

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
February 11, 2008

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

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

City Planner Steve Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

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

Jim Testke was interviewed by Council and will be on the Agenda for the February 18th Council Meeting to be voted on as a new member to the Centerville Arts Commission.

Mr. Larry Blank, President of the Americana Festival Committee and Steve Wynstrup, Vice President of Development, were present to ask the City for additional funding of \$5,000 for the Americana Festival. A brief history of the success and growth of the Americana Festival was given; this is the 35th year for the festival. It was noted that the Committee has not asked for additional funding for ten years and that it is requesting the same amount from Washington Township. Council is in agreement to raise the City's contribution by \$5,000 which will bring the total to \$20,000.00.

Mr. Feverston outlined changes recommended by the Planning Commission to an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 11-86, The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio In Accordance With The Provisions Of Chapter 713 Of The Ohio Revised Code. This text amendment concerns accessory buildings, recreational vehicles, roadway access standards, sign characteristics and other technical revisions. Mr. Horn expressed concern over the wording of the accessory buildings section with regard to the number of sheds that are allowed on single-family residential premises. (This change would not deal with children's playhouses.) Council asked Mr. Horn to have Staff draft some language that would permit recreational vehicles to park

on the street 24 to 48 hours for loading or unloading purposes. This Ordinance will be set for Public Hearing on February 18, 2008 and the Public Hearing will be April 21, 2008.

Mr. Feverston again reviewed the Ordinance that Planning Commission had presented to Council at the time they had recommended prohibiting LED Signs in the City. Mr. Feverston reviewed the Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 11-86, The Zoning Ordinance Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio To Regulate Signs That Incorporate An Electronic Message Center In Accordance With The Provisions Of Chapter 713 Of The Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Feverston explained that he is working on standard definitions for lighting. It is anticipated the final language for establishing standards for lighting intensity levels for LED signs will be forthcoming. A Special Council Meeting to pass legislation to extend the moratorium on sign permits for changeable copy, electronic display and LED signs was passed this evening for another period of six months (180 days) up to and including August 10, 2008.

Mr. Horn reported that, at the time of Frank DePalma's retirement, a fund was set up for a plaque at Centerville High School to honor Centerville graduates who had lost their lives while serving their country. At that time, Councilmembers had made contributions to this project. Since they are listing contributors, the School has asked if Council would like their individual names on the plaque. Councilmembers who were in office at that time agreed to having their individual names on the plaque.

Mr. Horn mentioned that in light of the tragedy in Kirkwood, Missouri, he had spoken with Chief Walker about concerns Councilmembers have expressed and security measures that are in place. It was decided that the City would continue to take precautions and will look into the suggestions.

Mr. Horn announced that the Miami Valley Communications Council is thinking of forming a Green Initiative Committee which would involve the member cities.

Council concurred to raise the golf cart fee at Yankee Trace by \$.50 per person which would bring the cost for cart fees for Nine Holes to \$8.50/person and 18 Holes to \$12.50/person.


Mayor Kingseed reported that he was planning to attend the first Charter Review Commission meeting to be held Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Law Library of the Municipal Building. He noted the items discussed at the Council Retreat related to the review: 1) The addition of references to Greene County. 2) Recall provisions. He will suggest the Commission to look at these items.

The South Suburban Teen Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Task Force is asking for each Council to appoint leaders to the coalition. Council selected Paul Gresham as the City's Appointee and Chief Steve Walker as the alternate.

Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Real Estate and Litigation. Mr. Compton 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. Mayor Kingseed seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Horn advised that Ellen Belcher from the Dayton Daily News called today and asked for a copy of the University of Toledo's Executive Summary. She is planning to run an article in Tuesday's paper on the City/Township Joint Financial Study. A letter that was drafted by Mayor Kingseed to the Washington Township Trustees will be hand delivered on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. This letter asks the Township Trustees to outline their specific concerns about the joint study in writing in advance of the joint meeting scheduled for February 25th. Discussion was held on the process of forming a Merger Committee. Mr. Liberman has been asked to prepare the language for the Petitions.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor