

## Council Work Session

July 20, 2021

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

Invocation given by Mayor Harley

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Evans.

Welcome extended to all by Mayor Harley.

Present were Mayor John R. Harley, Councilman Robert D. Bird, Jr., Councilman Justin Wright, Councilman J. Micheal Evans, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Official Swearing In Ceremony Post 1 Robert D. Bird, Jr: Judge Adams gave the oath to Councilman Bird. A copy of the oath is attached and made part of official minutes.

### Public Comments

None

### Old Business

Amendment Social Media Policy: Councilman Armijo/ Director of Marketing Hogan informed all that we are currently up to 9 social media pages, this document serves as an amendment. Motion to adopt made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

### New Business

Home Based Business License: S.A. N's Transportation Services, LLC (owner Natasha Mitchell, 205 Village Walk: Councilman Wright informed all that there is a copy of the application provided in packets for review. Motion to approve made by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

Point of Information - Fire Station Furnishings: Councilman Wright recognized Chief Jones. Chief Jones reminded everyone of the previous council meeting held on May; approved up to \$75,000 purchase of furniture for new fire station. Informed everyone that they have not spent the full amount. This point of information is about the expenditure of another \$25,000-\$30,000 funds to be utilized from previous year. Has spoken with City Accountant Harrison. Chief Jones stated that the October budget amendment would reflect the funding source. Clarified again that the funds are not coming from current budget, have extra money available due to short staff-personnel and under budget in other line items. Hopefully will have majority of furniture in by September 2021. No motion or action taken, serves only as a point of information.

Demolition Permit Fee Waiver Approval: Councilman Armijo / Director Hogan. The Centerville Housing team has been working diligently on (2) failing homes in Centerville: 248 Collins, 214 Valencia Circle. We have come up with a way to incentivize getting these homes demolished so we can see some progress on these properties. Reminded everyone that she had emailed a copy of quote last week, Asking Mayor and Council to approve the waiver forms for the properties tonight. City Attorney Tydings stated she wanted to use this agreement as a plea negotiation tool in court, working with people to get things done. Permit fees are \$ 90. The goal of code enforcement is compliance, not punishment. This benefits the subject property and surrounding

properties. Will ask the Judge to help give these cases an extra push. These (2) are the urgent ones. Signed agreements would constitute a waiver of fees \$ 90 demolition fees.

Councilman Wright asked what's the next step. City Attorney Tydings stated we will ask the Judge to set a timeline for compliance.

Motion to approve made by Councilman Armijo; seconded by Councilman Wright. Motion carried.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, glad to be here and look forward to serving citizens of Centerville, have had discussion with other members and will work well together.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, welcomed Councilman Bird. Mentioned code enforcement, these are people you should know, talk to your neighbors, it rains every 7 minutes now (tall grass), don't call the cops.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, welcome to Councilman Bird, look forward working with you.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, congratulations to Councilman Bird, welcomed his family. Mentioned the farmers market and yoga in the park this past weekend. Had a nice time over there, the park was filled with people doing yoga, having a good time. The Park is always active, people are constantly using the park. Community is definitely enjoying all the efforts to keep it up and running. This coming Thursday, Neighborhood Watch, have talked to other neighborhood watch leaders in Centerville, talk about how to continue on and doing their programs. Meeting is at 6pm on Thursday, brief introductions, first time meeting since pandemic, ready to get busy, hopefully everyone can stay safe. Congratulation and welcome on board.

Mayor Harley, the last race we had was a good race, everyone was courteous, appreciate the courteous race. Informed all that on July 28, 2pm-7pm, blood drive, would like to get a lot people signed up. Encouraged everyone to come out and participate.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

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Mayor John R. Harley

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Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

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