

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
June 9, 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

Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver

City Manager Gregory Horn

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident Jim Reppert

Former Mayor Shirley Heintz, Chair of the Charter Review Commission, reported to Council the recommendations for revisions to the City Charter. She detailed items in three areas – items related to titles and wording, items considered but not recommended to be changed, and items that could be incorporated into a Charter revision. She noted that the group had met six times and that it functioned in an advisory capacity only. After discussion of the recommendations, Mayor Kingseed and Deputy Mayor Cline thanked Mrs. Heintz and the Charter Review Commission for the effort put into the task. Mr. Liberman stated that, just because the Charter has been reviewed in 2008, does not mean that changes need to be put to the electorate in November, 2008. It would be possible to table the matter and put it to a vote at a later time. Council decided to revisit the issue the first Work Session Meeting in August, since the deadline for putting Charter changes on the ballot is August 21, 2008.

Mrs. Wilder gave a presentation on updating building permit fees and zoning fees. The last changes to the building permit fees were made in 2003 and to the zoning fees in 1998. After reviewing the building permit fees of area jurisdictions, Mrs. Wilder recommends a twenty percent increase to make our fee structure commensurate. Mrs. Wilder suggests fees for zoning permits, fence permits, sign permits and temporary sign permits be increased by five dollars. There was some discussion of mowing fees and the administrative fees that are charged with them. Many local governments are increasing the administrative fees significantly to encourage

owners to use other mowing alternatives. It was decided to hold the fee changes for the July meeting, so that

Mrs. Wilder would have time to put together additional materials requested by Council, such as further comparisons to neighboring jurisdictions.

Mrs. Wilder then reported concerning large inflatable pools which are readily available in local stores and showed pictures of examples. Our code currently does not distinguish between in-ground and above-ground or permanent and temporary pools or have square footage restrictions, so all pools over twenty-four inches in depth are subject to the requirements for a fence five feet high, a fence permit, electrical inspection, setback requirements, etc. Often however these pools are being set up in back yards without any oversight. Since these attractive hazards are growing in popularity and are an increasing issue for municipalities, education of the public is needed. There is no staff recommendation at this time, but staff would like guidance from Council before the UDO is finalized.

Mr. Spitler explained the construction scheduled for the intersection of SR. 48, Alex-Bell Road and the I-675 overpass. Two separate projects will take place this summer. The work on the reconfiguration of the lanes at the intersection of Alex Bell Road and SR 48 started today and will continue through the end of September. The enhancement project will install vandal mesh fence on the bridge over the interstate highway and add two decorative stone piers. This project will start at the end of June and is scheduled to be completed in late October.

Money in an account for fees paid in lieu of green space will be used for the new pocket park at the southeast corner of the intersection of Alex Bell Road and SR 48.

In Council/City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn stated the following:

- There is an article on the Kroger expansion on the Dayton Daily News website. The Kroger plans are on the agenda for the Planning Commission work session June 10, 2008.
- He had received three positive calls in response to the announcement of the plans for green space at the corner of SR 48 and Alex-Bell Road.
- The City is continuing to work with AT&T as requests for VRADs come in. The City is insisting on landscape screening.
- The Farmers' Market is scheduled to begin on July 10 from 1-6 p.m. in the parking lot by Cross Point Vineyard Church. It will continue on Thursdays through October 30.
- Art in the Heart begins on the last Saturday of June in downtown Centerville.

Mr. Singer asked if Council wanted to interview a candidate for the Stormwater Drainage Task Force. A replacement is needed for Mr. Richard Moff who passed away recently. The Council will trust Mr. Singer's judgment and will appoint Mr. James Pavliga at the next regular meeting to represent the same geographical area as Mr. Moff had.

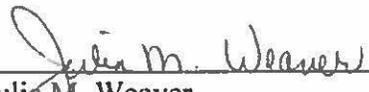
Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Compton moved that Council adjourn out of

Executive Session. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

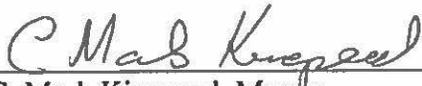
Suzi Walk and Cynthia Monter Clay will be reappointed to the Sister City Committee for three additional years at the meeting on June 16, 2008.

Mr. Liberman left the meeting at this time.

Discussion followed relative to the merger process. The Council stressed that educated people study issues and that the merger issue deserves open-minded study. There was discussion of ways to distribute and promote the facts. Mr. Cline asked for a chart demonstrating the growth of our property taxes over the last 10-15 years.



Julia M. Weaver
Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved 

C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor