

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
October 8, 2007

**TIME:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library  
**PRESENT:** Mayor C. Mark Kingseed  
Councilmembers: Douglas Cline  
Brooks Compton  
Paul Gresham  
Susan Lienesch  
James Singer  
Clerk of Council Debra James  
City Manager Gregory Horn  
Finance Director Mark Schlagheck  
City Planner Steven Feverston  
Public Works Supervisor Robert James  
City Engineer Douglas Spittler  
Management Analyst Kristen Gopman  
Economic Development Administrator William Covell  
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman  
  
Planning Commission Members  
Paul Clark, Chairman  
James Durham  
James Briggs  
James Brunner  
  
Citizens Phil Whittaker  
Belinda Kenley

Four members of the Planning Commission were in attendance to discuss with Council the LED (Electronic Message Center) signs. The Planning Commission unanimously agreed to forward to Council the Ordinance that would prohibit LED signs in the City. Discussion followed relative to traffic safety, distraction to motorists and aesthetics to the community.

Mr. Compton entered the meeting at this time.

There is concern with regard to the grandfather issue for the signs that are currently in the City and were in place before the sign moratorium went into effect. There was discussion whether the City could phase out non-conforming LED signs if the total ban is passed. The South Metro Chamber of Commerce will be notified that the issue will be coming before Council. It was proposed that the Public Hearing for the Ordinance could be tabled until the November Council Meeting. At the Mayor's Business Breakfast on Wednesday, October 17,

2007, this issue will be brought up to the business owners in attendance. It is Council's desire to get the word out regarding the LED signs issue and that Council is getting ready to vote on it.

Mr. Durham asked for Council's feedback as to what they want to see the development look like for the property east of Wilmington Pike, south of Brown Road and north of Feedwire Road. Council is in agreement that the Planning Commission should work to preserve as many trees that are possible, to require reasonable, minimized signage and to support the Create the Vision Comprehensive Plan. Councilmembers expressed their confidence and appreciation to all of the members on the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication to the community.

Mr. Feverston reviewed the Ordinance regarding the Create the Vision/Study Areas J & K. This legislation was tabled at the May 21, 2007 Council Meeting and will be brought back to the table at the October 15, 2007 Council Meeting.

Mr. Horn reviewed two proposed Ordinances requested by the Ohio Department of Transportation for the Centerville Gateway Enhancement Project. This project proposes to enhance the appearance of the interchange area by use of landscaping, decorative fencing and stone walls at the Interstate Route 675 and State Route 48 interchange. This legislation outlines that the City is responsible for future maintenance of any of the improvements made.

Mr. Horn explained a neighborhood improvement effort in conjunction with SouthBrook Christian Church. The Church contacted the City with regard to a pilot program of home improvements for five to six properties inhabited by single mothers with dependent children who live within the City of Centerville. Improvements would entail interior and exterior work. SouthBrook is asking the City for the supplies and materials; their volunteers would provide the labor. Mr. Horn believes that in the future we would need to develop guidelines and more structure into the program if the initial pilot program is successful. Council agreed to reimburse the Church up to \$7,500.00 for expenses.

Discussion followed relative to the Automated Refuse Service. It was suggested that Staff do a presentation to educate the public about the program perhaps at the December Council Meeting.

Mayor Kingseed announced that the Council Retreat is being planned for a date after the January Council Meeting in 2008.

Mrs. Lienesch reviewed a recent meeting she attended of the Washington Township Recreation Advisory Board where there was discussion of a butterfly-shaped Memorial Garden dedicated to the six year old girl who was killed in a traffic accident in front of the Washington Township Recreation Center.

Mr. Cline made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel and Litigation. Mr. Corbin seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. After no official business was conducted, Mr. Compton 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.

Debra A. James  
Clerk of Council

Approved C. Mark Kingseed  
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor