

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
July 20, 2009

TIME: 7:30 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 Spittler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Horn reported that Mr. Sam Rosenwald, a representative of the Black Equities Group Ltd. who owns the Elder Beerman site, called Thursday, July 16, 2009 regarding the proposed Kroger Marketplace. There is a strong concern that the City could lose the Ohio Public Works Commission grant funding for the Sheehan Road widening project. The City must have a payment of \$8,000 from Black Equities so the engineering firm can begin the surveying work that should have started months ago. Mr. Horn asked Mr. Rosenwald to write a letter stating their intentions with regard to Kroger so that it would show good faith to the Ohio Public Works Commission in trying to get the Issue 2 funds extended for the project. As soon as Mr. Horn receives the check and letter from Mr. Rosenwald, he will contact Congressman Michael Turner for assistance. Mr. Terry Blair has stated that he will do what he can to get the time line extended for the OPWC grant. Mr. Rosenwald assured Mr. Horn that they are committed to completing the development of the Kroger Marketplace.


Mr. Cline entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Horn brought attention to a letter and survey that was received from the Post Office. A copy of the handout was given to Council. The United States Postal Service is considering the consolidation of the Centerville Post Office with the Washington Township Branch. The Post Office is requesting that the questionnaire be returned by *Sunday*, July 26, 2009, leaving only 6-7 days to respond. The Centerville Post Office continues to decrease its hours of operation. Council concurred to announce that the closure is under consideration and to urge residents to voice their opinions. Information will be posted on the City's website

immediately. Mayor Kingseed will discuss the proposed consolidation during the Mayor's Report at the Council Meeting following this Work Session.

Mr. James reported on the issue of noise protection for the homes along I-675 and the area of Hidden Hills. He mentioned that if the second phase of the Park District's bike pathway is completed in a certain manner, the City may be able to secure partial funding for noise barriers along the interstate. Mr. James will keep Council updated.

Council concurred not to proceed at this time with a public opinion survey with regard to attitudes of voters in the City.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor