

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
October 23, 2000

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

Mr. Horn reviewed an initiative of the City of Dayton, Department of Economic Development, inviting the City of Centerville to support Dayton's application for ED/GE dollars to purchase, install and provide training related to business retention and expansion software for use by all participating municipalities and townships. The cost to the City of Centerville would not exceed \$6,285.00 which would be charged to the Centerville ED/GE account, and to insure the ongoing success of this program, the City of Centerville would continue with financial support up to \$2,000.00 per year from 2002 through 2005, the amounts based upon the number of participating jurisdictions. Mr. Horn advised that it appears at this time that the majority of eligible jurisdictions are participating. Council concurred to support this program while the participation of other jurisdictions is being monitored by the City of Centerville.

Mayor Beals reviewed a meeting held relative to the proposed Centerville Washington Township Civic Auditorium attended by officials from the City of Centerville, Washington Township and the Centerville City School Board. Discussed at this meeting was what is the mission of the Civic Center. Copies of a Draft Mission Statement were distributed to members of City Council. The consensus at this meeting was that the School Board is solidly in support of the center, while the Township officials and the City officials are divided. The School Board strongly supports its location on the Dr. Thomas Farm located immediately east of the Centerville High School. Disadvantages expressed at this meeting with that location were whether or not it is actually for sale and increased traffic which would be generated onto Franklin Street if there is no access to Clyo Road. Mr. Horn advised that each entity will prepare a Mission Statement to be discussed following the Joint Entities Meeting on October 30, 2000.

Mayor Beals brought attention to a copy of a letter sent by Frederick Smith to Joyce Young supporting the expansion of The Golf Club at Yankee Trace. She also brought attention to a letter received from Centerville-Washington Park District Board President Harvey Smith stating their lack of interest in annexing Silvercreek Park to the City of Centerville.

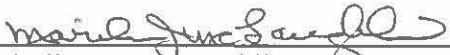
Mr. Horn made reference to a letter received from the City of Xenia offering to the City of Centerville reimbursement for the costs of manpower and equipment provided by Centerville during their September 20, 2000 tornado. He recommended that the City waive this reimbursement at this particular time, this to be a one-time gift. The cost amounts to approximately \$400.00.


Discussion followed relative to actions taken by Washington Township Trustees relative to Centerville's proposed annexations and statements made during Township meetings. A letter will be sent requesting clarification of certain statements.

At this time a meeting of the Council Finance Committee of the whole was called by Chairman James Singer to review the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for 2001 - 2005. Funding for the various programs were reviewed for this five year program. Mrs. Lienesch expressed objection to the criteria being used to determine the placement of new sidewalks; decisions are not being based on subjective safety issues. Mrs. Lienesch also objected to additional funds being allocated for APD Parking Improvements. As a result of the complete review of the Capital Program by City Council, some minor adjustments will be made in various funds.

Upon question of Mr. Krass, Mr. Horn explained how the City would be negatively affected by Transitional Zoning: land in the unincorporated area could be zoned which would not be compatible with the zoning of adjacent property in the City. Transitional Zoning can also be used to discourage annexation. Discussion followed relative to whether or not and in what way an appeal should be filed against Transitional Zoning if it is attempted by Washington Township. Mr. Horn reviewed information received from Municipal Attorney Robert Farquhar and Attorney Dick Brahm relative to this issue when Washington Township approved Transitional Zoning in 1993. Mr. Kingseed suggested that an opinion be received from Mr. Farquhar and Mr. Brahm if, in fact, an appeal is considered at this time.

Mr. Horn reviewed the status of current proposed annexations and possible additional annexations by the City of Centerville.

  
Marilyn J. McLaughlin, Clerk of Council

Approved:   
Sally D. Beals, Mayor