

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
June 2, 2008

TIME: 7:00 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
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident Phil Whittaker

Mr. Horn introduced Ms. Lina Chin, District Representative for twenty-eight Rotary Clubs in Singapore and in Malaysia. She is from Eastern Malaysia and is staying with Mr. Horn and his wife, Cathy. Ms. Chin is involved with the Group Study Exchange for Rotary International. She observed the Work Session meeting for approximately one hour.

Mr. Horn explained a letter that Staff is sending to 100 homes near Alex-Bell Road and State Route 48 notifying residents that the properties of 16 East Alex-Bell Road, 7012 Far Hills Avenue and the vacant lot adjacent to Blackstone Drive have recently been purchased with the intent to transform this property into a natural entryway to our community from I-675 and State Route 48. The letter states that Council has authorized the razing of these structures and the creation of a natural gateway/park for this property. This development is slated to begin in the spring of 2009. The City states that it will maintain this property until the development plans progress. Council is committed to property maintenance and viability in our neighborhoods.

Ms. Gopman reported that she had made a Public Records Request to Washington Township asking for copies of residents' responses in written or electronic format with regard to the Township's website which listed *8 Questions & Answers* (posted May 23rd) on the Financial Study Section. Ms. Gopman distributed to Council copies of the comments which she had received.


Mr. Feverston explained that Krogers had filed an application with the City for a Major Use Special Approval and also filed an application for two variances. The Planning Commission will consider these applications on June 24, 2008. Mr. Feverston pointed out that

the Planning Commission will make a *recommendation* to City Council regarding the Major Use Special Approval. He also stated that these applications will be reviewed at the Planning Commission Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Compton 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.

Mr. Liberman left the meeting at this time.

Discussion followed relative to the merger process and to where Council stands on certain issues. Because of the critical process and complexity of a campaign, it is believed that a consulting firm specializing in communications with citizens should be considered. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with regard to the Focus Group Interviews, survey research coordination and consulting services. Council gave Mr. Horn direction to contract for the focus group proposal and necessary consulting services. Mr. Horn will contact the survey research firm to inquire about an adjustment to the fee for the proposed survey. Dr. Gresham suggested that volunteer efforts be utilized. It was felt that perhaps the City should try to raise private funds to help finance a campaign and advertise for donations, possibly in the *Town Crier*.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor