

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
June 9, 2014

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers: John Beals
Paul Gresham
John Palcher
JoAnne Rau

Clerk of Council Debra James
Acting City Manager Steven Hinshaw
City Planner Andrew Rodney
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Doug Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Beals reported that the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission is moving its offices to the old Dayton Power and Light Building in downtown Dayton. They have signed a ten year lease and will be moving by December 31 of this year.

Mr. Rodney had included in Council packets a memo with a table explaining the proposed amendments for the Unified Development Ordinance which is being referred to as the 2014 Omnibus Ordinance. Many of the suggested changes are the result of an administrative review.

Mayor Kingseed stated that he had been in touch with Mrs. Kenley, Chair of the Business Task Force, and had asked that her committee review the updates and report back to Council. The meeting of the Business Task Force was scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in the Law Library of the Municipal Building. Mr. Rodney reviewed and briefly discussed the line items. His goal in suggesting the changes would be to make the Unified Development Ordinance more user-friendly.

Mr. Patrick Beckel, President of the Heart of Centerville, was present with Mr. Ron Weir and Mr. Larry Blank of the Americana Committee and two representatives of food vendors. Mr. Beckel explained their concerns related to Third Friday events which are held in downtown Centerville and are sponsored by the Heart of Centerville Alliance of local businesses. They requested an exception for mobile food truck vendors to forego background checks. Mr. Beckel explained how the Heart of Centerville has grown over the past 11 years to include 109 local businesses, offering Third Friday events with live music to familiarize people with downtown Centerville. Mr. Beckel stated that research shows having food increases the number of people attending an event by 30 percent. He

stated that Centerville is the only community in Ohio requiring vendors to have background checks. Mr. Blank stated, although Americana has 34 food vendors, Panera, City Barbecue and other local businesses have their busiest day of the year on the 4th of July during the Americana festivities.

In response, Mr. Cahall explained that these types of events require balancing the interests of the vendors and the business owners. It was suggested that The Heart of Centerville might be able to obtain a carnival license similar to the one used by the Americana Festival Committee in order to allow food trucks at the event.

Mayor Kingseed asked for a staff report to Council on the requirements of the existing ordinance. If changes are determined to be needed, an Emergency Ordinance could be passed in time for the HOC July and August events.

Dr. Hinshaw pointed out that there is the equity issue of local businesses paying income and property taxes. The current ordinance was designed to protect these local businesses and the public.

Mrs. Wilder gave a summary of options related to the problem of individuals feeding stray animals. This was in response to several complaints from residents whose neighbors are leaving food unattended and attracting strays and wild animals. Currently, the City does not have a provision in the Code that prohibits individuals from leaving food out for animals. She has contacted the Montgomery County Animal Resource Center. The City could contract for services at a variety of levels. Having a contract could help the City with its goal of compliance. Council expressed interest in drafting an ordinance. It was felt that if a person feeds or attracts stray animals that person should be held responsible for allowing the animals to remain at large. Staff will target to have an Ordinance ready to be set for public hearing at the July Council Meeting for hearing in August.


^{June} Mr. Palcher gave a brief update on the first concert of the season. It was held on Sunday, ^{July} 8; the band *Ticket to Ride* had a good attendance of 1,033. He also noted that 15,000 people had attended last year's summer concerts at Stubbs Park.

Dr. Hinshaw updated Council on the following topics:

- Cornerstone of Centerville – retaining wall material.
- The Public Hearing to establish a Mayor's Court is scheduled for the Council Meeting on June 16, 2014.

Mrs. Rau reported that she had attended the first meeting of One Dayton. A brochure detailing the new initiative is in the Clerk's Office.

Mr. Rodney continued to review the amendments that they had started at the beginning of the meeting.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor