Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting May 16, 2011

TIME:

7:00 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 City Planner Steven Feverston City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Assistant City Engineer John Sliemers Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Horn reported an incident at Yankee Trace where a minor was able to purchase an illegal beer from the golfer's window. The Police Department uses a cadet who goes out to attempt to buy beer from local businesses especially around prom season. They went around to quite a few businesses and 9 out of 22 businesses were cited. Employees at Yankee Trace are asked to be vigilant in checking ID's with underaged individuals. The incident is very unfortunate; we will be meeting with the employee in the near future.

Mrs. Wilder had a few slides to show with regard to the Yankee Trace Golf Course criminal damaging complaint against the property owner who recently removed a large swath of vegetation (approximately 30 to 40 feet) from City owned property. He lives along the east side of the tee box at 16th hole. The natural beauty of this hole has been lost; the damage is unbelievable. The property owner has a 60 foot long stack of firewood on his property and has created a golf view from his home at the expense of the golf course. A landscaping company is coming out to define a possible remedy. It could take 30 years for the vegetation to grow back to the way it was. The Police Department is investigating, and the individual could have a civil action suit filed against him. Council concurred to move forward with the police report and action may be filed.

Mrs. Gopman explained that, during last year's summer concert series at Stubbs Park, the City received a lot of complaints with regard to outside groups who unexpectedly pass out information or gather signatures on petitions. In addition, the City regularly receives requests from organizations who want to pass out information. For this year's concert season, the City already has received a request from Food 2 Go (a non-profit organization) to distribute

information and collect food donations. The City will implement a procedure to assign booths to three to four interested organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. Council's desire is to have the booths off to the side of the entrance so that it promotes a safe and free flow of the public crowds at the concerts. Council will revisit the issue if this solution causes problems.

Mr. Horn reported on the following:

- The rezoning on Centerville Business Parkway from I-PD to O-PD will be re-tabled at the following Council Meeting to the June 20 meeting, because Staff is still awaiting a report from Mr. Doug Harnish.
- Staff and representatives from Woodbourne Library are meeting on Tuesday, May 17 with regard to the access drive. City staff has been working on the preliminary engineering analysis and a draft RFP for a feasibility study. Washington Township is going to contribute \$5,000 and the City's contribution is \$6,000 to put towards the study. Mr. Horn explained to the library representatives that after the three to four months when the feasibility study is complete, there is no guarantee that the City will be contributing funding to move forward on the actual construction of the access drive.
- There was another incident near Rose Estates where a bullet was found in the back side of a house. It appears five bullets were fired. The shots are coming from the same area where the Police had been called before – a house off of Sheehan Road.
- He gave an update on the Board and Commission Members/Volunteer Background Screening. Council may need to revisit this matter.

There was discussion with regard to the food and beverage operation at the Gallery Restaurant at Yankee Trace. Council is in agreement to target publicizing and marketing the Gallery Restaurant. The aim is to attract non-golfers as well as golfers. YT homeowners have to support using the restaurant for it to be viable. One suggestion was to attempt to obtain the email addresses from the YT Homeowners Association in order to have constant contact with the homeowners. Another suggestion was to address the quality of food and the service issues, by targeting a topnotch serving staff and improved food quality. Full service is preferred, but if that is not possible, it was recommended to have a first-class counter service. The City will concentrate efforts on increasing evening business at the restaurant. Council concurred toconsider the option of hiring an outside marketing professional to help in promoting the Gallery food and beverage consultant Restaurant.

Approved C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor