

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

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Kingseed Law Library

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
Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt
Superintendent of Taxation Emily Bair
Planning Director Mark Yandrick
IT Director Larry Rover
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
Yankee Trace Administrator Steve Marino
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:33 P.M.

Adopt-A-Troop Presentation

Ms. Linda Patterson, representing America Supporting Americans (ASA), joined the meeting via Zoom.com to present the Adopt-A-Troop program administered by her non-profit. She discussed the history of her organization, the process to set up an adoption, the mechanisms for making contact with the unit, and the value of involving many community stakeholders. She noted that ASA will make an initial donation of \$1,000 to get the Centerville program up and running

Councilmembers discussed their desire to make a public announcement about the program at the Veterans Day Ceremony if possible.

Yankee Trace Patio ROI

Mr. Marino presented the project parameters, expense projections, expected benefits, revenue projections, and return on investment (ROI) projections.

Councilmembers discussed potential construction timelines and financing structure and mechanisms. Mr. Davis advised staff will seek to hire a consultant to do a thorough analysis of the ROI. Councilmembers discussed specifics of the design plan, the general layout of the expansion, and how the flow of the space will be a crucial design factor in the success of food service. Mr. Engert expressed the need to evaluate the food service side of operations from the perspective of a resort and to seek out comparables accordingly.

Councilmembers discussed ongoing food service staffing issues. Mr. Marino advised staffing needs will be the focus during the off-season in preparation for the 2022 season.

Ohio Attorney General Agreement

Ms. Bair explained the collection program being offered by the Ohio Attorney General's (OAG) office. She explained the income tax department's current internal collection process. The program offered by the OAG will provide a mechanism for collecting income tax balances under the \$1,000 threshold. The OAG will garnish federal income tax payments in order to collect the debt. It will charge an additional 10 percent fee to the delinquent taxpayer.

Executive Session

At 6:50 p.m., Mr. Serr 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, 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 7:27 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Serr 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.

Recess

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

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:05 p.m.

Boards and Commissions

Mrs. Bostdorff reviewed staff efforts to analyze and organize City boards, commissions, and committees in a consistent and appropriate structure. She discussed staff's phasing of the project, the draft charters created for each board or commission, and staff's recommendations. Staff recommends to disband the Sister City Committee via ordinance, to upgrade the Streets, Highways and Drainage Committee to a full codified body via ordinance, and to eliminate both the Neighborhood Relations Committee and Economic Development Committee via an amendment to Council Rules.

Mrs. Rau related her discussion with the remaining Sister City Committee members.

They agree with the recommended change but desire to keep an ongoing relationship with Bad Zwischenahn requesting a special committee be appointed whenever a group visit is planned.

Mr. Serr questioned the need for a charter for the Centerville Community Improvement Corporation. Mr. Liberman advised he will be checking each of the draft charters to assure legalities. He noted the charters are intended only as internal documents for organizational guidance.

Mr. Lunsford requested the Community Resources department assist with encouraging the various neighborhoods to participate in the American Parade by entering floats.

Yankee Trace Artwork

Mrs. Bostdorff reviewed the three blown-glass artwork design options presented at previous meetings and presented a revision to one of the options as well as a fourth option.

Councilmembers discussed the options and selected Option 1.

City Manager's Report

- Mr. Roark, Mrs. Bostdorff, and Mr. Ankeney will be attending Lead training next week in Charleston.
- Ardent Technologies ED/GE grant submission.
- A tour of the New Albany housing development.
- A thank you card received from Jim Gallagher's wife.
- The status of the project at the former Kroger building.

Executive Session

At 8:33 p.m., Mr. Serr 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. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 8:36 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 8:41 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:30 P.M., in the Kingseed Law Library, and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.



Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved:



Brooks A. Compton, Mayor