

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
March 16, 1998

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor James Singer
Councilmembers Susan Lienesch
James Reppert
J. V. Stone
George Smith
C. Mark Kingseed
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

Mayor Beals announced the receipt of a request from the Centerville High School After Prom Committee for a financial donation or in-kind donation from the City of Centerville for the After Prom Party to be held at the Washington Township Recreation Center. Council concurred with contributing in-kind donations.

Discussion followed relative to a Council Work Session on March 30, 1998 in consideration of the fact that it falls within Spring Break for schools in the Centerville City School District. The majority of Council concurred that a meeting be held only if it is necessary in order to keep the Agenda for the Monday, April 6, 1998 Work Session from becoming too lengthy.

Mr. Horn reviewed for Council complications which have occurred relative to the demolition or landmark designation of the Henry Opdyke-Eleazer Williamson Homestead located at 7155 Wilmington Pike. Due to restraints placed upon the City to act within required time specifications, and the fact that a financial analysis for the restoration of the property was not available until March 13, 1998, Mr. Horn recommended that Council consider the passage of an Emergency Ordinance to afford City Council more time to consider all aspects of this issue. Mr. Horn identified three choices before Council at this time:

Pass the Ordinance which is now before Council which only includes the house to be designated a landmark, not the outbuildings,

Don't pass the Ordinance now before Council, thus allowing the demolition of all buildings,

Pass the Emergency Ordinance to provide more time for adequate consideration of the entire issue.

Procedural questions were discussed. Mr. Farquhar pointed out that the Emergency Ordinance will automatically stand repealed on the 75th day after passage if not replaced with a Regular Ordinance. During this time Council will have the opportunity to decide whether the house and outbuildings merit landmark status and what should be demolished.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor