

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

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

Clerk of Council Teri Davis
City Manager Wayne Davis
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:35 P.M.

Executive Session

At 5:36 p.m., Mr. Serr made a motion to move into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official and 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 6:17 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Palcher seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

Finance Director Tyler Roark, Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt, Superintendent of Taxation Emily Bair, Police Chief Matt Brown, Public Works Director Pat Turnbull, City Engineer Jim Brinegar, Assistant City Engineer David Swanson, Staff Engineer Taylor Schindler, Development Director Erik Collins, Economic Development Administrator Joey O'Brien, City Planner Ian Vanness, Communications Director Kate Bostdorff, Human Resources Director Jen McCormick, IT Director Ryan Collins, and Benham's Grove Administrator Randy Bishop joined the meeting at this time.

Also present was Councilmember Elect Jennifer McLaughlin, and LWC Representatives John Fabelo and Lucas Lance.

Benham's Grove Improvements

Mr. Fabelo reviewed that no bids were received for the original bid process for the improvements. He explained that after consultation with several contractors, the following issues

were identified: combination of the event center build along with the historic campus improvements, the specifications for electrical work, and the work schedule. LWC is working to clean up the specifications and has determined it is appropriate to split the historic campus improvements out into a separate bid package.

Council members discussed the bidding timeline, their required assurances that the historic campus improvements will not be abandoned, the project timelines, concerns over splitting out the two bids, and budget.

Council members expressed their support with moving forward with the separate bidding processes.

Mr. Fabelo and Mr. Lance left the meeting at this time.

Code Enforcement Update

Mr. Erik Collins provided statistics regarding code violations and highlighted the most common violations. He spoke about the communications efforts which have recently been employed, including audio and video segments and social media posts. He advised staff had conducted two round table events to gain citizen feedback. Mr. Collins then covered next steps.

Council members discussed the need to track repeat offenders and the need for policy changes.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

South Suburban Improvements

Ms. Schindler informed about curb replacement, catch basin, and sidewalk work to be done on South Suburban at East Franklin ahead of scheduled paving. She discussed current parking situations at the businesses located there and discussions, which have been conducted with those business owners. The improvements will improve safety and encourage a more pedestrian atmosphere while maintaining parking availability at the businesses.

Agenda Additions

Mr. Liberman advised two resolutions dealing with cannabis retail and medical marijuana dispensary moratoriums need to be added to the Consent Agenda.

Recess

At 7:29 p.m., Council recessed to move into Regular Session.

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:37 p.m.

City Manager's Report

- Union negotiations mediation.
- Keith Wallace appointed as Police Department Public Information Officer.
- Developer interest in the Archer house property.

- Barbershop renderings by LWC at the next Work Session.
- CDBG grant of \$40,000 received for Stubbs Park swing set.
- Short-term rentals study.
- 400 N. Main zoning permit revoked.
- 1180 E. Alex Bell daycare Conditional Use at Planning Commission tomorrow night.
- Bidding Process review and Security Cameras update to be presented at work sessions in the new year.

Adjournment

At 8:57 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:30 P.M., in the J.V. Stone Council Chambers and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 P.M.



Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved: 

Brooks A. Compton, Mayor