

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
October 4, 2010

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: James Singer
John Beals
Brooks Compton
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
City Planner Steven Feverston
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Chief Building Official Dan Sammon

Resident Phil Whittaker

In City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn brought up the need for a 40'x80' plaza in the tent area at Benham's Grove. Each year the grass is worn away until only unattractive compacted dirt remains. The project would cost about \$40,000 for grading, drainage work, base, brick, and mulch beds for the main area and two walkways. The Friends of Benham's Grove would contribute a minimum of \$5,000. Council concurred to move forward; preliminary work could be done later this fall with the remainder completed in the spring.

Changes to the Centerville Community Reinvestment Area are in the works with related legislation on the agenda at the October Council Meeting. Council will vote on expanding a program existing since the 1980's that is a tool to bolster deteriorating business and housing values. Included is tax abatement for the value of improvements to different categories of properties. Abatements vary by the type of property. Mr. Horn will have more information for Council in Friday's packet and will prepare a presentation for the October Council meeting to explain the program to the public. He will give the Centerville Schools prior notice. Council requested a press release and an explanation in the *Town Crier*.

Mr. Horn introduced Dan Sammon, the Chief Building Official for the City, and noted that changes in personnel levels have put expenses back in line with revenues in the Building Inspection Department. Mr. Sammon suggested that the City of Centerville take on plumbing inspections as a way of better utilizing its personnel and serving its citizens. Mr. Sammon presented changes to the Building Code that would be required for plumbing inspections to be added to his department. Council requested timely notification of Montgomery County. The legislation will be on the October agenda.

Updates to the rules and regulations governing the Personnel Appeals Board should be ready for the October or November meeting.

With the expiration of the term of Heidi Miller, Charles Graham will be the interim chair of the Board of Architectural Review. Three new members are needed for this group. Council would like to revisit the issue at the next meeting.

Mr. Singer announced that the Stormwater Drainage Task Force will meet on October 28 at 7:00 p.m.


Mr. Compton reviewed the work of the Committee to Study Township Relations. Tom Zobrist of Washington Township will be attending the next meeting to discuss how Washington Township applies the .7 mil money it receives from Centerville. The Montgomery County Budget Commission will meet after the election in November to consider lowering the .7 mil amount. Mr. Horn will call prior to the decision to see if there are any questions.

Mr. Beals noted that in 2011 the MVRPC will be asking for the identification of a broad spectrum of street uses to be included with applications for federal funding. The move is toward making roadways user-friendly for a wider variety of groups. Examples are bus routes, bikeways and walking paths.

Council asked the Clerk's Office to email information about the South Metro Chamber of Commerce meeting at Yankee Trace on October 27, the Hithergreen Center's volunteer appreciation dinner on October 19, and the next two Joint Entities meetings.

Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session related to real estate. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. 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 five ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Horn gave a brief update on the northeast quadrant of the City before the meeting adjourned.



Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved: 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor