

Council Work Session
October 19, 2021

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

Invocation given by Councilman Evans.
Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Harley.
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, and Councilman Edward Armijo. City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Proclamation Hispanic Heritage Month: Mayor Harley read proclamation and presented to Monica Pirela Boscan, Producer- NotiVision Georgia.

Recognition 2021 Firefighter of the Year (David Dorman): Councilman Wright recognized Fire Chief Jones. Chief Jones presented Sgt Dorman with plaque recognizing him as Firefighter of the year. Sgt Dorman thanked everyone and recognized his team of firefighters and Fire Chief, thanked them for their support; could not do this without them. Sgt Dorman mentioned his full career has been with Centerville and this is a great place to work. Thanked Chief Jones for being a great leader.

Ordinance Amendment – Regular Council Meeting Time Change: Councilman Wright stated this is something we have been talking about for a while. The original intent was to have regular council meeting at 7:00pm to provide the opportunity for more citizens to attend. Doesn't really create a barrier, if we could make this change of one hour and make it a little easier for the staff that have a long day. Summarized the ordinance, highlighting the change, the 1st council meeting of the month will now be held at 6pm instead of 7pm.

Motion to adopt as written by Councilman Wright; seconded by Councilman Armijo. Councilman Evans, agrees with comments, also stating this will be convenient for citizens, they will attend if they desire. We have meetings also live streamed on social media, has created a larger attendance. Mayor Harley called for motion. Motion carried. See Ordinance 2021-5.

Home Based Business Licenses: Councilman Wright made motion to approve business licenses; seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried.

- Southern Water Tribe-Jonathan Harris III, 204 Mason Drive
- World Wide Washing-Shawn McCandless, Jr., 105 Calvin Drive

POI-GICH Graduation: Councilman Wright stated pretty early in his tenure, began to have proposals for affordable housing in Centerville, they create a lot of benefit and strife at the same time. The GICH team was established. The project behind the mall has broken ground. During the course of the 3-year program, the GICH team graduated last week in Athens. Mrs. Hartley gave a power point presentation.

Councilman Wright noted, it was forward thinking of the city to pursue the assessment even before GICH was established. Projects were able to complete the first year, because this was done. Looking forward from the GICH team, periodically make policy recommendation, from time to time, could be from ordinance changes, zoning making contacts with state representatives. Continue to outreach projects, lower income. GICH team continue having a role expressing an opinion and to make recommendations. GICH point process, proud of this, pretty solid rubric, process to score, work to do before moving forward. Now that the GICH team is established in alumni phase, have to meet quarterly. Will have to maintain continuing education hours, the good thing is we have several people serving on the team, city accountant, realtor, banker, reps from habitat from humanity and other nonprofits. We want to create business and residential to provide an excellent quality of life in Centerville. Excited to see what we do moving forward. Thanked Mayor for the opportunity to give update.

Councilman Armijo thanked everyone on the GICH team for their hard work, has attended some of the last meetings, and wants to continue to get involved. Thanked Mrs. Hartley, looking forward to a brighter future in Centerville.

Councilman Evans, great presentation, good to hear all of the good things going on in Centerville, we have proactive fingers. Inquired if there are plans to re-assess those areas. Mrs. Hartley stated might be a good time after the CHIP grant has been awarded and projects completed. Councilman Wright added, we get 2 years to do the research and confirm those who qualify. Timeline to get these things done.

Approval -Resolution 2nd Budget Amendment FY 2021: Councilman Wright stated that there is a copy in your packet for review. City Accountant Harrison stated this is the 2nd and final budget resolution for 2021, with summary of details of budget amendment. Seeking approval tonight. Motion made by Councilman Wright to adopt resolution as written; seconded by Councilman Bird. Motion carried. Councilman Armijo thanked Carol for a job well done. See Resolution 2021-11.

Comments from Council

Councilman Bird Post 1, congratulations to Sgt Dorman for fire fighter of the year.

Councilman Wright Post 2, no comments.

Councilman Evans Post 3, congratulations to Sgt Dorman.

Councilman Armijo Post 4, congratulations Sgt Dorman, well deserved. Thanked Chief Jones for their hard work preparing the Fire Station grand opening. Thanked the staff for all of their hard work, receive a lot of positive comments. November 11, 2021- Veterans Ceremony, open to public also naming the Veterans Drive, nice activity to support. Lighted Christmas parade, applications are online, always have enjoyed in participating, buying some candy, looking forward to it as we go into the Holidays.

Mayor Harley reminded all of Halloween holiday, have a safe one. Thanked Sgt Dorman for his work and all of the Fire Department for doing a great job. Water and Sewer is out there working, and all of the people here in the office. Wonderful people in our community and those coming to work.

Mayor Harley adjourned meeting at 5:43pm.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Clerk Krista Bedingfield

Date