

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
May 19, 2008

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor C. 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 Mark Schlagheck

City Planner Steven Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

Operations Manager Mary Lou Pence

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Mr. Horn explained the issues regarding the Iron Horse Trail Improvements Project which is a joint effort between the Centerville-Washington Park District, the City of Kettering and the City of Centerville. The funding for this project includes a Clean Ohio Trail Fund grant as well as funding from the three entities. Each entity will be responsible for a determined amount before the contract is signed. The bid price for the City of Kettering came in considerably higher than what they were expecting. The City of Kettering wants to stay in as part of the project but they want to stay at 9%. By passing the Resolution Council would give Mr. Horn discretion for the final decision with the City of Kettering and the Park District whether to choose or reject the alternate bid items 1 and/or 2. Alternate #1 includes the section from the trail spur at Iron Horse Park southward to I-675. Alternate #2 (Kettering's section) includes the section from City of Centerville/City of Kettering corporation line northward to Hempstead Station Road.

Mr. Liberman stated that there is a Resolution on the Council Agenda canceling the moratorium on sign permits for changeable copy, electronic display and LED signs. A new Ordinance No. 3-08 was passed on April 21, 2008 and becomes effective May 22, 2008. This Resolution states that, beginning May 23, 2008, Council hereby cancels the moratorium on Sign Permits.


Mr. Singer made the request that Mr. Horn give an update on the Dille Property during his City Manager Report.

Mr. Horn informed Council that there have been a couple of inquiries from residents on Ridgeway Drive who are concerned about public parking behind the businesses on Franklin Street on the north side and extending further west than the current parking lot. This is in the Architectural Preservation District. He stated that he told them that it is not in the budget at the present time to expand the public parking lot.

Council left the Law Library to proceed to the Council Chambers for the Council Meeting. After the City Council Meeting was adjourned, Council reconvened the Work Session Meeting in the Law Library.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Discussion was held concerning different strategies on how to go about a merger campaign. It was suggested to have a consultant come in to make a presentation to Council. It was the consensus of Council to develop an action plan and to run an ethical and professional campaign. It has been difficult to set a date where everyone can attend a Mid-Year Council Retreat. Mr. Horn will check with the consultants to see if Tuesday, May 27, 2008, would work for them to come to make a presentation. Council will be notified as soon as a date is on the calendar.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor