

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
May 11, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor C. 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 Spittler

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

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

Mr. Horn went over the topic of the Firefighter/EMS Memorial. A proposed Resolution has been prepared to authorize Mr. Horn to enter into a Revocable License Agreement for the use of Stubbs Park as a location for the Memorial. It is Council's request that an Endowment Fund be established before an agreement is signed. The fund would be used for maintenance and upkeep. Vandalism is a concern. Staff will contact representatives of the Firefighter/EMS Memorial and will let Council know in Friday's Council packet, if the Resolution will be on the Agenda for May 18, 2009. Suggestions were made for the group to pass the Fireman's Boot during the summer concert series or to contact the Arts Council of Ohio.

Mr. Horn advised that an Ordinance establishing a schedule of fees, which is required by the newly enacted Unified Development Ordinance 14-08, will be an agenda item for the 18th of May to be set for Public Hearing. Staff will provide for Council the Schedule of Fees including the existing fees and the proposed changes for Friday's Council packets.

Mrs. Wilder reported on changing the administrative fee for grass cutting. Because the UDO fees were being reviewed, she and Mr. Heck (Code Enforcement Officer) felt this would be an appropriate time to adjust the administrative fee that is added to costs associated

with mowing properties within the City. Currently a property owner is notified of a weed violation, and if the resident does not call within five days, the City will have Bradley's Lawn Service (contracted mowing company) cut the grass. The City now charges 15% of the mowing company's fee, which is usually around \$15.00. After checking fees in surrounding jurisdictions, City Staff is recommending an administrative fee of \$100.00 per occurrence. The change will require an Ordinance; the item will be on the agenda for the Council Meeting on May 18.

Mr. Beals suggested inviting Congressman Mike Turner to a televised Council Meeting in June, July or August to give the City an update from Washington D. C.

Mr. Horn reported that Mr. Paul Heintz invited Council to the first Annual Hithergreen Center Golf Outing to be held at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with a shot gun start at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. and Bucky Albers is the guest speaker.

Mayor Kingseed and Mr. Beals will be attending the Iron Horse Trail Grand Opening on Friday, May 15, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the trail head in Iron Horse Park.

Mrs. Wilder reported that she had sent out a postcard/survey concerning renaming Centerville Station Road to East Franklin Street. Twenty-eight cards were returned. Twenty-six respondents do not want a name change; two were in favor of the change. The survey was done in response to a Council Retreat item in February 2009.

Mrs. Gopman announced that there was a need to have a short meeting of the Environmental Committee on Monday, May 18 at 6:45 p.m. in the Law Library.

Mr. Horn announced that the Ohio Department of Public Safety –Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be renewing their lease for an additional term beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011.

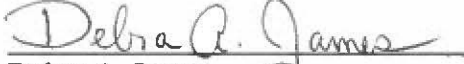
Dr. Gresham asked for Council's response to the Sister City Committee's request for taking a road trip through Quebec (French speaking area) to make contact with five or six cities and interview representatives from these cities regarding establishing a new Sister City relationship. Council suggested using the internet to find some cities and following up with correspondence or by phone. When the Sister City Committee has one or two places of significant interest, they should bring their request to the attention of Council at that time.

Dr. Hinshaw gave a power point presentation regarding his analysis of Washington Township's "Accounting of Taxpayers Dollars." There seem to be some inconsistencies and misrepresentations in the information presented in the *Washington Township Quarterly-Summer 2009*. Discussion was held regarding strategies for moving forward and the stance of the Council on certain issues. Mayor Kingseed had written a draft letter in response to the Washington Township Trustees letter dated April 20, 2009. Mayor Kingseed asked the Council to review his draft and to email remarks. He will revise the letter and then send another version to everyone. Because of the critical nature of this process and complexity of the issues with Washington Township, it was suggested to hire a consultant to develop a public opinion survey in order to

have a baseline. Mayor Kingseed gave Mr. Horn direction to get the numbers regarding the cost for a survey.

Mr. Singer reported that he had attended the Southwest Ohio Legislative Luncheon on Friday, May 8, 2009 at the Savannah Center in West Chester.

Mr. Beals made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Litigation and Personnel. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Cline moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor