

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
May 23, 2016

TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building – Law Library
Mayor Brooks Compton
Deputy Mayor Belinda Kenley
Councilmembers: Mark Engert
John Beals
John Palcher
JoAnne Rau
Bill Serr
Clerk of Council Carin Andrews
City Manager Greg Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Economic Development Director Nathan Cahall
City Planner Andrew Rodney
City Engineer Jim Brinegar
Director of Public Works Doug Spitler
Human Resources Manager Jennifer Wilder
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

The meeting began at 6:30 P.M. with discussions regarding finances and long range planning. Staff reviewed some of the inflationary cost increases that the City has experienced without comparable revenue increases. Mr. Horn conveyed that the needs facing the street program create grave concerns that further delays in upkeep will necessitate full depth reconstruction of roadways. He felt it would be a disservice to the community to put off these infrastructure improvements any longer. Doug Spitler Director of Public Works noted upcoming projects for Clyo Road and a portion of Wilmington Pike.

Council discussed avenues of reducing expenses and how these reductions would affect the City in the long term. Council also realized that the topic of centralized collection of income taxes probably will return to the Ohio Legislature for consideration in 2016-2017. Passage of centralized income tax collection by the State would have a significant further negative impact on revenue for the City.

Council discussed moving forward to implement revenue increases by means of a tax levy in order to maintain the quality of services that the City of Centerville offers its residents. Mr. Liberman reported the need for a special Council Meeting on June 6, 2016, because of his review of the legislation required to put a levy on the November ballot and the deadline for submitting information to the Board of Elections.

At 7:50 P.M. Mr. Beals moved that Council convene into Executive Session to consult with the City attorney concerning pending court action; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Kenley. A roll call vote resulted in 7 ayes. After no official business was conducted, at approximately 9:10 P.M., Mrs. Kenley motioned to adjourn out of Executive Session, and Mrs. Rau seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in 7 ayes. At this time, Mrs. Wilder, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Spitler and Mr. Brinegar left the meeting.

Mr. Liberman informed Council that email discussions are now being qualified as meetings of Council, if a quorum of the Councilmembers are included. This is a new ruling handed down by the Ohio Supreme Court under the Sunshine Law.

In Communications from the City Manager, Mr. Horn reported on a number of potential developments in the City. He said there was no new activity on the Allure multi-family apartment project on Loop Road, the former Showcase Cinema site. A letter was recently received from the Master Homeowners Association of Chardonay stating there is no cooperative agreement with the development proposal of Mr. Raj Grandhi for the Villas of Chardonay. Randall Properties has provided a draft development document for the retirement housing to be located at Paragon and Social Row Road. The proposal included special assessment financing, however, the City would not be asked to issue the bonds for the debt.

At 9:50 P.M. Mrs. Kenley moved that Council convene into Executive Session for Personnel to consider employment and compensation of public employees. Mr. Serr seconded. The motion passed 7-0. After no official business was conducted, Mrs. Rau motioned that the Executive Session be adjourned. Mr. Palcher seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in 7 ayes.

Council concurred that no work session would be needed on Tuesday, May 24, 2015, as was previously scheduled. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:10 P.M.


Carin R. Andrews, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Brooks A. Compton, Mayor