

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
February 1, 2010

TIME: 7:40 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

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

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

The annual State of the City Address was given by Mayor Kingseed earlier this evening at the Centerville Police Department at 6:00 p.m. The program started with a reception and, following the presentation, a question and answer period was offered.

Mr. Eric Sauer from Envision Works, Inc. gave an overview of environmentally friendly design and construction practices that can increase profitability and reduce negative environmental impacts. Council supports the concept of using green initiatives, whenever it is feasible and practicable. After Mr. Sauer's presentation, there was discussion. Most of the concepts presented are in the City's Unified Development Ordinance, although the UDO does not mandate these concepts. Mayor Kingseed suggested that it would be useful to link with the Planning Department to see if there are any changes that need to be made to the Ordinances. Council will seek Mr. Horn's guidance on how to proceed in this area. A first step will be to request that Planning Commission members hear the presentation. Mr. Feverston will look into the stormwater drainage requirements. City Staff will consider whether changes need to be made to the Ordinances as they are currently written.

Mr. Horn explained that we had received correspondence from Steve Carlsten, a student at Centerville High School who would like to host a fundraiser at Stubbs Park on April 10, 2010 for Haiti relief efforts. Council has concerns relating to security, the weather (it can be rainy and cold in April), and muddy parking areas as most of the parking in Stubbs Park is on grass and not on hard surfaces. It was suggested to urge Mr. Carlsten to inquire about using the Performing Arts Center at Centerville High School.

Mr. Horn reported that he and Mayor Kingseed were copied on a letter to the Arts Commission from Mr. Jim McCutcheon. The letter stated that he didn't understand the decision to discontinue GuitarFest as part of the Commission's summer series. The Arts Commission independently makes its scheduling decisions on an annual basis. Mayor Kingseed will draft a response to Mr. McCutcheon and send a draft copy to Mr. Horn.

Discussion was held concerning a bill in the Ohio Legislature that is being proposed by Senator Bill Seitz with regard to JEDDs, TIFs and annexation between cities and townships. It was stated that he has been working with the Ohio Township Association and the County Commissioners Association and feels that these topics deserve consideration.


Mr. James reported that everything is on schedule with regards to the new Public Works Center. Mr. Dan Sammons is scheduled to do the final inspection on Wednesday, February 3. The Certificate of Occupancy will follow. The service personnel are scheduled to move in first and then the administrative staff in the next couple of weeks. Shields have been ordered to tone down the lights on the east side of the building.

Mayor Kingseed advised that the questions will soon be finalized to give to Fire Chief Bill Gaul. He had been scheduled to address Council on February 8 but it was decided to move the date to March 1, 2010, to give Chief Gaul time to prepare the answers to Council's questions.

Mrs. Kenley invited Council to "Art at the Trace." Sponsored by the Arts Commission, the event will take place at Yankee Trace on February 13.

Mr. Compton made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding litigation. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion. After no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham made a motion to adjourn out of the executive session. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cahall made Council aware of the next steps in the process with regard to a new medical facility on the campus of MVHS. He asked for Council's affirmation for moving forward with the requested financing. Council concurred to move forward.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor