

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 10, 2009

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Belinda Kenley
James Singer
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Finance Director Steven Hinshaw
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
City Planner Steven Feverston

Mayor Kingseed made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. Mr. Cline arrived during the Executive Session. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Compton moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

The appointments of Jill Wallace and Jo Lease to the Arts Commission will be on the agenda of the Council Meeting on August 17, 2009.

Mr. Horn explained that the Ohio Department of Transportation has requested that the speed limit on State Route 48 be forty miles per hour from Alex Bell Road to Whipp Road. Mr. Liberman is preparing the appropriate legislation for the next Council Meeting.

ODOT is resurfacing I-675 from I-75 to the Greene County line. The City of Centerville needs to approve the project because it is within our jurisdiction, even though Centerville has no financial responsibility for the work. The appropriate legislation will be on the August agenda.

Mr. Horn discussed a payment from MCI for a utility easement for underground line and other equipment currently in place on city-owned property at Yankee Street and Social Row Road. Related legislation will be on the August agenda.

After reading an email from Dr. Gresham who is the liaison and discussing the request, Council decided respectfully to decline a \$3,000 request from the South Suburban Coalition, a group dedicated to preventing teen alcohol and drug use. Council believes that Centerville residents have paid a fair share based on our population because of donations made by Washington Township and the Park District.

Mr. Horn reported that he gave permission for the group that uses Stubbs Park for playing cricket to pay Siebenthaler's Garden Center to move an evergreen from Stubbs Park to Benham's Grove. The move will enlarge the cricket playing field and improve the quality of the tree used for holiday lighting at Benham's Grove. The Mayor requested additional lights for the tree so that it is more impressive as it is lit at the conclusion of the Hometown Holiday Walk.

Doug Spitler showed slides of the progress of the construction of the new Public Works Center. It was suggested that the pictures be posted on the City's website.

Regulations related to RV's change on July 15, 2010 with no grandfathering. The City is publicizing the changes in the *Town Crier*, on the website, during televised Council Meetings and with flyers when enforcement officers see RV's in neighborhoods. Staff asked for direction from Council concerning the appropriate time for a mailing. Council felt that late this year would be sufficient notice.

Mr. Beals noted that, in many cases, business owners and apartment dwellers are untapped segments of our population in the community's efforts to reduce the total garbage stream and increase our recyclables. There was discussion on ways to increase recycling among these groups.

Mr. Hinshaw gave a report comparing the current equal funding split with Washington Township and a proposed funding split based on population. The change in the funding split could include Hithergreen, the Americana Festival, the DARE program, the Centerville-Washington Township Historical Society, and the summer concert series. Council is in agreement to give Washington Township a proposal in a timely manner for its budget planning process for 2010.

The owner of real estate adjoining a City-owned property has inquired if the City would have interest in purchasing additional land. Council gave Mr. Horn the authority to continue the conversation. Mr. Compton asked Mr. Horn to define further what the justification for such a purchase would be.

In response to recent evaluations at the Golf Club at Yankee Trace, Council was in agreement that some additional distance markers should be placed along the course, especially at Holes 7 and 17.

Mr. Singer announced that a Stormwater Drainage Task Force meeting is scheduled for October 8. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Ditch Policy that the Planning Department has compiled and to give input on the document. Mr. Singer asked that all members of the task force receive a copy of the Ditch Policy prior to the meeting.

The Councilmembers agreed to sponsor a hole at the annual Kalaman Golf Tournament at Yankee Trace. Mr. Beals will collect the money.

Mr. Beals gave a report on the planning progress for SummerFest, a community celebration sponsored by the local Rotary Club and Optimist Club. Some of Council's concerns

were the timing of the event preceding Americana, the need for a liquor permit, and the commitment of Centerville police and public works personnel. Mr. Horn is to prepare an estimate of the overtime costs that coverage of the event would generate.

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Approved C. Mark Kingseed
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor