

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
March 12, 2012

TIME: 7:00 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

Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver

City Manager Greg Horn

Finance Director Steven Hinshaw

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

Resident Phil Whittaker

Mrs. Gopman passed handouts on the topic of the collection and disposal of used batteries that showed locations for recycling used batteries, electronics and other items. Public Works Director Rob James stated that staff had called to find out who recycles different things in order to give citizens a guide. The intent is to post the list on the website, add to it and update it periodically. Mrs. Kenley pointed out that Goodwill would send a truck and manpower for a Community Day for collections. Mr. James said that a good time for a collection would be just prior to the annual "clean sweep" special pickups in May. Mrs. Kenley also noted that the high school has an active environmental group that the City might tap as a resource.

Mr. Singer entered at this time.

Discussion followed concerning recycling in the schools. Mrs. Wilder had recently spoken with Mr. Bob Yux who told her about a plan with Waste Management that is available to the schools for electronics and batteries, but not all of the schools are involved. Mr. Cline suggested a recycling contest for students at various age levels. Mrs. Kenley will follow-up with Goodwill for a Community Day. Council concurred to use the website and segments on Maureen Russell-Hodgson's televised shows to advertise what is currently available and to promote private efforts rather than expand any manpower requirements for the City of Centerville.

Mr. Horn gave some background on the three properties north of Town Hall associated with Dewey's Pizza before Mr. Cahall gave the basics of the current plan. Parking and connectivity to the other public areas at Franklin and Main are the biggest issues. Staff has had discussion with Washington Township representatives concerning the proposed components of the project: a substantial building with a stone façade for the Dewey's building, a parking agreement with Burke Orthodontics, a proposed traffic lane behind Town Hall connecting the parking areas in the quadrant, and a brick plaza between Dewey's Pizza and Town Hall. Council discussed ways to help this project move forward. Several members of Council agreed to make personal contacts. It is expected that Dewey's will have a site plan and an application for demolition of the Gregg house for the Board of Architectural Review at the April meeting.

Discussion returned to encouraging students to promote recycling. In response to a question from Mr. Compton, Mr. James responded that 16% of our waste stream by weight is recycled. Disposal of recyclable materials costs \$25 per ton less than other refuse, so the City would save substantial money if recycling were increased. Council brainstormed ideas to involve students in competitions and other ways to educate and encourage the public to recycle additional materials. Mrs. Kenley will contact Tom Henderson with the schools to discuss possibilities.

Mrs. Kenley expressed concern over the lack of preparedness of some new board and commission members for formal meetings. Council felt an annual or semi-annual orientation for new members that would cover Roberts Rules of Order, ethics, the Sunshine Law, and public records requests would be helpful. An occasional ethics refresher was recommended for all members. They also requested that the application form for boards and commissions state that "applicants are urged to attend a meeting of the group before they are appointed." Attending a meeting should be seen as part of the application process.

In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn announced grants and loans available to the City for projects on Feedwire/Wilmington Pike and E. Spring Valley Pike, but noted that strict timelines are being enforced. A final decision on accepting the funds for improvements to Feedwire Road will need to be made in the next few weeks.

Mr. Beals brought up the Third Friday event on June 15, 2012 where the Heart of Centerville group wants to serve beer and wine. Council had discussed this on one other occasion and is in agreement to allow the application for the liquor permit as long as there is strict adherence to the requirements of the liquor permit for the event. Mr. Horn had sent a letter outlining the regulations.

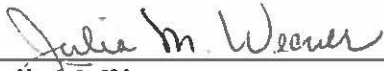
Mr. Spitler will check with the Montgomery County Engineer to discuss options for a scaled back project on Yankee Street and to see if the County has any further ideas for funding.

Mr. Beals reminded everyone of the Landscaping Seminar by Eric Sauer at Public Works on Saturday, March 17 at 10:30 a.m. hosted by the City Beautiful Commission.

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

At the next Council Meeting, Mrs. Marilou Enslein will be reappointed as Chair of the City Beautiful Commission for a term of one year.

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor


Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council