

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:32 P.M. in the J.V. Stone Council Chambers. The meeting was opened with an Invocation by Pastor Sam Holmes of The Point Church followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag with Mayor Compton presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff were present as follows:

Councilmembers Deputy Mayor JoAnne Rau
 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
 Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt
 Police Chief Matt Brown
 Development Director Erik Collins
 Economic Development Administrator Joey O'Brien
 City Planner Ian Vanness
 Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
 City Engineer Jim Brinegar
 Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
 Communications Director Kate Bostdorff
 IT Director Ryan Collins
 Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton invited Pastor Holmes to discuss activities at The Point Church. Pastor Holmes spoke about the church's charitable works, including Christmas donations, Shoes for the Shoeless, school supplies donations to Hannah's Treasure Chest, and a food drive.

Excuse Absent Members

Mr. Palcher made a motion to excuse Mr. Serr from the meeting, Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Minutes

The minutes of the following meetings had been distributed prior to this meeting:

Council Meeting: April 3, 2023.

Work Session Meeting: April 3, 2023.

Mrs. Rau made a motion for approval of the minutes, Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Communications

Mrs. Davis reminded Council members of the deadline of May 15 to submit their Financial Disclosure Statements to the Ohio Ethics Commission.

Presentations

- A. Centerville High School's Forte A Capella performed a song entitled *Bird Set Free* for City Council and audience members.

Mayor Compton invited each of the group's members to introduce themselves.

- B. Commander Fred Rojas and other Post members of VFW Post 9550 presented a U.S. flag, which had been flown in Afghanistan, to the City.

Mayor Compton expressed the City's gratitude to receive the honor and to be in the presence of the heroes representing VFW Post 9550.

Mayor Compton invited the Post members to introduce themselves.

Oath of Office

Mayor Compton administered the Oath of Office to new Planning Commission member Craig Moyer. Mr. Moyer discussed his background, his connection to Centerville, and his desire to serve the community.

Proclamation

Mayor Compton provided a summary of the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Mayor Compton praised the Arbor Day celebration event last week which took place near the new mural at Activity Center Park.

Citizen Comments and Petitions - none**Officials' Reports**

Mayor Compton spoke about the DSD Fly-in to D.C.; it was an opportunity to meet with the City's elected Federal officials and to discuss the I675/Wilmington Pike project. Greene County Commissions Dick Gould and Rick Perales also participated.

Mayor Compton announced there will be a public input meeting for the I675/Wilmington Pike project on June 6, 2023 at both 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Sinclair Centerville Campus gymnasium.

Mayor Compton invited Chief Brown to discuss the retirements of Lt. Joe LaVigne and Cris Smart. Chief Brown expressed appreciation to both retirees for their time in service to the City.

Mayor Compton invited Mr. Turnbull to discuss the retirement of Marty Tackett. Mr. Turnbull praised Mr. Tackett's contributions to the department.

Mayor Compton mentioned the MVRPC Annual Spring Dinner last week.

Mayor Compton spoke of the Rocky's Ace Hardware grand opening and "board" cutting event this past weekend.

Mrs. Rau touted the successful City Beautiful Commission spring seminar and praised the organizers.

Mrs. Rau discussed the Wright State Nursing presentation held in Council Chambers recently. Information about an available helpline and a QR code providing access information to assistance organizations has been posted to the City's website.

Mrs. Kenley praised the Yankee Trace Fish Fry dinner she attended recently, the last one for this season.

Mr. Engert introduced Centerville High School sophomore Kevin O'Brien, school liaison, to provide an update on school activities. Mr. O'Brien spoke about the 2023 graduation parade scheduled for May 13 at 1:30 and graduation scheduled for May 20. He touted the successes of the music program and the Destination Imagination team. He provided current standings for each of the spring athletic teams.

Mayor Compton invited Mr. O'Brien to discuss his involvement with school programs. Mr. O'Brien spoke of the various clubs he participates in.

Mr. Lunsford advised the Americana Festival Committee dinner and meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, May 2, 2023 at Benham's Grove at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Palcher praised the Yankee Trace staff for a great Easter buffet.

Mr. Palcher recognized the Arts Commission and City staff for fantastic summer concert series lineup.

Mayor Compton noted the recent passings of BAR member Joe DeMariano and of active community member Bob Looper.

In the City Manager's Report, Mr. Davis spoke about:

- Public Meeting Space updates.
- The DORA at Cornerstone Park starts on May 22.
- Preparation to close out the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan and to present the 2023-2028 strategic plan to City Council on May 15, with transition to the new strategic plan on June 26.
- The use of the Centerville luggage tags while traveling recently.

Old Business

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Application C-2023-0001: An appeal of decisions made by the Planning Commission on variance #1 and variance #3 in Case P-2022-0014.

Applicant: Brian M. Sharp, Agave and Rye.

Location: 11 North Main Street.

Mrs. Rau moved to remove the item from the table. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Mr. O'Brien presented the case, covering the property description, the timeline, the application summary, the standards of approval, and staff analysis. Mr. O'Brien advised there were three variances brought to Planning Commission regarding size and location of signage. Variance #1 was approved by Planning Commission with one condition. Variance #2 was approved by Planning Commission. Variance #3 was denied by

Planning Commission. The applicant is appealing the decision of Planning Commission regarding the condition on Variance #1 and the denial of Variance #3.

Mayor Compton opened the Public Hearing.

Council members discussed the sign specifications, illumination, uniqueness, and total square footage.

Mr. Tony Esposito representing the applicant spoke about the aesthetics of the signage in its current proposal versus reducing the signage size would look too small for the size of the exterior walls of the building.

Mayor Compton closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Liberman recommended City Council consider a condition that any approval of these variances would apply only to the current applicant under the brand name Agave & Rye.

Mr. Engert suggested a review of signage regulations specific to facades in Uptown which face into parking lots. Mr. Davis advised staff will review.

Mrs. Kenley moved to approve the variances with the condition that the approvals shall only be for the benefit of the brand Agave & Rye. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 5-1 with Mr. Palcher voting nay.

A. **PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 07-23, An Ordinance To Establish The Creation Of The City Of Centerville Unclaimed Monies Fund.**

Mrs. Piatt explained the need for the fund and praised the 2022 summer interns who got the process underway.

Mayor Compton opened the Public Hearing.

Hearing no one come forward, Mayor Compton closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Palcher sponsored Ordinance 07-23 and moved for its adoption. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

New Business – none.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Compton turned the attention of the group to the Consent Agenda. Any City Councilmember may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

City Council read the Consent Agenda into the record as follows:

- A. Resolution 38-23, A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Outdoor Enterprise, LLC Of Troy, Ohio For The Uptown West Franklin Street Parking Lot Expansion Project (Project SS-3) And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith.

- B. Resolution 39-23, A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Denny Management LLC dba Fresh Coat Location 91413 Of Dayton, Ohio For The Benham's Grove Exterior Painting 2023 Project For The Painting At Benham's Grove And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith.
- C. Resolution 40-23, A Resolution Accepting The Bid Submitted By Double Jay Construction Inc. Of Englewood, Ohio For The Benham's Grove Exterior Stair Demolition For Removal Of The Fire Escape And Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith.
- D. Resolution 41-23, Resolution Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Amendment To Cost-Sharing Agreements With The Board Of Montgomery County Commissioners For Social Row Road Improvement Project Phase 1 And Phase 2.

Mrs. Kenley requested more information about Item D. Mr. Brinegar explained the amendment combines two separate engineering projects into one project for the construction phase. It adds a signal at Paragon Road. It will bid in 2025 and is expected to be complete by 2026.

Mr. Lunsford sponsored the Consent Agenda and moved for its approval. Mr. Palcher seconded the motion, and it passed with 6 ayes.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Council, Mayor Compton adjourned the regular meeting at 9:17 P.M. The next regular meeting of City Council is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 15, 2023, at 7:30 P.M.

Approved: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Clerk of Council