

Centerville City Council  
Retreat Minutes  
Friday, February 23, 2024

TIME: 4:00 P.M.

PLACE: The Golf Club at Yankee Trace  
Academy Lounge

ATTENDANCE:

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

Acting Clerk of Council Donna Fiori  
City Manager Wayne Davis  
Assistant City Manager Mariah Vogelgesang  
Police Chief Matt Brown  
Economic Development Director Erik Collins

Mayor Compton called the Retreat to order at 4:09 P.M.

**Police and Safety**

Chief Brown discussed the status of various crime statistics and how they are calculated. He provided information regarding residential/commercial burglaries, motor vehicle theft and vandalism. Chief Brown discussed proactive approaches to deterring crime such as intelligence-led policing and new technologies used to solve crimes like drones and cameras.

Chief Brown discussed the current arrangement with Centerville City Schools for School Resource Officers (SRO) and the associated cost sharing. Councilmembers discussed communications with the schools, camera access, outside access to schools, types of issues SROs handle, if there is a necessity for SROs at each school and hybrid approaches to SROs. Chief Brown will follow up with Centerville City Schools Superintendent John Wesney and Mike Brem of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and will report back to City Council.

Councilmembers and staff discussed the desire for the Joint Entities meetings to be more collaborative and substantive. Areas of concern and ideas for progress were discussed. Mr. Davis and Mayor Compton will work with Joint Entities before the September 30 meeting, being hosted by Centerville, to establish a productive agenda.

*At 5:04 p.m., Chief Brown left the meeting*

### **Government Relations**

Mr. Davis explained the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee and discussed the increase in access fees for cell phone users and the proposed funds distribution to municipalities. Mr. Davis discussed improvements with the transfers from the Regional Dispatch Center and challenges to gaining access to AT&T or Motorola data.

Mayor Compton discussed the status of the City's relationship with the Washington Township Fire Department. He shared the history of the fire department providing Fire/EMS services for Centerville. Councilmembers discussed experiences with the fire department, mutual aid agreements, joint fire districts and the desire to be partners with Washington Township. Mayor Compton and Mr. Davis will follow up with Washington Township Trustee President Scott Paulson and Washington Township Administrator Mike Thonnerieux.

Mayor Compton discussed the lack of support from Montgomery County for the I675/Wilmington project. Mr. Davis and Councilmembers spoke about the Transportation Improvement District, the responsibility to provide safe intersections for the public, finding pathways to make improvements, and the impact on economic development.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Palcher discussed the Finance Committee agenda, members, and representatives. Mayor Compton shared the history and evolution of the committee, noting the improved meaningfulness of the committee reports. Mr. Davis reviewed the quarterly finance report with the group. Councilmembers expressed a desire to see the committee continue in its current capacity.

### **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Collins provided an overview and composition of the Code Enforcement Department and constraints on enforcement. He reviewed the most common code enforcement issues. Mr. Collins discussed Rebuilding Dayton Together, Centerville Community Improvement Corporation, policy changes, and roundtables with neighboring entities as resources to improve Code Enforcement. Councilmembers discussed legislative options, enforcement processes, court functions, communications with the Police Department and comparisons of other communities. Mr. Collins will report back to Council on the results of the roundtables and policy change suggestions.

### **Economic Development**

Mr. Collins discussed business visitations, resource rallies, meetings with the top 25 taxpayers, and business walks as tools used for economic development. He provided an overview of the various developments and potential developments throughout Centerville. Councilmembers discussed the need for more variety in Uptown and ideas to draw people such as pop-up shops and events.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:54 p.m., Mrs. Kenley made a motion to move into Executive Session for personnel to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee, or official and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or

personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance. Mr. Serr seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

At 8:19 p.m., after no official business was conducted, Mr. Palcher made a motion to move out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion, and it passed 6-0 in a roll call vote.

**General Discussion**

Mrs. Kenley spoke about Dot's Market and Eric's Pretzels collaboration.

Mr. Palcher expressed praise for the retreat and acknowledged Mrs. McLaughlin on her first retreat.

Mr. Engert voiced support and the desire for the educational components of work sessions to continue as well as broaching the topic of the frequency of meetings.

**Wrap-Up**

In the wrap-up portion of the agenda, Councilmembers reviewed action items in each topic area on the agenda.

**Adjournment**

At 8:36 p.m., the Retreat was adjourned.

  
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Teri Davis, Clerk of Council

Approved:   
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Brooks A. Compton, Mayor