

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 11, 2008

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers: John Beals

Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham

Belinda Kenley

James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James

Acting City Manager/Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Residents: Mary Dolle

Judy Watts

Dr. Gresham made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Beals seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes. Mr. Compton entered the meeting during the Executive Session. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mrs. Kenley moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Singer seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Schlagheck reviewed information in a memo that he had prepared for Mr. Horn relating to the electronic distribution of information to Council and asked for Council's feedback. Council is receptive to moving in this direction and becoming more efficient and ecologically aware. A suggestion was given to send out a press release pertaining to the "City of Centerville Goes Green". The press release could list the purchase of City hybrid cars as one of the ways environmental actions have been taken by the City.

Mr. Schlagheck advised that Montgomery County's Grant Application has already been submitted as of July 31st; if the City is interested in supporting the County's application a resolution or letter of support needed to be sent. Mr. Horn initially abstained at the Mayors & Managers Issues Committee meeting due to the County's subsidy to Washington Township for police services. Mr. Schlagheck will check on the status with the County Administrator, Deb Feldman.

Council will be a Hole Sponsor for the Kalamian Golf Tournament to be held September 8, 2008, at the Yankee Trace Golf Club.

Mr. Schlagheck announced that the Unified Development Ordinance has been set for Public Hearing for Tuesday, August 26, 2008, before the Planning Commission. City Council is invited to attend the Public Hearing. Mayor Kingseed had received an email from a previous member of the Property Maintenance Code Task Force inquiring about the sunset provision for resolving non-conforming uses. Council discussed this issue at the Council Retreat in January 2008 and was adamant with regard to allowing a shorter time period (16-18 months) for a resident to comply with the Property Maintenance Code changes. Council will ask for an update from Mr. Horn regarding the legal ramifications. It is Council's desire to eliminate the concept of grandfathering over the long run.

Mr. Schlagheck gave an update on the proposed Kroger Marketplace. The landowners and Kroger are trying to work out a solution. Council is desirous of notifying residents as a courtesy, within 500 feet of the property, when the Public Hearing will be continued. A suggestion was made to use the Code Red System to inform the residents.

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

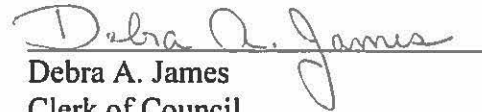
Mayor Kingseed reported that he had met with the Board of the Park District and it was his intent to keep the lines of communication open between the City and the Park District.

Mayor Kingseed announced that there would be an event at Yankee Trace on November 1st, but the Mayor's Ball is not being planned for this year.

Mr. Cahall gave Council an update on the gathering of signatures that are required from both the City and the Township in order to file the petitions with the Montgomery County Board of Elections to put the formation of a Merger Study Commission on the November ballot. The deadline for filing is Thursday, August 21st. Staff is going to the Board of Elections to compare signatures and validate them before turning in the petitions.

Mr. Liberman reported on the incident with regard to a Washington Township resident and a petition circulator which happened towards the end of July. The student contacted the Sheriff's Department the night of the incident and wanted to file a complaint. The Sheriff's Department did not follow through with filing any charges. The student pursued and did file a report which was forwarded to an independent prosecutor for review and consideration. An opinion was issued that this was not a criminal act but that the resident may have been overly zealous and was not going to be charged. A follow up letter may still be issued.

Mr. Liberman also stated that according to the Ohio Revised Code, a joint public meeting scheduled no less than 30 days before the date of the election be held by the legislative bodies to present their positions on the proposed merger. He suggested that it would be held in September. Council asked Staff to look into several questions about the merger study. The question was asked whether someone is able to call to remove his or her name from a petition; and Mr. Liberman stated that the individual would need to come in personally to strike the name from the petition.


Debra A. James
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor