Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting August 2, 2004

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library

PRESENT:

Mayor C. Mark Kingseed Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline

Councilmembers:

James Singer

Susan Lienesch Robert Corbin Brooks Compton Paul Gresham

Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin Assistant Clerk of Council Debra James

City Manager Gregory Horn

Public Works Director Robert James

Economic Development Administrator William Covell

Assistant to the City Manager Jesse Lightle Kenneth Peters, Waste Superintendent

Julia Maxton, Executive Director, South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce, introduced Debbie Teeters, President of the Heart of Centerville Organization, both present to discuss with Council traffic and safety concerns in the central part of Centerville. They identified problems and solution suggestions in the area of State Route 48 and Franklin Street. Mr. James advised that the Traffic Signal Interconnect Study to be conducted by LJB, Inc., includes this intersection. Mr. Horn pointed out that increased traffic is a factor; the control of truck traffic and increased stacking lanes are not the answer. He explained how there is a counter balance with stacking lanes at this intersection.

Mr. James introduced John Minear, from Waste Management, who showed a video on the McNeilus automated truck system for the pilot program in Centerville to obtain feedback from residents relative to the future method of waste collection. The pilot program will operate for six weeks in the Yankee Trace and Rose Estates areas in September and October of this year. Council concurred to move forward with the pilot program.

Mr. Covell outlined highlights contained in the proposed Site Agreement between the City of Centerville and SprintCom, Inc., for the location of their base station equipment and antenna support structure on property owned by the City of Centerville. Discussion followed relative to the proper procedure to be followed to permit the construction of said tower. Council concurred to move forward with a Public Hearing on a variance to permit this use as proposed.

Discussion followed relative to the placement of a non-binding Resolution on the election ballot relative to a smoke free environment in public places. The majority of Council concurred not to place the issue before the electorate. Mr. Horn asked members of Council to review issues

contained in the Ordinance passed by the City of Columbus and get feedback to him. Mr. Corbin suggested that perhaps a transition period be considered for inclusion in the legislation.

Mr. Horn brought attention to the amount of City Staff time that was utilized for the recent Neighborhood Improvement Program meeting to which approximately forty residents and/or landlords attended. Mr. Corbin and Dr. Gresham suggested that this program be canceled in consideration of the lack of attendance. Mr. Horn advised that another such meeting is scheduled to be held in Rose Estates in October. It was suggested that the amount of staff time be cut and more time be spent on Questions and Answers.

Discussion followed relative to a Retire/Rehire Policy for employees of the City of Centerville. As suggested by Mr. Corbin, Council concurred that if this becomes a practice, that it constitute an advantage to the City of Centerville. Mr. Horn will develop a policy to provide for a monetary advantage to the City if a Retire/Rehire Policy is put in place, for Council's review.

Council concurred that the following reappointments be made:

Sister City Committee:

John Beals.

Carolyn Basford.

John Moraites.

Board of Architectural Review:

Martha Sheley.

Mr. Horn advised that Cynthia Fraley, Executive Director, Hithergreen Senior Center, has received a tentative commitment for the Veterans' Moving Wall to come to Centerville on November 5, 2005. This would be a joint project, costing the City of Centerville \$2,000.00, plus preliminaries at the Leonard E. Stubbs Memorial Park.

Mr. Horn advised that budget packets have been distributed to Department Heads.

Mr. Horn distributed to Council a proposed Contract to Purchase property from Edward R. Thomas, Jr. and Jane C. Thomas, Trustee, located at 716 East Franklin Street in Centerville. Council concurred that the City move forward with this proposal.

Mr. Horn reported that the Court Case involving Richard Johnson against The Golf Club at Yankee Trace has been dismissed.

Elevations of the proposed building for Panera Bread at the northwest corner of Main and Franklin Streets were distributed to City Council for review. Council concurred that a better aesthetic appeal be required on the rear and sides of the building, stone, etc. Mr. Covell advised that bids for the demolition of the present structure will be opened on August 10, 2004. He listed construction dates and completion.

Mr. Horn advised that the City has received three proposals from IPA firms for the City's annual fiscal audit. Council indicated no problem with the City accepting the proposal from Trimble, Julian & Grubs for the next five years in the amount of \$88,500.00.

Mr. Horn updated Council on the status of The Woodlands at Yankee Trace. This item will probably not be discussed at the August 16, 2004, Council Meeting.

Mr. Cline outlined the Multi-Use Path Task Force meeting he attended on July 29, 2004.

Mr. Compton outlined issues discussed at the recent meeting of the Create the Vision Implementation Task Force; issues as follows:

Professional help is needed for the preparation of legislative documents.

A Director (Project Manager) is needed to assure that progress is being made in a timely fashion.

Marilyn J. McLaughlin

Clerk of Council

Approved:

C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor