

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
November 12, 2007

TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: Brooks Compton
Paul Gresham
Susan Lienesch
James Singer
Assistant Clerk of Council Julia Weaver
City Manager Gregory Horn
Public Works Supervisor Robert James
City Engineer Douglas Spitler
Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder
Assistant to the City Manager Kristen Gopman

Citizen Rodney Miller

Deputy Mayor Cline called the meeting to order. Mr. Singer made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes. After no official business was conducted, Dr. Gresham moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session, and Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes in favor of the motion.

Council will vote at the November 19, 2007, Council Meeting on the appointment of Sally Ann Harris to the Sister City Committee. Councilmembers noted the need for clear descriptions, defined expectations, and lists of helpful skills on the website to aid possible volunteers in finding a good fit.

Consideration was given to the request by Mr. Will Wilson to consolidate two lots into one in the Centerville Mill area. The single lot would run between 7845 Clio Road and Compark Drive. Because this Record Plan came with the recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission and no one had objections, Council felt that this was mainly an administrative matter. The change might provide options in the future; the area is recommended as an overlay district in Create the Vision.

Mrs. Wilder presented the proposed changes to the rules and rates at Yankee Trace for 2008. Historically these updates are presented as an emergency ordinance so that rates are finalized in time for sales of gift certificates as holiday purchases. Rules and regulations have been added to the rate ordinance to ensure that they are considered on a regular basis. Following a very successful year at the golf course, requested changes for 2008 include little change in green fees, a minor decrease in weekend junior rates, a decrease in rental fees for clubs, and small increases in some memberships which had not been changed for several years.

Mr. Compton, Chief Stephen Walker and Mr. Ibrahim Uney entered the meeting at this time. Discussion of Yankee Trace rates was paused in order to welcome Chief Walker and his guest.

Chief Walker introduced his guest, Chief Ibrahim Uney of Ankara, Turkey. Chief Uney is visiting Centerville as part of an exchange program with the Turkish National Police and the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police with the goal of fighting organized crime and terrorism. Earlier this year, Chief Walker attended a summit in Turkey with representatives from eighty nations. The personal contacts they make help law enforcement officers track money and black market goods internationally. Chief Uney answered questions from the group.

Discussion of the golf rules and rates then continued. Mrs. Wilder noted that no new packages are being added for the coming year. The stand by package initiated last year to help fill in gaps was quite successful and will be continued. A ten percent discount for Centerville residents also will be continued. There was a request from Council for a comparison of the numbers of different kinds of memberships sold over the last several years. Council also wanted to know, if the newly proposed rates had been in effect for the past year, whether we would have covered any losses. Staff will report these figures.

In the City Manager Communications, Mr. Horn noted that some residents have voiced concern because of increased traffic in an area behind Piper Landing. Recently, the City of Kettering has allowed the pocket park at that location to be used as a land lab by the school system. School groups are adding to activity on the street.

The 1700 sq. ft. Tim Horton's that was approved for the old K-Mart parking lot along S. Main Street has grown to 2300 sq. ft. and is creating concern among Planning Department staff about sufficient parking spaces, back up of turning traffic on S. Main Street, and the effect of additional storm water downstream.

Jim Reppert has contacted Mr. Horn about the possibility of increased funding for the Americana Festival.

Swearing in for the mayor and council members tentatively has been set for Sunday, December 30, 2007, at 1:00 p.m..

Starting with breakfast at Mayor Kingseed's home, a Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2008, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The retreat will be held at the Community Room at Yankee Trace.

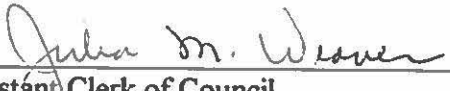
In late January, Council would like to honor Mrs. Lienesch and Mr. Corbin for their service to the City during their tenures as Councilmembers. Mrs. Lienesch asked if this could be a fundraiser for a good cause as well.

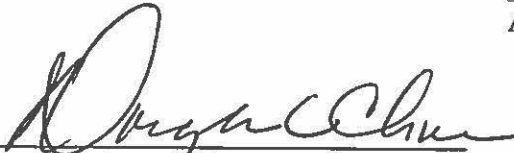
The final agreement with Sugarcreek Township concerning the Dille annexation and TIF should be ready for Council approval at the December meeting.

Mr. Singer noted that much work is being done in the streets around town. Mr. Horn said that the interconnect project is underway, the pedestrian accessibility programs is underway and AT& T is placing fiber optics and boxes in rights-of-way as the result of the

passage of SB 117. Councilmembers asked to be kept informed about where work is being done by AT&T in the City rights-of-way.

Mr. Cline stated that Miami Valley Hospital has purchased the Thomas Farm adjacent to Centerville High School. He has given Mr. David Oakes information on the Create the Vision recommendations for the area.


Assistant Clerk of Council

Approved 
Douglas C. Cline, Deputy Mayor