

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
October 4, 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
Assistant to the City Manager Jesse Lightle
Municipal Attorney Scott Liberman

Residents: Jack Kindler
Doug Galusha

The use of a Consent Agenda during Regular Council Meetings and the mechanics relative to its structure was discussed by City Council. Mr. Liberman advised that in order to put this in place the Rules of Council must be amended. It was agreed that minutes and Ordinances to be set for Public Hearing not be listed on the Consent Agenda. Mr. Liberman will prepare a draft amendment to the Council Rules.

Mr. Liberman explained that an Ordinance that limits the duration that a sign may be displayed to the date of an event it is promoting is an unconstitutional infringement on free speech. It is his opinion that the Centerville Zoning Ordinance is unconstitutional in that it relates the duration that a sign may be displayed to the date of the event it is promoting, for example, election signs.

Mr. Horn advised that the next Neighborhood Improvement Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 14, 2004 to begin at 7:00 P.M. in the training room in the Centerville Police facility. Staff representatives to be present are as follows: Washington Township Fire Department, Centerville Police Department, Planning Department, Public Works Department and City Manager's Office. Staff time will be limited to 30-35 minutes. Notices of the Meeting have been sent to residents in Centerville, Centerville Woods and Rose Estates.

Mr. Horn reported that less complaints have been received relative to the Waste Collection Pilot Program. Mr. James believes that 800 households can be covered per day with 1 truck. A survey is being prepared to receive feedback from participants.

Council set the following dates:

Capital Improvement Program
Monday, November 1, 2004.
Operating Budget
Wednesday, November 10, 2004.

Mr. Horn advised that an Ordinance prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment in the City of Centerville will be an agenda item for the Council Meeting on October 18, 2004, to be set for Public Hearing. Mr. Corbin suggested that places in Centerville who have a permit to sell beer, wine or liquor and permit smoking, be contacted to get their input relative to a smoking ban. Mr. Covell will make calls to these places of business that permit smoking.

Discussion followed relative to some type of separation between the sidewalk and the roadway surface at the northeast corner of Main and Franklin Streets. The staff believes that bollards will create a false sense of security for the pedestrians and could be very dangerous to motorists in the case of an accident. Mr. Horn outlined pros and cons relative to the erection of bollards at this intersection. Council concurred that an engineering firm perform a study to determine if some type of separation should be provided. Upon question of Mrs. Lienesch, Mr. Horn will seek information relative to the enforcement of a "Do not block intersection" sign on East Franklin Street at Maple Avenue.

Council concurred that Heidi Miller be reappointed as Chairman of the Board of Architectural Review, and Betty Lou Townley as a member of the Centerville Arts Commission.

Mrs. Lienesch questioned the uses currently in existence on the Dr. Thomas Farm on East Franklin Street as compared with uses permitted by the Centerville Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. James reviewed a meeting he attended at Washington Township earlier this date concerning the development of property situated adjacent to Rose Estates.

Mr. Corbin moved that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved 
C. Mark Kingseed, Mayor