

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
February 14, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: James Singer
Belinda Kenley
John Beals
Paul Gresham
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident: Adam Klys

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

Council concurred with the appointments of Martin Hunter and Bill Burns as members of the Centerville Arts Commission.

Mr. Cahall presented updates for clean-up of the Unified Development Ordinance concerning residence group homes, seasonal garden centers, interior and perimeter landscaping, accessory uses in residential areas, beekeeping within the City, permitted sign materials and the editing of charts and pagination. The ordinance will be set for public hearing at the Council meeting on April 18.

Moving the bus stop on the west side of S. Main Street in order to provide for a new drive aisle for the Kroger Market Place requires a motion by City Council to approve an updated easement plan. The motion will be on the Consent Agenda at the February Council meeting.

Mr. Horn gave background on a request by the Greater Dayton Region Project for an agreement with the City of Centerville concerning the mutual linking of websites. Council expressed concern about setting a precedent for a policy to link the City website with those of private enterprises. The Municipal Attorney cautioned that this is a grey area related to new technology. Council concurred to have Mr. Horn discuss the matter with Mr. Michael Schuh.

City Engineer Douglas Spitler explained the need for legislation giving the Ohio Department of Transportation permission to perform end terminal upgrades on guardrail along I-675 within the corporation limits of the City of Centerville. The format of the required resolution has some language that is not applicable to the current project. The Engineering

Department does not anticipate any expense to the City of Centerville for this work. A resolution giving permission to ODOT to proceed with the work along I-675 will be on the consent agenda on February 21.

Mr. Horn recommended a resolution to authorize a 2011 agreement with DPL Energy Resources, Inc., (DPLER) for electric generation supply through a contract negotiated through the Miami Valley Communications Council. Interval meters are required; these meters should enable the use of off-peak rates in the future. Council concurred.

Mr. Horn noted that MVCC is being asked to provide funding to fight against the elimination of the estate tax that comes from the State of Ohio to local communities. Some cities benefit more than others from estate tax, and there is also concern about cuts in Local Government Funds. Our representatives to MVCC will be asked to decide what lobbying efforts to pursue, and our Council may be asked for a contribution.

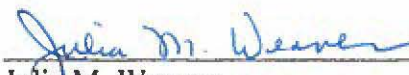
In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn stated that the Planning Department has set a meeting with Mr. Beyerle to keep lines of communication open concerning the possible expansion of the common parking areas north of W. Franklin Street in the APD. He stressed that there are no imminent changes planned. Council has stated that development of the area north of Town Hall is the greater priority.

Mr. Reppert has discussed Americana Festival issues with Mr. Horn. He is concerned about businesses and entrepreneurs which set up booths independent of Americana oversight and without contributions to offset Americana expenses. He asked for the City's help in controlling maverick operations. Mr. Liberman suggested a more formal agreement between the City and the Americana Festival Committee. Such an agreement would give the City a basis for enforcement. Related legislation may be forthcoming.

Mr. Ron Ullery of Centerville High School has expressed interest in the golf program returning to Yankee Trace. Mr. Marino will provide a proposal to Mr. Ullery similar to the one presented last year.

Chief Gaul and Ms. Lightle gave January statistics concerning fire and EMS runs to Mr. Horn so these would be available prior to the Chief's meeting with the Mayor's Committee. Response times show improvement from the past. Since the data was only for January and limited in the kinds of questions it answered, Mr. Horn asked for totals from 2007 through 2010.

Mr. Horn reminded Council that the hearing by the Appeals Court regarding the City's ability to use tax increment financing for the development of the Dille property in Sugarcreek Township is Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the Xenia Courthouse at 11:00 a.m.


Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor