

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
September 12, 2011

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Doug Cline
Council Members Brooks Compton
Paul Gresham
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Greg Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Resident Phil McLaughlin

Mrs. Kenley made a motion to convene into Executive Session to consider Personnel. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. Dr. Gresham entered during the Executive Session. After no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

A second applicant was interviewed for the Stormwater Drainage Task Force. A third interview has been scheduled for October 3. At that time, Council will consider appointing one of the three applicants to the Stormwater Drainage Task Force at the October 17 Council Meeting.

Mr. Horn explained that the redistricting commission is considering the elimination of the Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives with the area being split between three adjoining districts. An argument against the change is the need to keep two districts for Wright Patterson Air Force Base as there would be a loss of political power for Montgomery County and for the base in Washington. The elimination of the Third Congressional District seems to be moving quickly and any request for reconsideration may be too late. Council is willing to take a position to pass a Resolution opposing any redistricting proposals under review, if there is still time. The Resolution may be on the Consent Agenda for the meeting on September 19, 2011.

Mr. Horn remarked that Gov Tech has been talking about the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit Agreement for the past several months. The original agreement was signed in 1991 between The Miami Valley Communications Council and eight municipalities. It is a cooperative police effort where the Police Chiefs of the participating cities share intelligence information,

equipment, confiscated material, etc. The parties involved have reviewed the agreement and made some recommendations. Mr. Horn noted that the main change was with Item No. 4—now 25% of the proceeds will go to The Miami Valley Communications Council as Trustee of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund and the remainder will be divided among the member cities. Since Council concurred to move forward, this Resolution will be on the Consent Agenda of the meeting on September 19, 2011.

Mr. Horn and Dr. Hinshaw went over a number of financial items for the 2012 budget in consideration of the decreases in the Local Government Fund from the State of Ohio and the elimination of the estate tax. The City could be looking at a reduction of \$1.5 to \$2 million annually with the changes being phased in over the next two years. There is also real concern that the State of Ohio is seriously contemplating consolidating and centralizing the municipal income tax collections statewide, which would result in a loss of revenue. Because cuts need to be made in the overall budget, Council looked at a couple of specific categories. Significant line item cuts will be made in the budget for 2012. Mr. Horn reiterated that tough financial decisions will continue to be made over the next several months as work on the budget continues.

Mrs. Wilder gave a food and beverage operations update with regard to Yankee Trace. She presented operations data for the year to date, comparing with the past three years, and explained new marketing concepts which have seen greater golf promotion. It is anticipated that the food and beverage operation will break even this year. She stated that she and Mr. Horn have met with the neighbors' group and have felt that discussions have been productive. As one of the outcomes of these meetings, Yankee Trace has committed to having extended dining service on Thursday evenings for a period of six weeks to wrap up the season. Also, Jazz on the Green has been extended for two additional nights (weather permitting). Mrs. Wilder shared the activities and financial information for the past several dining events.

Council and staff discussed two consultant proposals that the City received concerning the food and beverage operation at Yankee Trace. One was from National Golf Foundation, and the other was from The Golf Consulting Group & Columbus Hospitality. Mrs. Wilder noted that the next steps for the food and beverage operation would be to focus on improved service, research new marketing concepts and continue to expand the cross promotion of food to golfers. Council concurred to re-examine this topic in six months during the off-season. It was their consensus not to spend additional money for a consultant at this point. Staff will continue to pursue ways to improve by reflecting on the successes that have been made.

Dr. Gresham suggested that a certificate and/or coupons for brunch be given to Nancy Henson for her hard work, commitment and effort over the past few months and especially for the last patio event scheduled for Yankee Trace Residents on September 13.

Mr. Cahall reported that a new company, Aeroseal, from Syracuse, New York, is planning to locate on South Suburban Drive across the street from the City's Public Works Center. He is working with them on a PIR Grant proposal. It would be a 20% grant on the new payroll. They would relocate by the end of this year with a seven year lease and employ 25-30 people at the site.

In response to a question, Mr. Cahall stated that Hplex Solutions (Miami Valley Hospital South) is interested in a PIR incentive package. The City does not want to set a precedent for all future development on the hospital site. Council is fine with moving forward on this matter if the concern about precedent is understood by all the parties.

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Approved C. Mark Kingseed
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor