

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: J.V. Stone Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor	Brooks Compton
Councilmembers	Belinda Kenley
	Mark Engert
	Jennifer McLaughlin
	John Palcher
	JoAnne Rau
	Bill Serr

Acting Clerk of Council Donna Fiori
City Manager Wayne Davis
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang
Police Chief Matt Brown
Human Resources Director Jen McCormick
Public Works Director Pat Turnbull
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
IT Director Ryan Collins
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Executive Session

At 5:37 p.m., Mr. Engert 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 and to prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 6:17 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Rau made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mr. Serr seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

Finance Director Tyler Roark, Assistant Finance Director Miranda Piatt, City Planner Ian Vanness, Communications Director Kate Bostdorff, and Development Director Erik Collins joined the meeting at this time.

Dan Pozniak and Matt Davis from DSD Advisors also joined the meeting at this time.

DSD Advisors

Representatives from DSD Advisors, Dan Pozniak and Matt Davis provided an overview of the politics and opportunities heading into an election year. Their presentation covered insights into the primaries, transitions of leadership, and impacts of local lines being redrawn. Mr. Pozniak discussed municipal legislation to watch and the seeking of State funding for City projects such as the Benham's Grove Phase II, Stubbs Park Improvements, I-675/Wilmington Pike, Uptown, and Safe Route to Schools for Dimco Way. Mr. Wayne Davis discussed the importance of keeping the I-675/Wilmington project at the forefront. Advocacy Day is scheduled for Council members and staff to travel to Columbus on February 28 to meet with the City's representatives about local issues and funding requests.

Mr. Pozniak and Mr. Davis left the meeting at this time.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

City Manager's Report

- Meeting last week with new Centerville-Washington History Director Cynthia Burns
- Financing of Benham's Grove event center, barn and the cottage. Mr. Roark discussed bonds and notes activity anticipated this year. Mr. Engert requested a refresher presentation on bonds and notes at the next meeting.
- Benham's Grove rates - Mrs. Vogelgesang shared the need to establish rates for the new event center due to requests being made to reserve the space. She shared with council a list of proposed rates with area comparisons to be presented at the February 5 council meeting. Council members directed staff to bring back an updated ROI with the proposed legislation.
- Joint Entities meeting January 29
- Last week's Centerville Community Improvement Corporation annual organizational meeting; the Board elected officers and discussed budget options, projects and programs.
- Last week's Streets, Highways and Drainage Commission Semi-annual meeting; the Commission discussed storm sewer projects, hiker/biker trails, educational opportunities, and various projects.
- Planning Update
 - Consulting firm Planning NEXT working with staff to organize a steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan.
 - UDO text amendment for Short-term Rentals (STRs) going to Planning Commission. Moratorium on STRs ends April 20, 2024.

Strategic Plan Update

Mrs. Vogelgesang discussed the Strategic Plan accomplishments of the last six months, tasks slated for the next six months, and the opportunities and challenges associated with each of the four Strategic Plan goals.

Council Retreat Discussion

Mayor Compton explained the Retreat will be an open discussion format and requested Council members to send retreat discussion ideas to him and Mrs. Fiori. Mrs. Fiori confirmed the dinner choice for the Council members and participating staff members.

Recess

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

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:14 p.m.

Executive Session

At 8:14 p.m., Mr. Serr 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. Mrs. Rau seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

At 8:39 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.

Adjournment

At 8:40 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., in the J.V. Stone Council Chambers and prior to the regular meeting set for 7:30 p.m.

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor


Donna Fiori, Acting Clerk of Council