

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
December 3, 2007

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers: Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham

James Singer

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

Finance Director Mark Schlagheck

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Jennifer Wilder

Human Resources Manager Ginger Yonak

Resident Phil Whittaker

Mayor Kingseed asked Council to review the Council Retreat list of items that was included in their Council packets. He recommended that members give Mrs. James any additional items that they would like to have on the agenda for the Council Retreat, January 12, 2007.

Mr. Singer made a motion to convene into Executive Session regarding Personnel. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Cline moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

Council will vote at the December Council Meeting regarding the reappointments of the following:

Mark Taylor – Arts Commission.

Barry McClain – Property Review Commission.

Patty Kraft – City Beautiful Commission.

Paul Clark – Planning Commission.

Mrs. Yonak reviewed recommended changes for the 2008 Pay Ordinances and Personnel Manuals for the City of Centerville and for Yankee Trace. Many of the proposed changes are of a general formatting, housekeeping nature. One change required by law incorporates the public records policy (effective September 29, 2007) into the Personnel Manuals.

Chief Steve Walker entered the meeting at this time.

Staff is making a recommendation of 3.35% for the 2008 Annual Wage Rate. Council is in agreement with a 3.35% increase for the 2008 annual wage rate for City employees.

Chief Walker reviewed for Council Law Enforcement versus Communication Center Accreditation Programs. He stated that The Centerville Police Department is 100% in compliance by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). There are 399 standards which apply to the Police Department and they have all been met. He also explained that Centerville Police Department's Communication Center meets all 21 standards of Chapter 81 – Communications. The discussion was precipitated because the Washington Township Trustees are currently in the process of deciding whether to close the Washington Township/EMS Dispatch Services and to join the Montgomery County Joint Dispatch program. It is felt that the whole community would benefit if Washington Township would contract with the City for said services. The City and the Fire Department are professionally trained, know the community and have worked closely with the Fire/EMS personnel for decades. Chief Walker and Mr. Horn believe that we can blend dispatch services for the two entities. The City would match any per call price that may be offered by the County-wide Joint Dispatch Center.

Council is in support of moving forward to ask Washington Township to contract with the City for Fire/EMS Dispatching services. The letter will be signed by Mayor Kingseed and will be hand delivered by Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

Mr. Horn reported that the Americana Committee is requesting additional funding from the City and Washington Township for the Americana Festival. Both entities will request that Mr. Reppert come into a Work Session to make the request.

Mr. Compton inquired if there is a police officer in the middle of town (by Graeter's and City Barbecue) after football games especially. Mr. Horn reported there has been a police officer assigned there to monitor certain days. It was suggested that this be a Retreat item and that Council take a hard look to see what other options may be available for this area downtown.

Mayor Kingseed asked what Council wants the Planning Commission to do regarding the LED Sign legislation for a total ban which was tabled at the October Council Meeting. One possibility would be to ban LED signs in the Architectural Preservation District and to have restrictions elsewhere in the City. To date we have received 3 to 4 emails from citizens. Since Council wishes to revisit the issue, this will be a Council Retreat item. The Planning Commission members will be sent the legislation that Vandalia recently passed plus some other information regarding the LED sign issue.


Mr. Cline reported that the City has asked for an extension before the proposal is given to Hope Methodist Church regarding Miami Valley East Drive. He will let Mr. Bob Pugh know that the City is working out the details.

Discussion was held that Mayor Kingseed and Mr. Horn will try to meet every two weeks with Mr. Tiffany and Mr. Pittman of Sugarcreek Township. Possibly they will meet every other

Friday to establish better communications. Mr. Horn reported that the Sugarcreek School Board has a meeting December 13<sup>th</sup>. At the December Meeting, the City Council plans to vote on the TIF legislation, the Compensation Agreement, the Development Agreement with Bear Creek Capital and the Settlement Agreement between Bear Creek Capital, Sugarcreek Township and the City. We will be sharing drafts of these agreements with Attorney Scott Phillips. Mr. Horn will send an email to Mr. Tiffany that it is the City's intention to move forward in passing these documents at the December 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

There is an Investment Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a formal presentation of the Automated Refuse Program by Kristen Gopman at the next Council Meeting.

  
Debra A. James  
Clerk of Council

Approved   
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor