

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 23, 1999

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

Members of the Centerville Four Corners Association: President Marlene Orendorf, Attorney Isabel Suarez representing Mark and Sandy Keily, Joe Beyerle, Nevin Elliott, Chuck and Judy Hahn, Cindy and Bob Puskar, Julie Cockran, Robin and Dave Austin, were present at this meeting to discuss with Council issues concerning the Architectural Preservation District. Mrs. Orendorf presented Council with a position paper from the Association pointing out the lack of communication and commitment from the City of Centerville. Issues they have been dealing with for many years are signage, parking, traffic control, exterior building materials, exterior paint colors and the BAR color chart. She cited a lack of direction for new businesses moving into the district from the City Staff. Mrs. Orendorf asked the question: Does the City want a downtown business district? Business owners in the Architectural Preservation District would like some streamlining of the process for businesses dealing with City requirements.

Mrs. Puskar offered her support for the comments made by Mrs. Orendorf and outlined some of the problems she encountered with the Planning Commission and some members of City Staff while seeking changes to property located in the APD.

Mr. Beyerle stated problems he had experienced with City requirements in the Architectural Preservation District. He offered his displeasure with the possibility of an alley traversing east to west along the rear of the properties situated along the north side of West Franklin Street. He asked that communication between the people affected by this proposed alley and the City take place.

Attorney Isabel Suarez read a letter written by Mr. & Mrs. Keily which outlined problems they experienced with APD requirements relating to the exterior of the building and their desire to install skylights.

Mr. Kingseed explained the process for the presentation of plans for improvements in the northwest corner of Main and Franklin Streets to property owners along the north side of West Franklin Street and the south side of West Ridgeway Road. He stated that after review of the plans with all property owners involved, if the owners do not want the improvements the City will not proceed.

Resulting from additional discussions between members of City Council and members of the Four Corners Association, the following suggestions were made:

- A member of City Council be designated to attend meetings held by the Four Corners Association.
- Communications between both parties be improved.
- Due to the fact that some City Staff spend many hours during the day out of the office on inspections, appointments should be made with those staff members so that adequate and correct information can be received by business owners.
- A detailed brochure be prepared to guide business owners through the approval process.
- There is a definite need for a revised BAR color chart.

Mr. Horn reviewed for Council a copy of a revised letter to be sent to applicants for Senior Citizen Waste Collection Exemptions and a copy of the application. He pointed out that currently 40 households receive Senior Citizen Exemption. He suggested that exemptions be based upon poverty level guidelines rather than age. Approximately one half of the households currently receiving exemptions would be affected by this change. Discussion followed relative to the method used to determine poverty level and whether reapplication should take place every year or every other year. Mr. Horn will meet with members of the Finance Department to resolve these issues. Legislation will then be drafted to include changes to Waste Collection Exemptions for Council's consideration.

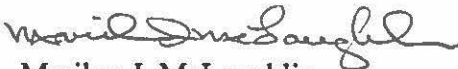
Upon suggested by Mr. Horn, Council concurred that four season tickets be purchased for the Dayton Dragons to be used as an incentive for an employee of the week program.

Mr. Horn briefly outlined a meeting he attended concerning utility deregulation and its potential affect upon users.

Council briefly discussed the installation of monitors at Council seats in the Chambers. The cost for one is \$5,216.00, the cost for four is \$11,731.00. Council concurred that monitors not be purchased at this time.

Mayor Beals advised that a proposal for a study relative to a performing arts center in our community will be presented at the joint entities meeting scheduled for Monday, August 30, 1999. The cost is projected to be divided by three entities: the City of Centerville, Washington Township and the Centerville City Schools.

Mr. Reppert, as Chairman of the Council Streets and Highways Committee, announced a meeting of the Committee for Monday, September 13, 1999 to begin at 6:00 P.M. in the Law Library.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved:


Mayor