

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 6, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
Council Members John Beals
Doug Cline
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Greg Horn by telephone for executive session
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Public Works Director Rob James
City Planner Steve Feverston
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

The Woodbourne Library access drive was the first topic of discussion. Mr. Liberman shared that Mr. Horn had asked him to begin to draft an agreement for the City, Washington Township and the Washington Centerville Library. The current understanding is that Montgomery County would be involved only if the drive connected to East Whipp Road. Mr. Liberman will invite Mr. Carr of the Library Board to contact Montgomery County directly, if Mr. Carr wishes. As far as the agreement is concerned, the greatest portion of the cost will be borne by the library. The City has committed \$50,000 with a matching amount coming from Washington Township. The division of future costs would keep the same ratio as the initial donations.

Staff received an invitation for a stormwater utilities meeting hosted by Montgomery County on Wednesday, August 8, 2012. Mr. Horn and Mr. Cahall plan to attend, so this topic will be revisited by Council at a future work session when the input from that gathering can be included. Mr. Singer announced that the annual Stormwater Drainage Task Force meeting is October 18, 2012. Stormwater utilities will be an agenda item for that group.

Dr. Hinshaw noted that a second podium is being constructed for the Council Chamber, so that the center position may be used for speakers at meetings with controversial issues. When Mayor Kingseed asked about the intermittent sound amplification from the microphone at that position, Dr. Hinshaw said that staff is working with MVCC to correct a couple of problems that surfaced at the July meeting. Mr. Beals suggested making the podium four inches taller and moving it back a few feet so that it would be under the chandelier for better lighting.

Dr. Hinshaw reported that Gus Vitali had notified him that the Veterans' Committee would prefer not to move or change the configuration of the Veterans' Memorial at Stubbs Park, as Virginia Hess had requested. The group would be very supportive of putting the bas relief pieces created by Mrs. Hess along the pathway. Mr. Beals suggested the possibility of a pentagonal kiosk with a seal representing one of the five services on each façade. The one piece could be located wherever the committee would wish. Council concurred that staff should continue working towards a compromise.

On September 21, 2012, Heatherwood Golf Course will host a golf outing in remembrance of Bill Covell. Dr. Hinshaw shared copies of the flyer.


Mr. Horn, Dr. Hinshaw and Mr. Cahall have made contact with several public relations firms. Any contract would be done through Mr. Liberman's office in order to protect confidentiality as fully as possible.

Mrs. Kenley shared insights from a meeting in Columbus with a lobbyist concerning continuing cuts for schools and municipalities being planned by Governor Kasich. Dr. Hinshaw agreed that local government funds would probably continue to be cut. Tax changes in two additional issues could cost the City income tax revenue about half a million dollars a year in revenue: the rule for how many days one may work in a municipality without paying income tax and the ability of net operating loss to be carried forward.

Council concurred that Mayor Kingseed should set up a meeting with Julia Maxton of the South Metro Chamber of Commerce.

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

The next work session will be Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Law Library. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved 

C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor