Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting February 7, 2000

TIME:

7:30 P.M.

PLACE:

Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library

PRESENT:

Mayor Sally Beals Deputy-Mayor James Singer

Councilmembers:

Douglas Cline Susan Lienesch C. Mark Kingseed

Roger Krass

Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland

City Planner Steve Feverston

James Durham, Chairman of the Planning Commission and the Joint Land Use/Comprehensive Plan Task Force, was present at this meeting to outline Washington Township's approach to a Comprehensive Plan and how it differs from the City's approach. The City wants to begin small dealing with entrance corridors and perimeters while the Township wants a full Comprehensive Plan which could have an effect on annexation issues. Discussion followed relative to the pros and cons of a Joint Land Use/Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Durham stressed the need for a Comprehensive Plan for Centerville whether or not the Township is involved; there are many issues in the City which should be addressed such as the area around Yankee Trace and the area at Wilmington Pike and Whipp Road. Mr. Cline suggested that if annexation would become an issue, the City should proceed alone with the development of a Plan. Mayor Beals proposed that Mr. Cline, Mr. Durham and Mr. Feverston prepare a map detailing with what would be appropriate in various areas of the City. Mrs. Lienesch suggested that Council meet with the Washington Township Trustees to discuss the future direction for the development of a Joint Land Use/Comprehensive Plan. As a result of additional discussion, Council concluded that: 1) a meeting be established with the Washington Township Trustees, 2) the Planning Department prepare a list of consultants for the development of a Comprehensive Plan, and 3) that the City proceed with a Comprehensive plan either alone or jointly with Washington Township.

Miss Gilleland brought Council's attention to a letter received from Mark L. Gordon, supposedly a resident in Spring, Texas, who is a kleptomaniac, and says he will visit the Centerville City Hall on February 9, 2000 to steal items of interest. An investigation by the Centerville Police Department and the Harris County Texas Sheriff's Office has found no one by that name at the address given in Texas. City Staff has been alerted of this correspondence.

Mayor Beals brought Council's attention to the information brochure printed by Washington Township concerning the replacement levy for police services. The Township is subsidized significantly from the Montgomery County General Fund at the expense of taxpayers of the entire County.

Mayor Beals reviewed a meeting she recently attended relative to future developments in the transportation system. She defined the NAFTA Corridor and how it will impact our area.

Mr. Krass suggested that consideration be given to placing a marker, perhaps a stone with an engraved plaque, on the grave of Thomas Stolz in the Maple Avenue Cemetery in Centerville. Upon Council's concurrence, Mr. Krass will pursue this with Will Frazee, Attorney for the late Thomas Stolz. Mr. Singer suggested that the same consideration be given to a marker in the Leonard E. Stubbs Memorial Park.

Marilyn J. McLaughlin

Clerk of Council

Approved:

Mayor