

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
September 10, 2012

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Brooks Compton
Councilmembers: John Beals
Doug Cline
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
City Planner Steven Feverston
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Chief Gaul was present at this meeting to talk in general about topics with regard to the Fire Department: accreditation, ISO certification, staffing, response times, the "Fire Report" website and the upcoming levy. The Chief reviewed that the Washington Township Fire Department received accreditation in August 2008. For many years, the department has maintained a classification Rating of 3 from the Insurance Services Office (ISO). He noted that 112 communities maintain a Classification rating of 3 in the State of Ohio, which puts the FD in the top 5%. Of the 2787 communities in the State of Ohio, only 31 maintain a Classification Rating of 2. A lower rating is a better rating and means lower insurance premiums. ~~He noted staffing changes that added three full-time individuals since June 2010.~~ His goal is to improve response times and the tracking of data. He reported that the "Fire Report" website is maintained by a disgruntled former employee. Council requested that they be copied on the Chief's recommendations with regard to the levy that is scheduled to be on the ballot in 2013. Council shared some concerns and inquired if a regional fire district had been considered as an option to explore since budgets are tight. Council wishes to understand what is behind the decision for the levy. Mr. Singer conveyed his displeasure of billing residents and non-residents for ambulance rides. Council was not informed before the billing started. Mr. Gaul replied that most Fire Departments do bill for ambulance rides. In 2005 the decision was made to bill non-residents and then in January 2011 to bill residents as well. Council feels strongly that they should share in the decision making since the Township Trustees are asking for the City's support. A letter will be drafted from Mayor Kingseed and Mr. Horn to request that Council would have input in the decision making process for the levy amounts and would receive a copy of Chief Gaul's recommendations for his five year plan. The letter will be drafted and will be distributed to Council to get everyone's input.

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Mrs. Kenley made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Cline 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.

Mrs. Bonnie Sekely will be appointed to the City Beautiful Commission, and Marlene Orendorf will be reappointed to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Liberman entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Horn reported that Mrs. Virginia Hess had written to Council a letter dated August 18, 2012. A compromise has been reached between the Veterans' Committee and Mrs. Hess with regard to the placement of five bas relief pieces of artwork created and donated by Mrs. Hess to commemorate the five military branches. The pieces of artwork will be positioned in a semi-circle along the edge of the plaza near the pond. The backs of the granite support columns will be able to be seen from the road. Two of the medallions have been molded and bronzed and the other three are ready to be cast. Mrs. Hess stated in her letter that she wants to see the completed project in her lifetime, so she is requesting that the City guarantee to have the five pieces installed in Stubbs Park by November of 2013. Mr. Horn will get information to Council with regard to the original fundraising for building the Memorial. Washington Township and the City each had contributed half the amount required. Council agreed that funding for the estimated cost of \$35,000 needs to be worked out before proceeding. Mayor Kingseed will call Mr. Scott Paulsen, Township Trustee, and Mrs. Kenley will talk to Mrs. Young, Trustee, to request support. The majority of Council is favorable to moving forward with the City contributing one third of the funds, so the City will ask Washington Township and the Veteran's Committee to do likewise. Mr. Horn will follow-up with a letter to Mrs. Hess.

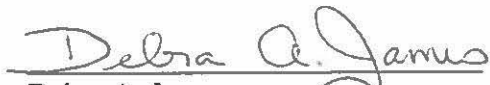
Mr. Horn gave a brief update on Dewey's Pizza. Representatives for Dewey's Pizza filed for a liquor permit on Thursday, September 6.

Mr. Cahall and Mr. Feverston provided a review of the East Franklin Business District (EFBD) Advisory Committee which began meeting in September of 2011. The Committee was asked to develop a set of policy recommendations for Council to consider. This business district covers the Compark, Westpark and South Suburban Roads area, a corridor that has been in a slow decline over the years. Council would like to have policies in place to foster vibrancy. The committee looked at infrastructure needs, code enforcement issues, frontage along East Franklin Street, and industrial overlay districts. The EFBD is not close to the interstate and does not have railroad access or larger parcels of land to attract major industrial operations. However, it is believed that the proper land use plan could guide future development decisions so that the EFBD could become a revitalized commercial district. The committee feels that the EFBD could attract high-tech industrial uses and commercial operations that have lower product volumes that would not require the larger industrial spaces.

The Committee is strongly recommending to Council that the City make infrastructure and streetscape investments over the next ten years, taking one or two issues at a time that focus on redevelopment of the area. The committee determined four types of incentive programs to encourage landlords in the area. Community Reinvestment Areas (CRA's), the PIR Grant Program, Façade Improvements Grants and Signage upgrades in the EFBD. Budget numbers and specific projects will need to be reviewed at budget time, and Council requested that the EFBD be an agenda item at the Council retreat.

Mr. Liberman reported a Resolution will be on the agenda for September 17 which includes the ballot language for the Referendum with regard to the rezoning of the 64 acres of land that is bordered by Sheehan, Social Row and Paragon Roads.

Mr. Compton made a motion to convene into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Mrs. Kenley 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. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor