Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting June 16, 2008

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

PLACE:

Centerville Municipal Building Mayor C. Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers:

Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James City Manager Gregory Horn

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Mr. Steve Avakian was present at this meeting to discuss with Council the strategy for moving forward with regard to the merger campaign. He explained the positives and the negatives. As a result of discussion, it was concluded that the slogan for the merger campaign be "Citizens for Lower Property Taxes". Dr. Gresham will have the PAC (Political Action Committee) registered with Tim Jackson designated as the Treasurer. Checks/donations can then be given to the Committee for deposit. Mr. Jackson will be asked to come to a Council Work Session Meeting in the near future. Council is committed to putting the question of forming a Merger Study Commission on the November ballot. Discussion was held regarding utilization of volunteers to gather signatures. A tentative meeting time with volunteers was set for Saturday, June 21, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at the Police Department. It was the consensus of Council to have a short Work Session Meeting, on Monday, June 23, 2008, for matters concerning the merger campaign.

The following Staff and Municipal Attorney entered the meeting at this time:
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Doug Spitler
Operations Manager Mary Lou Pence
City Planner Steven Feverston
Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Mr. Horn reported that the new golf cart fleet will be delivered any day and explained the modifications to the Appropriation Ordinance; the Public Hearing will be heard at the following Council Meeting. One change is the \$400,000.00 increase to the Yankee Trace Capital Equipment Fund. The original intent was to get outside funding for the new golf carts, but it has been decided to finance them internally because of the current interest rate on savings.

Mayor Kingseed indicated that Ms. Jane Beach would be announcing the names of the volunteers for the Merger Study Commission at the Council Meeting. The names for Washington Township are: Jane Beach, Amy Fish, Robert Kyvik, Mike Radcliff, Frank Winslow and Matt Wise. The names for the City are: John Bradosky, Joy Brush, Robert Corbin, Sarah Rickman, Bill Serr and Greg Stout.

Mr. Horn advised that he had placed a call to Greene County Commissioner, Rick Perales, with regard to the extension of Clyo Road and the proposed road Miami Valley East Drive. There is an issue with regard to the Sugarcreek Township TIF issue. Mr. Horn informed Council that Hope Methodist Church will be meeting on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to discuss the right-of-way proposal/non-binding letter of intent. He will report back to Council once we receive their answer.

Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved Mark Kingseed Mayor