

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
September 8, 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

Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

City Planner Steven Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Economic Development Administrator Nathan Cahall

Benham's Grove Administrator Sally Blommel

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident: Roger Hanks

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

Ms. Kim Engelman will be appointed to the City Beautiful Commission on September 15, 2008.

Mrs. Basford and Mrs. Kledzik, members of the Sister City Committee, were present at this meeting to summarize the activities of the Committee. They are seeking direction from Council as to how they should proceed with several issues:

- the potential Sister City relationship with Newry-Mourne, Northern Ireland
- the lack of response to communications with Sister City, Waterloo, Canada
- the return of a former SCC member, Mary Pizza who is moving back to the Centerville area and would like to become a member of Sister City again

Council is in agreement with regard to obtaining more information about Newry-Mourne and to

set up a video conference with their representatives before the final decision is made. Mrs. Basford inquired if Council would be willing to send two delegates to Belfast for the International Conference in the summer of 2009. The Sister City Committee will continue to foster the City's Sister City relationship with Bad Zwishchenahn, Germany. Council recommended that Mr. Horn review sending delegates overseas from a budgetary standpoint.

Mrs. Blommel, Benham's Grove Administrator, reviewed high school graduation parties that were held this past season. Benham's had a number of parties that were hosted by three, four, five or six families of graduates. Discussion followed relative to permitting the service of alcohol at these parties and how to avoid exceeding the limit of the number of attendees. Mr. Horn will work with Mr. Liberman and come back to Council with revised wording to change the contract to a no-alcohol policy for high school graduation parties at Benham's Grove. Mrs. Blommel will inform the 12 parties who have signed agreements of the change, but since their alcohol permits have been approved and they have paid security deposits in good faith, they will be able to provide alcohol for adults for these 2009 graduation parties. Mrs. Blommel also will inform them that the rules regarding alcohol will be strictly monitored and enforced.

Mr. Horn announced that Washington Township has agreed to meet for a joint public meeting to present their position on the proposed merger on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. This is a requirement under Ohio Revised Code 709.45(c). Council would like to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. if at all possible.

Books for the proposed Unified Development Ordinance were given to Council by Mr. Feverston. It is Council's desire to set the UDO for Public Hearing at the October 20th Council Meeting with the Public Hearing to be held December 15, 2008. The Planning Commission discussed sunset provisions for RV's at their July 8th Work Session Meeting. The Planning Commission recommended to Council that the UDO be adopted without sunset provisions. Council has the option of adopting sunset provisions. The Amendment for the sunset provision would need a separate hearing by Council.

Mrs. Gopman advised that the Centerville Washington Township clock project is moving forward. The total cost for the project with contingencies is \$32,785. The City and Washington Township will each contribute \$10,142 towards the clock. Council is fine with moving forward on this project.

Mr. Horn asked Council to review the draft letter in reply to Ms. Kennett's email regarding a merger between the City and the Township and asked Council to let him know if they have any recommendations or changes.

Mr. Horn explained that he would like to recommend sending Mr. Cahall to San Antonio, Texas for the BRAC (Base Realignment and Construction Program at Wright Patterson Air Force Base) for families that are considering moving to this area. Most communities are sending a school and a city representative. It is to be held September 23-25, 2008. Council is in agreement with sending Mr. Cahall.

Discussed briefly was the Stubbs Park sign and the messages regarding the merger study issue. Council concurred to continue the messages on the sign regarding the merger.

Mayor Kingseed had given Council a copy of a draft regarding a Statement of Principles concerning what Council would need to see before the City would support a merger recommendation. These principles would be placed into a Resolution and adopted at the coming Council Meeting. Mayor Kingseed will send out a revised version of the Statement of Principles and asked for Council members to get back to him with any comments. Study Merger Commission members will be introduced to the public at the October Council Meeting.

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

Discussion followed regarding getting the message out, encouraging voters to study the issues and stressing that the merger deserves an open minded study. Council talked about ways to distribute and promote the facts.

Approved C. Mark Kingseed
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor

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