

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
November 2, 2009

TIME: 6:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building
Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: John Beals
Brooks Compton
Paul Gresham
James Singer
Clerk of Council Debra James
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

City Staff outlined a proposed Capital Improvement Program for 2010-2014. Mr. Singer presided over this review as Chairman of the Council Finance Committee of the Whole. Mr. Singer stated at the beginning of the review process that this CIP is a pretty conservative portrayal of our overall Budget – a real “belt tightening.” The City has tried to position itself for the next three-four years by concentrating on the street resurfacing program, stormwater drainage and sidewalk maintenance. During the discussion of the CIP suggestions were made to move the Munger House Restoration to the unfunded list of the CIP and to talk to the new Library Director, Kim Paras about the North Village Drive access road. Mr. Horn will get a Taser Report from the Police Department on how often tasers are used.

Mr. Scott Langer requested to address Council with regard to being cited by a Police Officer for his two barking dogs. He asked Council to consider having the law reworked or reworded. He believes it needs to be more reasonable. The Police report stated the Langers were leaving the dogs out when they were gone and disturbing nearby residents. He doesn't believe that a 14 month gap between complaints is frequent and habitual or that the term applies to his situation. Mr. Horn will do a policy review, talk to Chief Walker and report back to Council.

Mr. Tom Jumer and Mr. Mike Beevis presented a Powerpoint to Council regarding a concept for “A Taste of Centerville.” A committee started the initial planning in March 2009 and has been working on the concept of having an event called SummerFest. It would be a fund raising food festival where people can sample a variety of foods prepared by local restaurants, listen to live music, and enjoy wine and beer tasting. The Committee talked with representatives from the City of Kettering with regard to costs related with the Taste of Kettering and from

Greene County which sponsors a similar event in April-May. The initial plan is to link SummerFest with Americana and launch it on Thursday, July 1, 2010. Costs associated with such an event include tent rental, electricity, insurance, advertising, port-a-johns, and health permits. The biggest stumbling block is allowing beer and wine to be served at Stubbs Park. Starting a precedent is a real concern for Stubbs Park. Council concurred that the SummerFest Committee can pursue using Benham's Grove as a venue for this event. The Committee will have to decide if this space will work for them, specifically parking.

Dr. Hinshaw passed a handout describing some of the joint projects that could be designated to receive funding from Washington Township using the City of Centerville taxpayers .7 mill of property tax that goes to the Washington Township's general fund. The handout will be included in the CIP as a Summary for Washington Township Funding to show specific projects over the long term. An updated version will be included in Friday's Council Packet. After some discussion and review, the revised version will be sent to the Washington Township Trustees.

Dr. Gresham expressed concern with the response times of the Fire Department. There are only six accredited Fire Departments in the State of Ohio, of which our Fire Department is one. Chief Gaul will be invited to attend a Council Work Session in the near future. Mr. Horn will draft a letter to the Chief and have Council review it before sending it out.

There being no further business, Mayor Kingseed adjourned the meeting.

Approved C. Mark Kingseed
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor

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