

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
July 1, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed

Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton

Councilmembers: John Beals

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

Jim Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

City Planner Steve Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Residents: Jack and Diane Wysong

Ed Donavan

Mr. Compton reviewed a draft report from the Mayor's Committee to Study Township Relations which he chaired. After the possibility of a merger between the City and Washington Township was eliminated by the ballot of November 2008, Council requested that the City plan accordingly for its residents and determine how to proceed in their best interests moving forward. The Committee held its first meeting in the fall of 2010 and held its final meeting in August 2011. The following members were on the Committee: John Beals, Belinda Kenley, Larry Couchet, Mark Grunkemeyer, Bill Serr, and Jack Lohbeck. The Committee's task was to review the current and long term services, financial arrangements and relationships between the City and the Township. As part of its findings, the Committee prepared a position statement and made the recommendation to set in place the formation of a joint Fire and EMS district. Currently, the City of Centerville has no management control and no representation over the fire and EMS services for its 24,000 residents. A joint Fire and EMS district would maintain and protect the fire and EMS assets which both the City and Washington Township property owners have contributed millions of dollars over the years.

Dr. Gresham entered the meeting at this time.

The Committee felt strongly that this issue should be addressed with the Township officials. It was noted the City delayed bringing forth these concerns until after the vote on the Fire and Rec levies. Mr. Horn will schedule Chief Gaul to come into a Council Work Session in the near future. Council will accept the Position Statement and Recommendations of the Mayor's Committee on Intergovernmental Relations at the July 15 Council Meeting. A follow-up letter will be sent to Chief

Gaul and the elected officials which will be more specific about Council's concerns. A presentation will be made at the August Council Meeting.

Council reviewed the Fire Department's request to adopt a resolution approving/endorsing all three documents – the 2010 Strategic Plan, the 2013 Integrated Risk Management Plan/Standards of Cover, and the 2013 Self-Assessment Manual. Chief Gaul had provided copies to Council and Mr. Horn. These three documents were developed by the Washington Township Fire Department to assist with strategic planning and its operations management. Council concurred to endorse and support the Fire Department, but to raise some issues they would like to have addressed. Mr. Horn had a draft resolution which Mayor Kingseed will edit and email to everyone on Council for review.

Mr. Horn reported that he had received a phone call from Mr. Eric Fogarty, owner of Dodds Monuments. Mr. Fogarty explained that, after further review, the pentagon design of the black granite for the Veterans Memorial enhancement may end up being higher in cost than was anticipated. He suggested an alternative. If grey granite could be substituted for the black granite, there would be a substantial cost savings. Mrs. Kenley stated that she had not heard back from Trustee, Joyce Young about an additional matching contribution from Washington Township. Mr. Horn will contact Mrs. Hess, the sculptor, to see how she would feel about the change to grey granite. Council concurred to contribute \$7,500 more towards the Veterans' Memorial project, if Mrs. Hess is agreeable to the change.

Mr. James stated that City staff members have not heard back from the staff at Washington Township with regard to cost sharing for the 400 foot section of its roadway project that is within the City's limits on Paragon Road. Mr. Horn and staff have been trying to make a final effort to work out a cost sharing arrangement, because not completing the section would create a safety hazard. City staff members are also in communication with Barrett Paving, the contractor for the project. Washington Township staff originally stated that they had not included the segment in the project, nor budgeted funding. Staff will push for an answer to the request for Washington Township for cooperation.

Mr. Horn explained that after the Planning Commission recommended denial of the Final Development Plan for the John Voss/Loop Road Development with a vote of 5 to 1, he had a long discussion with Mr. Voss. He felt that there may be an advantage to bringing in Voss representatives and some residents of Village South at the Council Work Session on July 8, 2013. Informal discussion may be helpful before the July 15 Council Meeting. Mr. Horn's recommendation to Mr. Voss was to have elevation drawings done, so residents can see the view from different perspectives. The second issue was the hillside. Mr. Horn suggested to Mr. Voss that he hire a qualified landscaper who would be able to explain the vegetation that will be planted. Council agreed to have the John Voss/Loop Road Development on the agenda for the Work Session, July 8.

Mr. Cahall apprised Council of the Montgomery County Land Reutilization Corporation entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City. The Land Bank establishes acquisition, demolition, maintenance, rehabilitation and disposition protocols for foreclosed and abandoned properties. It creates the framework so that the two entities can cooperate with each other. It is seen as another tool that may need to be used in these distressed economic times. Council

concluded to move forward.


Mr. Horn reported that he had spoken with Ms. Janell Ross. She has repeatedly asked that the City mow the area between S.R. 48 and the Mercedes fence, an area that is specifically in the ODOT right-of-way. A brief discussion followed. Although mowing the right-of-way could be considered a community priority, Mr. Horn voiced concern about committing manpower and resources to maintain the property indefinitely into the future. Mayor Kingseed asked about the possibility of mowing the property for a specific period of time.

Mr. Horn gave an update of staff's meeting with Mr. Walt Minch, his engineer and his architect with regard to the property bounded by Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon Roads. Mr. Horn anticipated two or three additional meetings with staff before a Preliminary Development Plan would be submitted for the Planning Commission and City Council.

Mr. Horn noted that the representatives of Dewey's Pizza had taken the building down and were clearing the area prior to the Americana Festival. He stated that he had sent an email to Dewey's Pizza last Thursday but had not gotten a response.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes. After no official business was conducted, Mr. Compton moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Council will reappoint Mrs. Carolyn Basford and Mrs. Louise Gaertner to the Sister City Committee for terms of three years.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor