

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Police Department Training Room

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers JoAnne Rau
Belinda Kenley
Duke Lunsford
John Palcher

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Finance Director Tyler Roark
Police Chief Matt Brown
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:34 P.M.

Executive Session

At 5:35 p.m., Mr. Palcher made a motion to move into Executive Session for a conference with an attorney for the City, concerning disputes involving the City that are the subject of pending or potential court action. Mr. Lunsford seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

At 5:54 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Rau made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Engert seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

The following staff members joined the meeting at this time: Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt, Development Director Erik Collins, City Planner Ian Vanness, Public Works Director Pat Turnbull, City Engineer Jim Brinegar, Human Resources Director Jen McCormick, IT Director Ryan Collins, Yankee Trace Administrator Steve Marino, Benham's Grove Administrator Randy Bishop, IT Intern Michael Wyatt, Benham's Grove Intern Elise English, Human Resources Intern Michael Hoover, and Development Intern Graham Gilkison.

Palmer Energy representatives Phillip Dysard and Kirk Mizerek also joined the meeting at this time.

Yankee Trace Driving Range Update

Mr. Marino discussed the following topics:

- The impetus of the project which was issues with the turf.

Mr. Serr joined the meeting at this time.

- Changes to the fee structure.
- The outdoor seating/entertainment center, which will be included.
- Convenience upgrades will be included.
- Cart path rerouting/enhanced landscaping.
- One bid received; result was \$1.6 million over engineer's estimate.
- Yankee Trace usage is still at high levels.

Council members discussed the anticipated return on investment, the expected time lengths users will utilize the driving range, and how the amenities will draw spectators who may then partake of the available food and beverage offerings.

Benham's Grove Rebranding

Ms. English spoke about branding ideation, including facility history, relevant historical figures, and ensuring it appeals to clients. She discussed the logo history and themes, which are being considered.

Ms. English announced a Storybook Trail concept under consideration. Ohio Department of Natural Resources grants are available for the program. The City will involve community partners.

Council members discussed City-wide continuity in the logo creation process, the necessity of utilizing a good marketing firm while also utilizing staff talent, identifying a clear logo focus, and incorporating the event center in the logo design.

Code Enforcement Update

Mr. Gilkison provided an update on current code enforcement violation statistics, a review of policies and procedures, outreach programs, and other initiatives under consideration.

Council members and staff discussed the complaint process, the need to create an accessible portal for the public to view the status of complaints, citizen education, outreach to business owners, utilizing a multi-pronged approach, which includes education of staff members, and the need for enforcement measures, metrics, and goal setting.

Palmer Update

Mr. Dysard reviewed the Electric aggregation RFP, which resulted in \$.04 of savings per kilowatt. He advised that letters will be going out soon explaining the method to opt out. There will be a public information meeting here in the Police Department Training Room on Monday, July 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Dysard covered the pricing structure and timeframe for the upcoming Natural Gas RFP. Once the RFP is finalized, the MVCC Energy Committee will review Palmer Energy's recommendation.

Council members indicated their interest in participating in the RFP process.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

City Manager's Report

- Mr. Davis invited Chief Brown to discuss recent Police-related incidents.
 - Chief Brown noted the case file for the home invasion shooting is pending presentation to the prosecutor. He does not expect charges due to the incident being self-defense.
 - Chief Brown discussed that the pedestrian fatality is still in the investigation phase. The officers involved have access to a strong peer support team if needed.
 - Chief Brown reviewed recent vehicle thefts from two local car dealerships.
 - Chief Brown advised that Officer Gorby saved the life of a choking three-month-old infant.
- Mr. Davis disseminated an I675/Wilmington Pike project fact sheet; staff will be in meetings later this week with various stakeholders.
- Agreement with the Hirschy family regarding the replacement of trees and landscaping on their property due to the Uptown Parking project.
- Invited Mr. Brinegar to provide an update on the Uptown construction project.

Recess

At 7:25 p.m., Council recessed to move into Regular Session.

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:53 p.m.

City Manager's Report (con'd)

- Efforts to execute a parking agreement with Restoration Church.
- An interested developer for the Karras property; interested in building single-family homes.
- An update on the status of the Sheetz application.
- Action items on tomorrow night's Planning Commission agenda.
- Partnership with Washington Township Public Works for the Americana parade and festival.
- Recent staff meeting to discuss prioritization of capital projects.
- The incident involving Ben Bishop.

Adjournment

At 9:17 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., in the Centerville Police Department Training Room and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.

Approved: _____

Brooks A. Compton, Mayor

Teri Davis, Clerk of Council