

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
May 10, 1999

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor James Singer
Councilmembers: Susan Lienesch
J. V. Stone
Douglas Cline
C. Mark Kingseed
James Reppert
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Assistant Clerk of Council Peggy Whisman
City Manager Gregory Horn
Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland
Public Works Director Steve Weaver
City Planner Steve Feverston
Assistant to the City Manager Kelly Fackel

Resident Robert Looper

Council interviewed Carl Friese and Jerry Huffman for appointments as members of the City Beautiful Commission. Council concurred with said appointments.

Mr. Horn reviewed a request received from the Magsig Middle School Science Olympiad team for financial support to help defray some of their expense to participate in the National Competition being held in Chicago, Illinois. In consideration of the many similar requests received by the City at different times, Council concurred that this request not be honored as a whole, but could perhaps be supported individually.

Mr. Horn advised that the possibility exists for the City to receive two additional Cops Fast grants. He outlined communications with School Superintendent Frank DePalma and their quest for the presence of additional police personnel in the Centerville Schools. The Centerville City School Board has indicated they would provide full funding for this additional personnel. Mr. Horn explained the fact that the City would need a 2-3 year commitment from the school system. The grant available would provide \$25,000.00 total for the addition of 2 police officers. Council offered their concurrence with this proposal.

Discussion followed concerning correspondence received from a business owner located at 860 East Franklin Street relative to a crime spree affecting businesses in the City, and his observation of a lack of police protection in the business districts. Mr. Horn advised that Police Chief Steve Walker has meet with Mr. Roberts to explain activities of the Centerville Police Department. Mr. Stone requested that Chief Walker be present at a Work Session to outline for Council what is being done and what residents and businesses can do for security.

Mr. Horn advised that a group of City Managers have formed to meet on a regular basis to discuss common issues and to deal with them within their own entity on a countywide basis.

In view of recent complaints Mrs. Lienesch has received concerning the maintenance of properties in various areas of the City of Centerville, she questioned whether the City's Property Maintenance Code is adequate. She asked that City Staff review the City's Code with those of other communities to determine whether or not it needs enhancement.

Mr. Horn introduced Centerville's new Head Golf Professional Patrick Bayley to City Council. Mr. Bayley outlined his background and reviewed how he views The Golf Club at Yankee Trace in the future.

Mr. Kingseed reviewed a meeting held this date with approximately 20 property owners in the Architectural Preservation District to discuss the parking lot recommended by the APD Task Force for the northwest corner of Franklin and Main Streets and the extension of a roadway from this parking lot west to Virginia Avenue. After much discussion, it appeared that the property owners were willing to listen. Mr. Kingseed assured them that nothing would happen without 1 on 1 communications with owners involved. He proposed the introduction of a Resolution at the next Council Meeting thanking the Task Force for their recommendation, that their recommendation relative to changes in the administration of the Board of Architectural Review and the Planning Commission be referred to the BAR and the PC for presentation to City Council for formal implementation, that changes in the Design Review Criteria be referred to the BAR for formal concurrence, and that the City Staff be directed to communicate with property owners involved in the parking lot/roadway extension on a 1 on 1 basis, and that a report be presented to City Council by City Staff concerning the parking lot/roadway extension issue within 3-4 months. Mrs. Lienesch expressed concern with the time table set in consideration of other improvements needed in other areas of the City of Centerville. Mr. Reppert expressed his dissatisfaction with the fact that property owners were not contacted prior to this recommendation being made.

Briefly discussed was the prohibition of the use of tobacco in City owned vehicles. Mr. Horn advised that Department Heads are very supportive of prohibiting smoking in vehicles. No consensus among City Council was reached.


Mr. Singer moved that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate. Mrs. Lienesch seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion. Mr. Reppert moved that the Executive Session be adjourned. Mr. Kingseed seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Feverston outlined on a map land surrounding The Golf Club at Yankee Trace located in Washington Township that could potentially be annexed to the City of Centerville. Council concurred that City Staff develop a plan to move forward with annexations.

Mr. Horn reviewed for Council a proposal by Great Traditions Land and Development Group for the development of 50-55 lots located between the Homestead area and the creek on the west side of Yankee Street. Proposed are 90 foot wide lots with homes by Zaring to be sold at a cost of \$250,000 - \$350,000. They are also proposing the development of 24 lots, 60 feet wide, to be located west of the creek, homes to be built by Ryan and sold at a cost of \$175,000 - \$230,000.

Mr. Horn updated City Council on the status of the NIKE Dayton Open golf tournament to be played at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace, June 13-20, 1999. Financially, \$467,135 has been committed and contacts continue to be made to obtain additional financial support. This figure does not include financial support from NIKE.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor