

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5:45 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson
Council Members	Gina Hirst (arrived at 5:52 p.m.)
	William Ince
	George McEwan
	Robyn Mecham
	Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Whittney Black, Assistant Planner
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager

DISCUSSION – RAPID RESET FLASHING BEACONS (RRFB)

Public Works Director Mike Carlson reported a set of rapid reset flashing beacons (RRFBs) were installed at 400 West and Porter Lane, and were expected to be operational beginning the following Monday. Mr. Carlson recommended placing a second set of RRFBs approved in the budget at 400 East and Porter Lane, after observing the effect on traffic of the RRFBs at 400 West/Porter Lane for a time. Lt. Allen Ackerson said the Police Department administrative staff had discussed both 400 East/Porter Lane and Belano Way/400 West as options, and leaned toward recommending placement at 400 East/Porter Lane. Lt. Ackerson expressed support for the idea of holding off and giving time to evaluate the effect on traffic at 400 West/Porter Lane.

Councilmember Summerhays said he had personally not found crossing at 400 East to be a problem, and expressed support for placing RRFBs at Belano Way/400 West. Mr. Carlson responded that the school zone at 400 East was what influenced his recommendation. Councilmember Mecham expressed concern that flashing lights on 400 East would create a dangerous sense of security for pedestrians with drivers not used to stopping along that road. Lt. Ackerson said he had previously lived near Belano Way and had found the crossing at Belano Way/400 West to be very frustrating.

Mr. Carlson suggested another option would be to have the City Engineer oversee a traffic study to determine the best location. Councilmember Hirst expressed support for taking time to observe the effect on traffic at 400 West/Porter Lane. The Council discussed advanced warning signs. Mr. Carlson said he believed advanced warning signs would be needed for RRFBs at 400 East/Porter Lane in the school zone. Councilmember Hirst said she did not think advanced warning signs would be necessary on 400 West.

1 Councilmember Summerhays suggested staff bring observations back to the Council in a
2 month and a half. Councilmember Hirst and Mayor Wilkinson expressed agreement.

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4 **DISCUSSION – COMMUNITY PARK LIGHTING**

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6 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox reported that grant funds available would not
7 cover outside amenities at Community Park, and asked the Council if they wanted to move
8 forward with planned installation of lighting. The cost would exceed the amount currently included
9 in the Parks Department budget. Mr. Cox said installation of planned Phase 1 would cost
10 approximately \$48,250.00, and installation of the entire planned project at this time would cost
11 approximately \$66,000.00. Councilmembers acknowledged that costs would increase over time,
12 and waiting would cost the City more money.

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14 The Council reviewed the conceptual lighting plans. Mr. Cox answered questions about
15 the 5-year warranty offered with the lighting. Councilmember McEwan expressed support for
16 lighting the parking lots all night and dimming the lighting along the walking path most of the night.
17 He pointed out that all-night lighting might create a need to reevaluate the park's hours of
18 operation. Lt. Ackerson said he did have some concern that lighting the park after 10:00 p.m.
19 would invite after-hours use. He suggested that with programmable lighting the timing could be
20 adjusted as needed. Councilmember Mecham said she was not sure she would want to extend
21 the hours of operation. Councilmember McEwan pointed out the hours the lighting would be
22 needed would change with the different seasons and changing daylight hours.

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24 Councilmember McEwan asked if the Council would be interested in charging more for
25 use of the park for activities at night to help cover the lighting expense. Mr. Cox said a light fee
26 was currently charged for events, and confirmed the fee could be increased if desired. He
27 emphasized that the new lighting would be solar powered, with no electricity cost, but there would
28 certainly be a maintenance cost. City Attorney Lisa Romney said the current field light fee (last
29 amended in 2017) was \$30 for every two hours, with a minimum of \$30 and additional time
30 prorated thereafter. Mr. Cox said he would move forward with obtaining more exact numbers for
31 the entire project.

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33 Councilmember Summerhays requested a work session to evaluate use fees.
34 Councilmember Mecham said it would be helpful to know how much the City collected in use fees.
35 Councilmember Hirst added it would be helpful to know how much other cities charged for use
36 fees.

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38 **PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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40 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox showed photographs of landscaping at City
41 properties during the 2022 summer drought season, the following winter, and the 2023 summer
42 "comeback" season. He showed photographs of amenities improved or added during 2023, and
43 showed current plans for pickleball courts at Community Park. Mr. Cox expressed a hope that the
44 lighting project at Community Park would be completed in 2023. Councilmember Mecham
45 commented that City landscaping had looked wonderful in 2023. Councilmember Hirst requested
46 an update on the Parks Master Plan at a future meeting.

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48 **ADJOURNMENT**

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50 Mayor Wilkinson adjourned the work session at 6:52 p.m.

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Jennifer Robinson
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9-5-2023
Date Approved

