Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting March 12, 2007

TIME: PLACE: 7:00 P.M. Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library Mayor Mark Kingseed (by videoconference) Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline Councilmembers: Susan Lienesch Brooks Compton James Singer Robert Corbin Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder Management Analyst Kristen Gopman Public Works Director Robert James City Engineer Douglas Spitler Fire Chief Kenneth Parks Captain James Neidhard Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Fire Chief Parks was present to answer questions related to the *Standards of Response Coverage* and the *Washington Township Strategic Plan*, two documents required for national accreditation of the Washington Township Fire Department. He explained how response times are calculated and how data is beginning to be collected and analyzed to facilitate improvement of response times. He stated that the *Strategic Plan* is a five year plan, but that it outlines only general goals, defines a process for improvement and works with averages rather than specific data. Council encouraged the Fire Chief to expand efforts to inform the public of the many positive activities performed by the Fire Department in addition to fire-fighting and ambulance services. Council asked to be updated periodically as the process toward improvement of the Fire Department continues. Council expressed favorable responses to the request for support of the documents related to accreditation. Legislation endorsing the *Strategic Plan* will be prepared for the meeting on March 19, 2007.

Mayor Kingseed expressed congratulations to Chief Parks for the "Firefighter of the Year" award given to him by Montgomery County. Mr. Cline announced that he has been invited to serve on the search committee that will name the new Fire Chief upon Mr. Parks retirement.

Mark Schlagheck shared the following with Council:

The ODOT signal interconnect contract that was bid last week came in under the estimate and that will reduce our estimated share of the project cost.

The Requests for Proposals for telephone vendors had thirteen responses, and we are beginning to evaluate them.

Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Litigation. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes. After no official business was conducted, Mr. Singer moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Julia M. Weaver Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved <u>C. Mas Kingseed</u>, Mayor