

Council Work Session
November 21, 2017

Meeting called to order by Mayor Harley at 5:00pm.

Invocation given by Mayor Harley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Director of Marketing Kate Hogan

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley recognizing Councilman elect Justin Wright.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Cameron W. Andrews, Councilman Randall Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

Mayor Harley asked if there were any public comments. Comments can only be for items listed on the agenda, limit of 3 minutes. In addition, reminded everyone no talking during the meeting; causes a distraction.

No comments.

Old Business

New Business

Point of Information-8TH Annual Lighted Christmas Parade-Grand Marshal: Councilman Andrews stated it is a privilege to announce that Councilman Randall Wright and Cheryl (spouse) will be the Grand Marshal for the parade. Councilman Wright thanked everyone and stated it's an honor.

Re-zoning Ordinance – 1101 N Houston Lake Boulevard: Councilman Evans recognized Director of Operations Brumfield. Mr. Brumfield reported that the city had received an application for re-zoning of property. The property is owned by Allen & Kateryna Klein, applicants for the requested re-zoning. The property is currently zoned as Centerville R-1 (single family residential district) and the requested re-zoning is to a classification of C-2 (general commercial district). The Planning and Zoning Board met to consider the re-zoning application at 6:30pm on Thursday, November 16, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The P&Z Board unanimously recommended approval of the re-zoning request.

Mayor Harley closed the council meeting at 5:04 pm and opened a public hearing.

Proponent:

Allen Klein 120 Arnold Street, owner of the property at 1101 N Houston Lake Boulevard. Proponent (and applicant) of the rezoning request. Mr. Klein proposed to build commercial/public self-storage units, located at 1101 N Houston Lake Boulevard. Seeking approval from Mayor and Council for rezoning.

Opponent:

Zachary Harmon, 224 Sunnymeade Drive, against the rezoning and potential construction of storage units. Mr. Harmon stated they will be less than 50 yards away from his home. Increased traffic and concerned about noise, lights, and potentially bringing crime into the area. He has a 2-month-old child and bought home to be an investment and 30-year home for his family. Mr. Harmon stated that he sees his neighborhood as beautiful and has encouraged family and friends to move to Centerville. Stressed that if this is approved it will be harmful to his family.

Allen Klein, 120 Arnold Street, asked Mr. Harmon, “How can this effect you? The proposed hours of operation will be 10am-7am.” Does not see how this will cause an issue. Mr. Klein was instructed to direct his comments to Mayor Harley.

With no further speakers wishing to comment, Mayor Harley closed public hearing at 5:07 pm and reopened council meeting.

Mayor Harley reminded everyone that there is no talking during meeting.

Motion made by Councilman Evans to accept the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board and to approve the rezoning request; seconded by Councilman Wright. Councilman Andrews asked what the board vote was. Director of Operations Brumfield stated “unanimous”. Councilman Andrews asked if it’s built what are the lighting plans. Mr. Klein responded whatever the city requires, will have motion detection lighting. Mr. Brumfield confirmed plans will have to be submitted and reviewed for approval. Councilman Evans echoed comments stating plans would have to be submitted and reviewed, city code of ordinances requirements will determine. Motion carried.

Budget Resolution – 1st Budget Amendment FY 2018: Councilman Andrews recognized City Accountant Harrison. Mrs. Harrison provided resolution and summary with amendments to Mayor and Council for review. The amendment reflects an increase in budgetary expenditures in the amount of \$6,932, consisting of (3) items: police equipment, housing assessment with MGRC and concrete pad in sanitation fund. Motion made by Councilman Andrews to approve resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Evans. Councilman Evans thanked Mrs. Harrison for documents and ability to review. Motion carried. See Resolution 2017-10.

Point of information-Georgia Forestry Grant Application: Councilman Wright recognized Fire Chief Jones. Chief Jones brought a point of information that a grant award of \$10,000 would be in the form of a reimbursement of \$5000 (50/50 matching funds grant). The City would spend the \$10,000 up front and then be reimburse \$5,000.00. All the equipment is a budgeted item, this would be additional funding if awarded, reducing the amount the City would have to spend without the grant. Seeking Mayor Harley and Director of Operations Brumfield signature on application to move forward with submittal.

Comments from Council

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, no comment.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, wishing everyone “Happy Thanksgiving”, enjoy time with family and friends.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, no comment.

Post 1 Councilman Andrews, privilege to sit by Councilman Wright for the past 16 years. The city is better because you have been here. There are a lot of good things going on in Centerville, referenced (2) articles that came out this week in the community corner re: Police Department and dog, viewed video, very impressed, appreciates what the PD does for the city, sleeps well at night. The article in the Houston Home Journal written by Kirstin Moriarty, leadership, Center Park, Fire Department facility, mention of utilities complex, a lot of this is funded by SPLOST, infrastructure wise all is going well, continue to be committed. The ad in the Houston County magazine, looks good. Best employees anywhere. Councilman Andrews stated that it has been a rough 2 weeks, out of loop, son had a baseball accident, "God is good", and he is doing well. Appreciate what all employees do, keep the city moving and the direction it's going in.

Mayor Harley, stated the vision is in the eyes of the people, Center Park, isn't going to be limited to just our area, Mrs. Hogan has been doing a great job with the park. Citizens deserve this. Eggs and Issues, wasn't in attendance, in Florida on vacation, however; wasn't worried, know the employees can handle things, did a great job, a lot of positive comments. Next month will get an opportunity to go to Washington D.C. will meet with Senators and Representative, to talk about Robins AFB, show support and let them know community is behind the base. Thanksgiving, looking forward to having family here, enjoy your families, put love in our heart and find the "Best" in everyone. We all are good people.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:23pm.

Mayor Pro Tem J. Micheal Evans

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date