

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
October 3, 2011

TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy Mayor Doug Cline
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw

Resident Phil Whittaker

Mr. Horn passed out a draft of a Resolution opposing the initiative to centralize local income tax collection at the state level. The line of reasoning is that a single statewide system would streamline and simplify the rules and processing of local taxes for Ohio's businesses and residents. Council and staff agree that a statewide system would reduce revenue significantly for the City of Centerville, and it was felt that there should be more detail in the resolution explaining how the City would lose money. After the Resolution is passed, it will be sent along with a cover letter to Senator Peggy Lehner and Representative Terry Blair. Since it was agreed that Council needs to take a stance against the statewide collection of municipal income taxes, a Resolution will be on the October Council Meeting agenda. Mr. Horn will make changes as suggested to the Resolution.


A Budget discussion was held on how the City can reduce expenditures or increase revenue options for the next two years. As the City is facing State revenue reductions of \$1.5 to \$2 million, Council and Staff are looking at all aspects of the budget. Mr. Horn will mail a letter to the Hithergreen Center, the Historical Society and the Americana Festival Committee explaining that the City's contribution to their funding will be at a reduced level for the coming years. Specifically, their annual allocations will be reduced by 25% for 2012 and by an additional 25% for the year 2013. The City has historically supported these organizations, and Council wanted to let them know as far in advance as possible. The reductions are anticipated to be the long-term "new normal."

Dr. Hinshaw reported that there has not been a response from the Budget Commission with regard to our Resolution requesting redistribution of inside property tax millage. He noted that there is no time limit for their response.

Mr. Horn reported that we have not received word from the Ohio Supreme Court regarding its willingness to hear the case concerning the lawsuit with Sugarcreek Township over TIF financing for the Dille property. He announced that Earthfare in Cross Pointe Center will

have a grand opening ceremony at 7:45 a.m. on October 19, 2011.

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


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved _____
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor