

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
January 10, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
City Planner Steven Feverston
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Council concurred to reappoint the following members of boards and commissions for three years:

Arts Commission – James Teske.
Board of Tax Appeals - Gina Tollefson.
Centerville Schools Personnel Appeals Board – Louis Bordonaro.
Property Review Commission - John Lohbeck, Robert Perkins, James Wasson.
Sister City Committee - Suzanne Holloway.

Mr. Cahall explained that there probably will be an ordinance on the January Council agenda regarding extinguishing the existing bus stop easement along S.R. 48 near Grismer Tire and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to adjusting the easement to allow for the drive aisle for the Kroger Marketplace at 1095 S. Main Street. Kroger will be responsible for moving the gazebo or constructing a new one.

Mr. Cahall shared that Washington Township has agreed to a Type 1 annexation by the City of Centerville of about 3 acres of property owned by Graceworks Lutheran Services and adjoining Bethany Commons along the east side of Yankee Street. The annexation agreement will be on the agenda for the Council Meeting of January 24. Council concurred to participate in the cost of the demolition of a building on the property, with a maximum contribution of \$10,000.

Mr. Spitler announced the need for an ordinance and an emergency ordinance related to the updates of FEMA flood hazard areas and maps. The biggest change is the inclusion of the maps of the Greene County portions of the City of Centerville in the flood hazard areas. Planning Commission is holding a public hearing on the ordinance on January 11, 2011. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources requires the updates.


Mrs. Wilder reported on changes for the Property Maintenance Code. The International Property Maintenance Code is updated every few years, and the City will incorporate into its Property Maintenance Code many of the latest recommendations related to foreclosures, vacancies and bank-owned homes. Mrs. Wilder noted a variety of issues: the need for shorter noticing periods for grass and weed violations, a limit to the amount of time properties can be boarded, additional definitions, and the ability of staff to turn off utilities. Other updates include the deletion of the offices of Vice-President and Secretary on the Property Review Commission, limitation of firewood stored at a residence to six cords, limitation of the number of brush piles allowed on a property, and the inclusion of the section of Council's Policy Memorandum on the Maintenance of Drainageways on private participation. There will be two pieces of legislation on the agenda concerning these updates.

Mr. James updated Council on the changeover of a refuse collection route to the use of the larger toter cans, since the new refuse truck is now in use. Delivery of the 96-gallon toters was completed today, with the changeover mandated immediately. A few customers have requested a smaller 64-gallon can or a second can. Staff is encouraging residents to use the toters for a few weeks before asking for an additional one. Second cans will be the 64-gallon size, and Council concurred to charge \$2.00 per month for an additional toter, in order to encourage recycling. Additional cans will be ordered to prepare for anticipated needs in the coming year. In general, recycling volumes have been increasing as the changeover has progressed.

The Sister City Committee requested to send Robert Vines to the International Sister City Conference in Arlington, Virginia, in March. The group has \$1,000.00 in the budget for travel and training. Council concurred that the group could decide to use the budgeted amount for the conference, although it is out-of-state.

In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn updated Council on a variety of issues. He noted that the City's financial report for the end of the year was positive. Tax collections were up about 2.4% overall from last year. He stated that there is interest in the three properties for sale by Town Hall; a developer is coming in to discuss some possibilities. Mr. Horn shared the concern of the Mayors and Managers Association about the future of the estate tax and local government funding as continuing sources of income for cities and shared the group's concerns for local governments for 2011. These included items such as preservation of the estate tax, preservation of homestead rollbacks, elimination of binding arbitration, a voice in pension reform, and the elimination of unfunded mandates. Mr. Horn reminded Council of the activities scheduled for the retirement of Police Chief Stephen Walker. He mentioned that leaf collection had gone like clockwork for the City of Centerville, but that Kettering had

difficulty completing its pickups, because of weather in December. The City of Kettering has asked to borrow equipment to facilitate its final push. None of the members of Council voiced opposition to the loan of leaf collection equipment to the City of Kettering.



Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved 

C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor