July 5. Event publication and promotion will occur over the next couple of weeks. Heart of Centerville will host local business booths in the parking lot behind Panera. Mr. Weiskittle spoke about budgetary shortfalls due to Covid last year and cancellation of the arts and crafts vendors this year. He requests an additional \$5,000 donation from the City.

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Rau made a motion to move into Executive Session for real estate to consider the purchase of property for public purposes and 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. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 6:54 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 7-0 in a roll call vote.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

Yankee Trace Update

Mrs. Vogelgesang provided an update on various Yankee Trace matters. Golf operations continues to do well. The patio expansion is on track to go out for bid in November. Staffing for food service is a big concern which is causing menu limitations. Hiring incentives are being considered and an emergency pay ordinance is on the agenda for the regular meeting to amend the pay of food service employees. The Mayor, Mr. Palcher, and staff conducted meetings recently with Yankee Trace volunteers. The City is committed to maintaining open lines of communication with the volunteers. There have also been conversations between staff and members of the public regarding Yankee Trace as a community asset versus being an enterprise fund. Mrs. Vogelgesang further noted that since the card playing policy changes went into effect, no reservations have been placed.

Pay Ordinance Update

Ms. McCormick explained the emergency pay ordinance which is on the agenda for tonight's regular business meeting. The ordinance addresses pay increases for part-time and seasonal employees at Yankee Trace. It also adds the position of IT Help Desk Specialist.

Uptown Steering Committee Update

Mr. Norton-Smith discussed recent steering committee meetings which focused on infill development and brought to light needed changes to the City's Unified Development Ordinance. Neighboring residents are requesting pedestrian access to Uptown from their neighborhoods. A third meeting will take place at the end of July. A community open house will then be scheduled.

Work Session Agenda Modification

Mayor Compton queried Council members regarding their interest in modifying future Work Session agendas to include a "lightning round" for questions and answers prior to adjournment. Council members expressed favor for the idea.

Recess

At 7:22 p.m., Council recessed to move into Regular Session.

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:38 p.m.

Council Chambers Renovation Update

Mrs. Davis spoke about recent meetings between the selection committee and the project designer Rolando Matias of Brown and Bills Architecture. Renovation will include a new dais, lowered from an 18 inch platform to a 12 inch platform and including a ramp for ADA compliance. Other changes will include improved lighting, carpeting, entryway improvements, audience seating, and staff tables. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6.

Stubbs Park Reliefs

Mayor Compton will request Virginia Hess' and the VFW's involvement moving forward with any modifications.


City Manager's Report

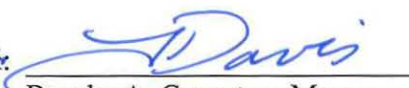
Mr. Davis spoke about the following topics:

- Centerville Place status.
- Invited Mr. Roark to discuss:
 - Waste collection assessments.
 - Income Tax collection.
- The status of Joint Entities.
- The housing study which is underway.
- The next round of LEAN Process training.
- Two vacancies on the Personnel Appeals Board.
- The upcoming ICMA conference in Portland, Oregon; the City of Centerville will be a presenter.
- The passing of Carin Andrews' mother.
- Invited Mrs. Vogelgesang to discuss Cornerstone Park:
 - The final plan approval is pending.
 - Currently resolving outstanding issues.
- Americana Festival's request for additional funding.
- Alan Palizzi donation offer.

Adjournment

At 9:26 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., in the Kingseed Law Library, and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.

Approved: 
Teri Davis, Clerk of Council,
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor

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