

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
Monday, February 5, 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
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman
Development Director Erik Collins
Economic Development Administrator Joey O'Brien

Mayor Compton called the Work Session meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Executive Session

At 5:39 p.m., Mrs. Kenley 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 to consider the purchase of property for public purposes 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. Engert seconded the motion, and it passed 7-0 in a roll call vote.

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

Finance Director Tyler Roark, City Planner Ian Vanness, Communications Director Kate Bostdorff, Human Resources Director Jen McCormick, Public Works Director Pat Turnbull, and IT Director Ryan Collins joined the meeting at this time.

City Council Meeting Agenda Review

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

Mr. Engert questioned item H on the Consent Agenda with adding sidewalks on South

Suburban Road noting businesses will lose parking and raised concern with it impacting their ability to conduct business. Mr. Erik Collins stated that staff has been working with the businesses to limit the impact on their ability to do business and to clean up the area.

Bonds and Notes Presentation

Mr. Roark provided a Bond Sales Fundamental presentation detailing the components of the bond process. He discussed types of bonds, types of debt issued, bond issuers/investors, limitations, participants/timeline of a bond sale, bond structures, pricing of bonds, call options, and the credit rating process. Mr. Roark stated that the better rating a city or municipality has the more attractive they are to the marketplace. He noted that the City's credit rating is Aa2 which is the third highest rating. Mr. Roark discussed the bond process completed four years ago for Cornerstone.

Charter Review Considerations

Mr. Liberman discussed the role of the Charter Commission and City Council's ability to provide guidance on topics to review. He provided recommendations for Charter Commission to review topics based on legal necessity, current operations, and items raised during prior City Council retreats. Council members reviewed and discussed the suggestions and concurred to make the recommendations to the Charter Commission. Mrs. Rau requested Mr. Liberman to examine Section 4.03 Mayor and Deputy Mayor item (b) having a potential conflict with Section 4.05 Vacancies, Forfeiture of Office; and Filling of Vacancies item (d).

Council Retreat Discussion

Council members discussed the topics they wished to be included on the Council Retreat agenda.

Comprehensive Plan – Steering Committee

Mr. Vanness presented to Council the Comprehensive Planning process timeline. A steering committee to include citizen representation of twelve to fifteen people will be finalized by mid-March. There will be six meetings over fifteen months starting in April—currently an open call for committee members. The consulting firm Planning NEXT will attend the March 18 work session.

Recess

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

Following the Regular Meeting, City Council reconvened in Work Session at 8:01 p.m.

City Manager's Report

- MVRMA new Executive Director Mark Wendling will attend the February 19 Work Session.
- Tyler Roark, Pat Turnbull, Kate Bostdorff, Mariah Vogelgesang, and Wayne Davis are to attend the OCMA conference on February 28 – March 1.
- Pat Turnbull and Jen McCormick attendance at the OHPELRA conference last week.
- Charter Review Commission meeting scheduled for February 8.

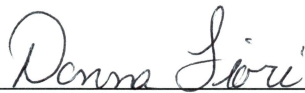
- Uptown DORA discussion at the February 19 Work Session.
- Update regarding Council Chambers carpet issues.
- Update on bids for Benham's Grove barn and cottage.

Mrs. Rau mentioned the influx of solar farms across the state. Council members discussed solar farms and wind energy.

Adjournment

At 8:26 p.m., the Work Session was adjourned. The next Work Session is scheduled for Monday, February 19, 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