

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
October 25, 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
Director of Finance William Bettcher
Assistant Director of Finance Mark Schlagheck

Resident Jack Kindler
Council Candidates Paul Gresham
Cheri Williams

Council interviewed City Beautiful Commission applicant Cliff Purdin. Council concurred with said appointment.

John McIntyre, a property owner in the Architectural Preservation District, was present at this meeting to discuss with Council a sign which he wants to erect in the APD. The sign is made of plastic, a material not permitted in the APD according to the Centerville Zoning Ordinance. He compared the durability of a sign made of wood covered with an acrylic paint vs a sign made of plastic. Mr. McIntyre identified the intent for the Architectural Preservation District when it was created in the early 1970's when he was a member of City Council. He asked Council to consider some relief relative to permitted materials for signage in the APD. Mr. McIntyre was made aware that he must go through the process to obtain a permit for the erection of a sign or to apply for a Variance if the sign does not conform to the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.

Centerville Arts Commission members Mary Ann Gasior, Anita Looper, and Chet Bauch, were present to review their proposal for a part time Arts Program Coordinator. The Commission members gave an overview of the many activities which are now performed by themselves, volunteers, and City Staff. Their proposal is for an employee working 20 hours per week at a salary between \$12.00-\$15.00 per hour. The office for this employee would be located in the Asahel Wright House. Mr. Horn suggested that perhaps Washington Township should be contacted for some financial support in this endeavor.

Mr. Horn reviewed a proposal received from Webb Management Services, Inc. for the preparation of a complete feasibility study for a new performing arts facility in Centerville. The project would be split into two phases for a total cost of \$40,000.00 plus expenses to be shared by three entities: the City of Centerville, Washington Township, and the Centerville City School Board. The City of Centerville's share would be approximately \$15,000.00. Discussion followed relative to the make-up of the Ad Hoc Committee, locations for consideration, and the ultimate use for the facility. Council concurred to move forward with the study by Webb Management Services, Inc.

Mr. Bettcher briefly reviewed 1998 annual audit findings and management recommendations made by the State Auditor as a result of their most recent audit for the City of Centerville, and the City's response to these findings.

Mr. Kingseed reviewed the final draft of an Ordinance to require persons under the age of 18 years riding bicycles to wear protective helmets. Discussion followed relative to the inclusion of requiring the wearing of helmets while riding bicycles on private property. The current draft does not include this provision. The majority of Council concurred that the Ordinance remain as drafted and that it be passed as a regular measure.

Mr. Feverston explained the City Initiated Rezoning Request for 1.743 acres, property located at Whipp Road and Old Whipp Court, owned by Finke Realty Company. Proposed is a change from R-3, Multi-Family Residential, to O-S, Office Service. The Planning Commission did not offer support for this change in zoning. Mr. Feverston advised that adjacent property owners are in favor of this change as well as the property owner. The majority of Council concurred with this zoning change.

Mayor Beals advised that the following terms will soon expire:
Centerville-Washington Township Historical Commission - Robert Moore
City Beautiful Commission - Dr. Cadance Lowell
Planning Commission - Patrick Hansford
Centerville Arts Commission - Lorinda Tiscornia

The term of Planning Commission member Richard Tompkins will also expire, but he does not seek reappointment. Miss Gilleland pointed out that Lorinda Tiscornia now resides in Miami Township. Council concurred that Mr. Moore, Dr. Lowell and Mr. Hansford be reappointed to their respective positions.

Mrs. Lienesch, making reference to correspondence received from Vannah Ellen Nantz, a dentist practicing at 79 West Franklin Street, stated her concern with the make-up of the Architectural Preservation District Task Force and the lack of communication with affected property owners. Mr. Kingseed explained how he, as Chairman of the APD Task Force, is meeting with each affected property owner on a one on one basis to explain the proposal and to receive their input.

Mr. Horn advised that School Superintendent Frank DePalma has asked that the City of Centerville consider the possibility of opening Judson Road to morning school traffic. Mr. DePalma suggested that this opening be for approximately 40-45 minutes for ingress traffic only. Mr. Reppert pointed out that when the Centerville High School was built, it was agreed to by the City of Centerville and the School Board that Judson Road would remain closed except for emergency uses.

Mr. Horn informed Council that the PGA Tour announced today that the NIKE Tour in the year 2000 will be known as the Buy.Com Tour.

Mark J. Laughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: Sally D. Beals
Mayor