

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 8, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Belinda Kenley
Paul Gresham
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Public Works Director Rob James
City Engineer Douglas Spittler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

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

The appointment of Joanie Haverstick to the Arts Commission for a three year term will be on the agenda of the Council Meeting on August 15, 2011.

Discussion of the DARE program by the Centerville Police Department in the Centerville City Schools followed. Cuts need to be made in the overall budget because of decreases in Local Government Funds coming to the City from the State of Ohio. The schools need notification this week if Council is cutting funding for the DARE officer in the middle schools, so that the teachers can make curriculum adjustments for the current school year. Mr. Horn went over the list of Montgomery County communities and what they are doing or not doing with the program at this point. Very few have maintained the program. Council discussed options including discontinuing the program immediately, phasing it out at the end of the first semester to give the schools more time to make adjustments, and continuing the program for the entire year. The officer doing the DARE program could be reassigned to keep street patrol staffing at the same level when an officer retires later this year. Council would like to maintain some positive interactions between students and police officers on a regular basis, however the two resource officers who are assigned currently to the schools are limited in what they can add to their duties. Council felt that the opinion of Mr. Singer should be included in the process. Mr. Horn will check with Mr. Singer and report to the rest of Council by email.

Mr. Horn noted that other budget issues will be addressed earlier in the calendar year than normal to allow time for setting priorities and giving due consideration as cuts are made.

Council can expect the budget process to start in late September or early October.

Mr. Donald Tarazano, 161 Terrace Villa Drive, and Mr. Phil Reimer, representative of Astrum Solar of Akron, gave presentations explaining the workings, arrangement, costs, life expectancy, maintenance issues, insurance and benefits of solar energy panels. Also discussed were funding possibilities through grants, tax credits and energy company credits. Mr. Reimer stated that the technology is durable and stable, but research continues with new technology possible. Older panels still work, but not as efficiently as when they were new. Council talked about Mr. Tarazano's project with regard to the updated standards for the Unified Development Ordinance being proposed by staff. Mr. Tarazano stated he would not go forward with his project if he lost any panels for the proposed setback standards for the edges of the roof and fire access. Mr. Tarazano stated his understanding that the Washington Township Fire Department had no difficulty with access for his property under his current plan. Mr. Tarazano stated that he was leaving town and would like to be present for the meeting if the Council was likely to deny the appeal, meaning the matter would have to wait until September. If the Council would grant the appeal the matter could be heard on August 15, 2011 while he was out of town. Mr. Tarazano will be notified when Council concurs on what action is likely to be taken.

Council briefly discussed what changes might be needed for regulations concerning solar panels in the Unified Development Ordinance. Council concurred that they were leaning toward granting Mr. Tarazano's appeal, subject to Mr. Horn meeting with Mr. Feverston who was absent because of illness. Mr. Horn or Mr. Feverston will inform Mr. Tarazano of the date the matter will be on the agenda.

Council asked for legislation declaring a moratorium on applications for the installation of solar panels until updated standards are completed and effective in the Unified Development Ordinance, at least until the first of 2012.

Mr. Horn shared that a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Centerville City Schools for the presence of two police resource officers in the schools will be on the agenda for August 15, 2011. One officer is at the high school and one divides time between Tower Heights and Magsig.

City Engineer Doug Spittler noted that he will be requesting authorization for Mr. Horn to submit applications to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for the changes required on Feedwire Road as Cornerstone North develops and for work on E. Spring Valley Road from SR 48 to Atchison Road. The resolutions will be on the August Council agenda.

Council considered a sample resolution urging the Montgomery County Budget Commission to rule on a request the City of Centerville made concerning inside millage paid to Washington Township. Mr. Liberman requested a slight change simplifying the statement in Section 1 to emphasize that our request is for a response.

In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn stated that he had not heard anything more on the request for the Ohio Supreme Court to hear the tax increment financing case related to the Dille properties. A decision is expected soon.

He reminded Council of some upcoming events. August 23 is expected to be the final meeting of the Mayor's Committee on Township Relations. Recommendations are expected to be forthcoming. There is a golf outing for Council scheduled on August 22, at 4:30 p.m. after which Council also is invited to the Yankee Trace Appreciation Night at the Gallery at Yankee Trace. A Sister City Committee picnic with the high school students who went to Germany this summer is scheduled for Tuesday, August 09, 2011 at Benham's Grove at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Public Works Director Rob James announced that the last phase of the changeover to the larger trash carts enabling the use of one man refuse packers will begin Monday, August 15, 2011. So far few problems have surfaced in the reactions of residents involved.

A resolution concerning an agreement with the Dayton Metropolitan Housing Authority will be on the agenda on August 15, 2011. A copy will be in the packets on Friday.

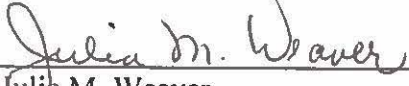
Mr. Horn shared activities and financials for Yankee Trace.

Fortis College asked the mayor and the city manager for letters of support for the development of a 4-year nursing program at the campus on Alex Bell Road. Letters are being sent.

Mr. Horn shared that progress is being made with plans for the development of the land north of Town Hall. Applications related to the improvements will go through the Board of Architectural Review.

Dr. Martin Kim has asked to come to the September Council Meeting to make a presentation on *Going Places* for the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The arrangements are being made.

Mr. Compton noted that he will be absent from the work session and Council meeting on August 15, 2011.



Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved 

C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor