Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting November 15, 2010

TIME:

7:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed Deputy Mayor Doug Cline

Councilmembers:

John Beals

Brooks Compton Paul Gresham Belinda Kenley James Singer

Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver

City Manager Gregory Horn Finance Director Steven Hinshaw Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Law Director Scott Liberman

Mr. Beals described the process used at the two days of meetings on updating of the Washington Township Fire Department Strategic Plan. He passed a handout with his personal notes. Much of the time at the sessions was spent polishing the language of the vision, mission statement, and goals of the department. One area that needs improvement is the ability to analyze data in a way that is helpful for making decisions. A draft of the Strategic Plan will be forthcoming for further comment.

Staff noted that Mr. John T. Ross had asked that the public hearing of his appeal of the decision of the Planning Commission regarding landscaping requirements at his property at 30-46 Compark Road be postponed until the December meeting.

Mrs. Wilder gave a presentation of the recommendations for new rates for 2011 at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace. She noted that the biggest change is the lowering of annual membership fees; daily use fees have only minor adjustments. The number of rounds played at Yankee Trace has remained high, but competition has caused the lowering of the average fee per round. No rule changes are recommended at this time. Mr. Singer asked to know the value of the undeveloped land at Yankee Trace. He would like statistics to see if building the Vintage Course was valuable or a negative.

In spite of a request for \$3,000 of additional funding, Council concurred that Centerville's support for the Hithergreen Center should remain at the current level and not be increased for next year.

Mr. Horn quickly listed a number of items of which Council should be aware. Included were items that may be on work session agendas soon and/or the December Council meeting agenda, such as the Chardonnay Valley development plan, the widening of Yankee Street, the demolition request for the Dille house, the arrival of the automated trash truck, CRA updates and the annual wage adjustment for employees. He also mentioned gas line construction along Yankee Street, the library anniversary dinner and activities as Police Chief Walker retires in January.

Julia M. Weaver

Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved

C. Mark Kingseed

Mayor, City of Centerville