

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
May 24, 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  
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  
  
Residents: Robert Looper  
Jack Kindler

Council interviewed Centerville Arts Commission applicant Pierre Crease. It was noted that Mr. Crease is currently a member of the Sister City Committee. Discussion followed relative to the difference between a Committee, Commission and Task Force. Mrs. McLaughlin will obtain interpretations from Municipal Attorney Robert Farquhar. Mayor Beals pointed out that this is the first time a resident has expressed a desire to serve in two volunteer positions. The majority of Council concurred that Mr. Crease make a choice between the Sister City Committee and the Arts Commission, and pointed out that the two can interface in joint projects.

Council interviewed Board of Architectural Review applicant Paul Clark. Mr. Clark currently serves as a member of the Personnel Appeals Board. The majority of Council concurred that Mr. Clark be appointed to the Board of Architectural Review if that is his desire. It was Council's concurrence that Mr. Clark serve in just one volunteer capacity. Mrs. McLaughlin was directed to draft a Council Policy relative to this issue for review at a future Work Session meeting.

Miami Valley Executive Director Kent Bristol, was present at this meeting to review for Council their Annual Report. He outlined services which have been provided member Municipalities and plans for the future through networking. Mr. Bristol explained anticipated improvements to audio/visual equipment.

Connie Pavliga, 1100 Kentshire Drive, was present to discuss with Council a concern in her neighborhood relative to garage sale signs and property maintenance. A few weeks ago 34 homes in the Kentshire/Hidden Hills area participated in a neighborhood garage sale. Signs and

arrows were erected in yards for direction and advertising. Signs were removed by an employee of the City of Centerville that were not in compliance with the sign provisions contained in the Centerville Zoning Ordinance. Mrs. Pavliga stated that these neighborhood garage sales are held annually and have been for twelve years for the purpose of getting the neighbors together. The profit from one house is designated for charity. This is the first year that a problem surfaced. Mrs. Pavliga felt that the person in charge of the garage sales should have been contacted prior to the removal of the signs and given the reason for their removal. She brought attention to the lack of maintenance of properties located at 1080 Kentshire Drive and 1291 Fernshire Drive where there has been no enforcement. She believes that the property owners involved have been harassed, the City has mis-directed its priorities. Mr. Feverston defined two types of signs: commercial and non-commercial speech. Garage sale signs are commercial according to the City's Zoning Ordinance and the United States Supreme Court. Mrs. Pavliga suggested that a permit be required for garage sales and that a deposit be required to assure the removal of signs upon the completion of the garage sale. Mr. Feverston will communicate with Mrs. Pavliga making her aware of what can and cannot be done relative to garage sales and signs in the future. Mr. Weaver outlined circumstances which occurred in the Kentshire/Hidden Hills area contrary to comments made previously by Mrs. Pavliga. Mr. Horn explained enforcement problems, he asked that City Staff be directed to enforce the Ordinance as best they can. Mrs. Lienesch supported citywide garage sales perhaps at two different times during the year, one just before the City's Clean-up, Spruce-up week.

Discussion followed relative to provisions contained in the Centerville Municipal Code that limits the removal of industrial and commercial waste between the hours of 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM of the following day from June 10 through August 29 of each year. Questions arose relative to the time restriction (should it be changed to 6:30 AM instead of 7:00 AM) and should this restriction be limited to a specific time of the year or should it be year round. City Staff was directed to research this issue and report to City Council with a recommendation.

Mr. Horn advised that traffic counts have been completed on North Main Street in the area of Bradstreet Road. They will be included in your packet on Friday, May 28, 1999.

Mayor Beals reviewed her recent meeting with Washington Township Trustee President Joyce Young and Centerville City School Board Member David Rohr relative to a Performing Arts Center in the Centerville/Washington Township community. It appears that there are two factions forming relative to this issue. Mayor Beals, Mrs. Young and Dr. Rohr concluded that a needs assessment is necessary. Mrs. Lienesch suggested that the City be pro-active on this issue. Miss Gilleland will acquire information relative to firms to be considered for the preparation of a needs assessment. Mr. Reppert suggested that the City take the lead in this matter and seek the support of Washington Township and the Centerville City School Board.

Mayor Beals advised that the terms of the following volunteers will soon expire on their respective Commissions:

Planning Commission Chairman - James Durham.

Centerville Arts Commission member - Mary Ann Gasior.

Council concurred that said reappointments be made.

Mr. Feverston reviewed two plans submitted by Great Traditions Land and Development for the development of the last large piece of ground surrounding the golf course just east of hole number 9 and north of practice hole number 3. Incorporated into the plans are several long cul-de-sacs with private drives and a very small portion of Yankee Trace Drive. One plan has no interior circulation. Members of Council expressed dissatisfaction with both plans as proposed. Mr. Feverston advised that these plans will go before Planning Commission during their meeting on June 8, 1999. If approved by the Planning Commission, Council expressed the desire to request a review.

  
Marilyn J. McLaughlin  
Clerk of Council

Approved:   
Mayor