

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
April 11, 2011

TIME: 8:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Mayor Kingseed, Mr. Beals and Dr. Gresham attended the Welcome Dinner for the German students, hosted by the Sister City Committee. Council and Staff then met at 6635 Centerville Business Parkway for an on-site tour of the area with regard to the proposed rezoning along Centerville Business Parkway. Following the tour, Council convened at the Law Library for the work session meeting.

Mr. Spitler reviewed consent legislation that is required to allow ODOT to replace guide signs along I-675 within Centerville's corporate limits in Montgomery County, ending at the Greene County Line. The City would not have any obligation for costs for the project or for maintenance of the signage. This legislation will be on the April Council Meeting agenda. Mr. Horn stated he had made a phone call to the regional ODOT office inquiring about adding "Centerville" to the interchange signs at I-675 and Wilmington Pike. When he made the request six-seven years ago, he was told that it was extremely expensive. Council was in agreement to pursue getting the signage changed at this intersection, and Mr. Horn will work on this issue before proceeding with this legislation.

Mr. Horn reported that there has been some negative feedback with regard to the new forms that the City is requesting for all volunteers to fill out. All current and new Board and Commission members and CIVIC volunteers are being required to submit the more comprehensive forms. Of 200 volunteers, there are probably four to six people who are not pleased about the new procedure.


Mayor Kingseed reported that he had lunch with Mr. George Oberer on Friday, April 8, 2011, to discuss the development at Wilmington Pike and I-675. The mayor conveyed to him that the main issues with the Preliminary Development Plan are the trees, traffic concerns (i.e. multiple traffic lights, stacking in the turn lanes, etc.) and the quality of the development. Mr. Oberer stated he felt that the City was throwing up roadblocks and hinted at legal options.

Mr. Brahm will give Mr. Horn a written opinion. Although there are differing opinions concerning how the property should be developed, Council is strong in its view of having a Hilton Head appearance—keeping as many trees as reasonably possible and having low stone-based signage. The council members want this to be a first class development, and the development needs to follow the UDO. Another meeting was suggested with Mr. Oberer to express these concerns and to reiterate how important it is to get a quality project. Mr. Horn will meet with Mr. Oberer again in the near future.

Council discussed the possibility of legislation at the state level limiting the City's ability in the future to annex unincorporated property. Council concurred with the suggestion that staff should pursue any annexations that may be possible under the current annexation laws.

Mr. Horn attended the Government Technology Committee meeting today and reviewed his discussion with the area's city managers on the statewide initiative to change the municipal income tax structure. The argument is for uniformity in penalties and fees, with the line of reasoning that it will simplify everything. Cities are very concerned about this initiative. Currently there is no legislative bill on this, but Staff is watching the issue carefully.

Mr. Cahall mentioned that the requested information concerning the proposed rezoning of the property along Centerville Business Parkway will not be available until after the April Meeting. Council concurred to consider tabling this matter until the May 16 Council Meeting.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor