

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
February 13, 2012

TIME: 7:40 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers: John Beals
Doug Cline
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Greg Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
City Planner Steve Feverston
Public Works Director Rob James
City Engineer Doug Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

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

Chief Robertson was present to review and explain the need for the City to pass the proposed legislation regarding panhandling. It has recently become an issue as neighboring jurisdictions have passed similar ordinances. The Police Department is starting to experience problems, specifically at the I-675 and Wilmington Pike on and off ramps. The Chief stated that most of the panhandlers are not homeless, and it is a problem that is only going to get worse. Winter weather conditions create additional safety concerns for both motorists and the pedestrians. Council is in agreement to pass this proposed legislation as an Emergency Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held in March.

Mr. Liberman explained a modification with regard to the amount of time an abandoned junk vehicle can be left on private property. The proposed legislation would bring Section 452.05 of the Centerville Municipal Code into conformity with the Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.63. It would *establish the amount of time that an abandoned junk vehicle can be left on private property without the permission of the person having the right to the possession of the Property at 48 hours*. Centerville's current ordinance permits 72 hours. The update will be on the February Council Meeting agenda to be set for Public Hearing in March.

Mr. Liberman noted that The Ohio General Assembly has amended various sections of the Ohio Revised Code to increase the fines for various criminal act offenses from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. The City of Centerville need updates to make Chapter 642 of the Centerville Municipal Code consistent with State law. The changes will also be an agenda item for the February Council Meeting.

Mr. Liberman stated that Council passed the Park Estates Record Plan for the Hanauer/Spiegel Plat on October 17, 2011 to consolidate four lots into one. The owners have purchased the last lot on the street for a total of five lots. The issue is that the original Subdividers Agreement requires that as a house is built, then \$9,600 will be collected for the sidewalks. The owners have indicated that they do not plan to build a house on this lot. After some discussion it was agreed that the City could waive the requirement for the sidewalk in exchange for the owners providing an escrow amount to be used specifically for the eventual widening of Centerville Station Road. Action will be on the agenda to revise the Record Plan for Park Estates that was originally approved on October 21, 1991.

Some agenda items were not covered at the Council Retreat of February 4, 2012. The following three were discussed at this meeting:

1. Collection and Disposal of Used Batteries. Mr. Horn had asked staff to compile a list of places where residents may currently dispose of used batteries and electronics. The City has put this information on its website. The list includes the Centerville Goodwill Donation Center, Batteries Plus, Home Depot, Lowes and the Montgomery County South Transfer Station. As other options become known additional locations can be added to the website. Mr. Beals was interested in looking at the possibility of the City collecting used batteries and putting drop-off bins at sites such as the High School, Kroger Marketplace, Earth Fare and Graeters Ice Cream. The issue would be the proper collection and disposal of batteries since they are considered to be household hazardous waste. Council will revisit this matter at the second work session in March.

2. Bob Ross Enhancement Project. A sign variance has been filed on behalf of Jenell Ross for an additional sign on the elevated ring at Ross Mercedes-Benz near the off ramp at I-675 and SR 48. Mercedes-Benz is planning to extend the fence from the signage to the corner of Loop Road and SR 48. Ross Mercedes-Benz is waiting for ODOT approval of the right-of-way permit to be able to continue with the decorative fence and landscaping. The decorative fence and stone pillars would have the same design theme as the overpass improvements for I-675, helping to create a consistent gateway into the City.

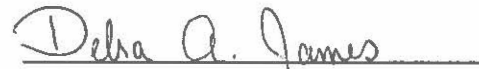
The City has applied for a grant from the State of Ohio on behalf of the applicant to help with funding for some of the landscaping elements. This application was the means by which the City could assist with this gateway project. A PIR grant could be offered to help with a portion of the cost if the grant is not awarded to Mercedes-Benz. A PIR grant is usually for a term of five consecutive years and is tied to payroll growth. Council concurred to offer a PIR grant if it is necessary.

3. Safety Bollards and Fence at Main and Franklin Streets. The City has had one contracted study done with regard to pedestrian safety at the intersection of Main and Franklin Streets. The report gave three design scenarios and made a recommendation for no action to be taken, a "No-Build." After an incident in 2006 where a vehicle drove onto the sidewalk and crashed into the tree in front of Graeter's Ice Cream, six bollards were put in place. The bigger issue is the horseplay by middle school students that goes on, after school dismisses, at the northeast corner of the intersection near Graeter's Ice Cream and City Barbecue. Staff will continue to work with the Centerville Police Department to evaluate the activity at the intersection and increase public safety. The proposed development of Dewey's Pizza may reduce some of the congestion at this intersection.

In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn explained that the Huffey Corporation is looking to renew its lease. The headquarters are currently located in the former IKON Building. In 2007, the City awarded a Property Investment Reimbursement Grant (PIR) to Huffey which will end in October of this year. Council agreed to extend the PIR grant to Huffey for an additional five years. Legislation will be on the Council Meeting Agenda for February.

Council concurred to appoint Ginny Strausburg as Chair of the Arts commission for a term of one year. The appointment will be on the Consent Agenda for February.

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


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor