

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
February 11, 2013 †

TIME: 7:10 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton

Councilmembers: John Beals

Doug Cline

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

City Planner Steve Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Following the State of the City Address at Centerville Police Headquarters, the Council met in work session at the Law Library.

Mrs. Kenley made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes.

Mr. Norman Plair will be reappointed to the Personnel Appeals Board, Ginny Strausburg as Chairman for the Arts Commission, and Karen Beal to the City Beautiful Commission.


Mr. Horn reported that the City had received bids for pond dredging at Heritage Lake, the main irrigation lake, at Yankee Trace. The bids had come in a little higher than what was expected, so he will be coming back to Council with a recommendation.

Next was an update on the situation with the widening project on Paragon Road. Mr. James stated he has tried to contact Barrett Paving about completing the project in front of the two Centerville residences, but has gotten no response. Mr. Horn had previously contacted Ms. Lightle to ask her to reconsider completing this 400 foot section of the roadway that the Township said was not budgeted. It had been the understanding that Washington Township would include the roadway in front of the two properties that are in the joint jurisdiction. Public safety is a concern. Mr. Beals reported that he had spoken with Mr. Dale Berry, Washington Township Trustee, regarding this topic, and he assured him that the township will take care of completing the roadway and will pay its \$40,000 share. Mr. Horn will contact Ms. Lightle and relay that Mr. Beals had spoken to Mr. Dale Berry who assured him that this matter would be worked out.

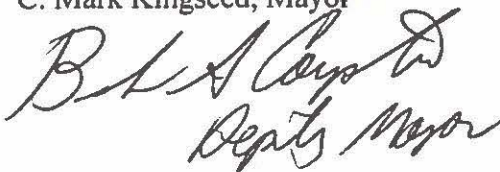
Mr. Horn noted that the State of Ohio recently had raised to \$50,000 the amount at which competitive bidding would be required. Currently the City has a bid threshold of \$30,000. Raising the limit could save the City administrative costs. As an example, last year the City had seven projects, and five of those bids would not have needed advertisement or legislation if Centerville used a \$50,000 baseline. The City would still have an internal process to safeguard against ethics violations. Legislation raising the bid threshold to \$50,000 will be on the February 18 Council Meeting agenda.

Mr. Horn gave an update on the proposed Dewey's Pizza reporting that Staff is working on some loose ends that need to be resolved prior to the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for February 26. Staff will be meeting with Dr. Burke in the next couple of days concerning a parking agreement for the public use of spaces on his property when his practice is closed. Additionally, staff continues to work on the stormwater drainage issues. Mr. Feverston is expecting the renderings for the 27 parking spaces, the elevation drawings and a letter of commitment for employee parking behind the Cross Point Church.

Mr. Horn explained that Mr. Harmon, a resident, had made a records request and has spoken out against the City's grant application for the Bob Ross gateway enhancement improvements located at I-675 near the Centerville Mercedes dealership. A newspaper article was in the Dayton Daily News regarding this project. Mr. Horn stated that 80% of the project will be funded through a federal grant and 20% will be paid by the dealership. The application was for the chain link fence to be replaced with a wrought iron fence with stone pillars. The City would pay for the maintenance of the fence as it does in the public right-of-way. The project is seen as a continuation of the gateway improvements which were installed over I-675 several years ago, based on the recommendations of the Create the Vision Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Compton asked Mr. Horn to put together five bullet points for Council's use and information.


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Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor


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