

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
January 9, 2006

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed

Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers: Susan Lienesch

Brooks Compton

Paul Gresham

James Singer

Robert Corbin

Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

City Planner Steve Feverston

Public Works Director Robert James

City Engineer Douglas Spitler

Assistant to the City Manager Jenn Kuschnerus

Economic Development Administrator William Covell

Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Resident: Regis Lekan

Mr. Cline was re-elected as Deputy-Mayor for an additional term of two years. Council Committee Assignments remained the same except for the following:

Council Liaison: Centerville City Schools - James E. Singer

City Beautiful Commission - Douglas C. Cline

Centerville Representation:

South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce

Douglas C. Cline (Delegate)

Robert L. Corbin (Alternate)

Washington Township Recreation Board

Susan W. Lienesch (Delegate)

Brooks A. Compton (Alternate)

Hithergreen Senior Center of Cent./Wash. Twp.

Robert L. Corbin (Delegate)

Discussion followed relative to items to be discussed during the Council Retreat scheduled for January 20, 2006.

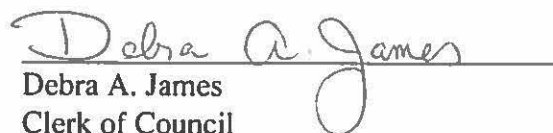
Mr. Feverston explained that in the process of reviewing the first three chapters of the draft Unified Development Ordinance; the Review Committee suggested two changes to administering the current zoning code's appeals and variance process. The first would involve the creation of a separate Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). This Board would handle variances and appeals, which are currently administered by the Planning Commission. The second change would take appeals to a decision of the Board's directly to the Court of Common Pleas instead of City Council. An alternative (not considered in the UDO) would be to retain the Planning Commission as one body assuming both roles (as it does today) but handling appeals and variances under separate procedures. Discussion followed and Council concurred that they would like to keep City Council involved and at the present time do not want to change the way our procedures are handled. This issue may be revisited in three to five years.

Mr. Covell reviewed the potential Centerville Gateway Enhancement Project which is located at I-675 and State Route 48. It is being proposed at this time for stone piers and wrought iron work which is approximately 80 feet long. There would not be any work done on the bridge (overpass) at this time. The second alternative would be landscaped beds. After discussing this project, it was determined that Mr. Corbin will set up a meeting with Mr. Bill Harrison, Deputy Director of ODOT, in Sidney, Ohio to discuss different options with regard to this project.

Mr. Horn informed Council that Todd Tooker, the City's IT Consultant, passed away on January 7, 2006. A Memorial Service will be held at the Centerville Police Building on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. City Staff is contributing food for the family after the service.

Mrs. Kuschnerus reviewed the role of the Arts Commission as Laurie Montano's (Art Coordinator) last day was Friday, January 6, 2006. Mrs. Kuschnerus is looking at the role and stated that the purpose of the changes is to enhance the Arts Program by streamlining the planning and organization process and increasing the implementation role of the Arts Coordinator with active assistance by the Commission. Council concurred to move forward with the proposed changes to the Arts Commission. Mrs. Kuschnerus will come back to Council before the changes are made.

Mr. Corbin moved that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion. At such time, after no official business was conducted, Mr. Singer moved that Council adjourn out of Executive Session. Mr. Compton 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, Mayor