

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
May 5, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers: John Beals

Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Horn announced that Mayor Mark Kingseed would not be present at this meeting as he is on vacation.

Mr. Horn reported that the City had received a request from Kathy Arnett about the possibility of creating a Memorial Garden at Stubbs Park for deceased children. Ms. Arnett has recently lost her son. She has purchased a statute of a boy and his dog that she would like to donate to the garden. Since Stubbs Park already has the Veterans' Memorial and the proposed Fire/EMS Memorial, the Council recommended that staff advise Ms. Arnett to check with the Park District (Activity Center would get more visitation) and/or Washington Township to see if they might suggest a suitable location.

Mr. Compton entered the meeting at this time. Dr. Gresham left to attend the Washington Township Meeting and will return after that meeting.

Mr. Horn discussed the City's No-Smoking Ordinance passed in December 2004. Although the City of Centerville still has its No-Smoking Ordinance on the books, much of the ordinance is preempted by the newer state-wide smoking ban. Our Ordinance is more restrictive with regard to enforcement, as our police officers were the ones to enforce the law and issue citations. The state law uses the Health Department for enforcement. Originally the City had seven businesses that were exempt from the smoking ban in public places, but the state law overrides our exemptions. Council was in agreement to make our ordinance consistent with the state law, since removing the exemptions in our Ordinance would allow our police officers to enforce the law. Council directed Mr. Liberman to look into amending our Ordinance.

Mr. Beals made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes. At such time, after no official

business was conducted, Mr. Beals moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes in favor of the motion.

Frank Holloway will be appointed to the Board of Architectural Review at the May 19, 2008 Council Meeting.

Mr. Horn reported on the Hithergreen transportation program for older residents who can no longer drive. The transportation service started in October 2007 and has been very well received. It was a joint effort between the Hithergreen Center, MVRPC, Washington Township and the City. Mr. Bob Corbin and Mr. Jon Hazelton are planning to talk to Voss Chevrolet to see if they can arrange for more vehicles.

Mr. Horn gave a brief update on the Thomas Farm property adjacent to the Centerville High School. It is anticipated that Miami Valley Hospital will close on that property in the near future.

Mrs. Kenley informed Council that there have been some ongoing issues with the Arts Commission. Mary Ann Gasior has submitted her resignation. The next Arts Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Compton advised that he is the liaison for the Washington Township Fire Department, but he has not received any notices of their meetings. He asked for follow-up to ensure that he is not missing the Fire Department's meetings.

Mr. Cline reported that he had been asked to ride in a Hot Air Balloon this morning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incarnation School.

Dr. Gresham re-entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Compton made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. 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 five ayes.

The following reappointments will be made at the May 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting:

- James Brunner – Planning Commission.
- Paul Clark – Planning Commission, Chairman.
- Charles Graham – Board of Architectural Review.
- Brett Kottman – City Beautiful Commission.
- Jim McIntyre – Personnel Appeals Board.

It is Council's desire to put an initiative on the November ballot asking the voters to support forming a Merger Study Commission. Discussion was held regarding potential citizens to be asked to serve on a Merger Study Commission. Different strategies were discussed for moving

the process forward. A mid-year Council Retreat may be set for the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>. Council was asked to check their calendars; Mr. Cline will email everyone to coordinate an agreeable time.

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Approved C. Mark Kingseed  
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor