

Council Work Session

August 16, 2022

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

Invocation given by Councilman Wright.
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, Councilman Edward Armijo and City Attorney Rebecca Tydings.
Absent - City Clerk Krista Bedingfield on vacation.

Public Comments

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion: OPEB Trust Study: Councilman Evans/ City Accountant Harrison

Funding options including trust establishment and amortization as well as pay as you go were presented to Mayor and Council by City Accountant Harrison. Overview memo and cost documentation as well as sample documents to implement post-retirement benefits were provided to Mayor and Council. No action taken. Item will be placed on a future agenda for consideration for a vote.

Comments from Council

Post 1 Councilman Bird, encouraged everyone to come out to Sept 6 meeting – public hearing on property taxes.

Post 2 Councilman Wright, spoke to Centerville Rotary Club this morning – most questions were about apartment complex being built behind mall, specifically are they Section 8 housing. The answer is “no” – the rents are income and household size based, paid by the tenant and not subsidized by government. Tenants must re-qualify each year – goal is for rent to be approximately 30% of income. This is a chance for young professionals and those in transition to be able to afford a nice, safe place to live. They are taking applications now – everyday starting at 9:00 a.m. This is not a City project – Centerville not involved except in the building inspection process.

Post 3 Councilman Evans, Thanked Councilman Wright for providing information about apartments. Section 8 and affordable housing are not the same program. Appreciated the discussion about the OPEB item.

Post 4 Councilman Armijo, Farmer’s Market this coming weekend at the park. Lots of vendors – invite people from everywhere to come. Boy Scout Troop 400 is growing – contact me or

Scoutmaster Lou Napolitano about joining. Meetings at Fire Station on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Also need recycle center volunteers.

Mayor, great Northside High School Rally held at Center Park recently. City staff did a great job with trash pickup, safety and crowd control. Mayor appreciates all who help make the event a success.

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor John R. Harley

Attest by City Attorney Rebecca Tydings

Date