

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
November 25, 2002

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Councilmembers: Paul Gresham
James Singer
Susan Lienesch
Douglas Cline
Roger Krass
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Assistant Clerk of Council Debra James
City Manager Gregory Horn
Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland
Public Works Director Robert James
Finance Director Mark Schlagheck
City Engineer Norbert Hoffman
Planner Ryan Shrimplin
Assistant to the City Manager Jesse Lightle

Mr. Horn outlined changes proposed to the original Investment and Deposit Policy established by the City of Centerville in 1997. Discussion followed relative to membership on the Investment Committee. Council concurred that the Committee consist of three members of City Council, the City Manager, Finance Director and Municipal Attorney.

Mr. Horn advised that the Centerville City School District has requested that boundaries be set relative to the leased property from E. G. Lewis "Hertz Rent-A-Car", situated on the north side of Loop Road. He identified boundaries as suggested by the School District which do not include the retention basin and the open space immediately west of the retention basin. Mr. Kingseed expressed concern with making any changes to the previous approval of the Major Use Special Approval Application submitted by E. G. Lewis. Council concurred that additional information is necessary from E. G. Lewis and the School District prior to any decision being made relative to this matter.

Mr. Horn distributed to Council sample letters in opposition to HB258, a bill passed by the House of Representatives which is now under consideration in the Senate Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. This bill states that the General Assembly has the ultimate say over issues like employee residency. The majority of Council concurred that City Council as a whole not oppose the bill, but individuals were encouraged to do so.

Mr. Horn advised that the City of Centerville, Don Creech and Jay Newberry are being sued by Joseph Reno relative to action taken concerning a business at his residence at 7777 Cliffview Court in the City of Centerville.

Mr. Kingseed left the meeting at this time due to a potential conflict of interest in the next item discussed.

Mr. Horn announced that building plans have been received for the construction of the new Voss Auto Body Shop on the north side of Loop Road. The plans include one double man-door and one single employee door on the north side of the building. Members of City Council concurred that the double man-door be eliminated from the plans in keeping with the reasoning behind the earlier exclusion of the overhead garage door on the north side of the building. Council directed the City Manager to have Staff exclude the double man-door during its formal Plan Review thus permitting only one employee door on the north side of the proposed body shop.

Mr. Kingseed returned to the meeting at this time.

Mr. Horn advised that the Centerville-Washington Park District does not have the money now or in the immediate future to move forward with the hiker-biker trail in the abandoned railroad right-of-way. Council concurred that the City proceed with an application for a grant to defray some of the cost of this project.

Mr. Horn reported that a Centerville-Washington Veterans Memorial Fund has been established through the Centerville-Washington Foundation. Donations will be accepted for the construction of the War Memorial in the Leonard E. Stubbs Memorial Park.

Mr. Horn reviewed discussions with Centerville School Superintendent Frank DePalma relative to an upgrade to the message board in front of the Centerville High School. The school has requested permission to replace the changeable letter board with an LED (Light Emitting Diode) type electronic sign that could be programmed from within the building. The new sign would have brighter and more distinct lettering. Staff has determined that the LED type electronic sign would not be in violation of the Centerville Zoning Ordinance.

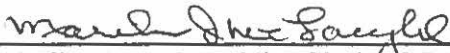
Mr. Cline reviewed the four public meetings held to receive input for the Joint Land Use Comprehensive Plan for the City of Centerville and Washington Township. One additional meeting was held with high school students. 50 to 70 people were in attendance at each of the four meetings.


Mr. James reviewed an application for an Enhancement Project Grant under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st century. This project would involve building landscape features and plants at the I-675/State Route 48 interchange area which would identify this area as an entrance to the Centerville community, create a sense of destination and place, and provide an attractive visual experience for the many people passing through on a daily basis.

Mr. Shrimplin outlined the status of houses listed as potential landmarks in the City of Centerville. The John Archer-Robert McEwen House, 8661 Lebanon Pike, and the James McCracken House, 5285 Wilmington Pike, have been designated as landmarks. Owners of the Lawson Allen House, 80 Glencroft Place, and the Stephen White House, 6935 Abington Green Court, have declined landmark status. Owners of the Thomas Horner House and Barn, 2447 E. Alexandersville-Bellbrook Road, and The William/Henry Reeder House, 2230 Centerville Station Road, have been unable to be contacted. Earl Reeder Associates has conducted a study of the John Tate house, 8110 Clys Road, and the William Blair-John Weller House, 7325 Bigger Road, for landmark designation. Council concurred that the City not aggressively seek landmark designation for these buildings, but that the owners be encouraged to request landmark status.

Miss Gilleland reviewed some minor changes recommended to the Personnel Ordinance and Personnel Manual for employees of the City of Centerville. Council concurred that employees be granted a 3.25 percent increase across the board.

Dr. Gresham 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: 
Sally D. Beals, Mayor