

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
August 25, 1997

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

Council interviewed Chet Bauch for appointment as a member of the Centerville Arts Commission and concurred with said appointment.

Mayor Beals gave an update on two annexations bills currently before the Senate. A rally has been proposed to take place in Columbus the first day of the Ohio Municipal League Conference. Members of Council expressed concern with this type activity. Mayor Beals stressed the need for annexations in order that cities can maintain and promote economic development.

Planning Commission Chairman Scot Stone and Mr. Feverston reviewed correspondence received from Dave McDaniel, Principal of Centerville High School, relative to the possibility of replacing the current information sign in front of the School with an electronic signboard which could be changed from inside the building via a computer. The Zoning Ordinance prohibits bare bulb illuminated moving, flashing and scrolling signs. Mr. Feverston explained the fact that the sign being proposed would be slightly larger than the current sign with the message being changed two or three times per day to communicate events to students and parents. Discussion followed concerning a Variance being granted for this sign and its effect upon other future requests. The majority of Council indicated opposition to a larger electronic sign, but could support an electronic sign of the size of the current sign.

Mr. Horn reported the following to City Council:

Proposals have been received from consultants for the preparation of a Master Plan for the Leonard E. Stubbs Memorial Park. Upon review of the proposals, City Staff recommends awarding the contract to Edsall and Associates of Columbus, Ohio.

The Variance Application submitted by Routsong Funeral Home, 81 North Main Street, which includes a proposed drive approach off North Main Street is being resolved by City Staff.

Proposals concerning land take down at Yankee Trace between the City of Centerville and Great Traditions Land Development Company have been submitted to Great Traditions.

Ameritech has requested an easement 90 feet long, 10 feet wide across property owned by the City of Centerville in order to provide service through Silvercreek Estates to Yankee Trace through buried cable. Council indicated no objection to the City granting this easement as requested.

References and financials are being analyzed relative to a new partner involved in Key Design, property and business located at the southwest corner at Main and Franklin Streets.

An investment policy is currently being prepared for the City of Centerville.

The installation of panic buttons in designated positions in the Centerville Municipal Building is being explored. Council indicated their concurrence with this proposal.

A grant application for ED/GE funds has been submitted to assist in the rehabilitation of the old K-Mart building located at the northeast corner of Spring Valley Road and State Route 48 for Franciscan Health Systems. This should be finalized late October of this year.

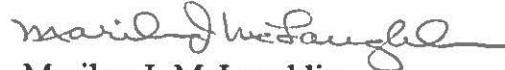
On September 5, 1997, discretionary ED/GE funds will become available. Council concurred the City request a share of the funds while at the same time supporting funds for baseball.

Mayor Beals reviewed the meeting recently held by the Board of County Commissioners, Montgomery County, relative to Village South sanitary sewer problems to which City Council and some residents were invited to attend. Mr. Horn will review information received at this meeting with Village South residents and then follow through with Montgomery County Sanitary Engineer James Brueggeman.

Council concurred to set Beggars Night in the City of Centerville for Thursday, October 30, 1997 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Mr. Compton briefly reviewed changes to Council Rules as proposed by the Council Rules Committee. He explained two definitions which need to be added to the draft. Council concurred that these rules be again reviewed at the September 8, 1997 Council Work Session meeting.

Mayor Beals reviewed a recent meeting held by the committee to develop a Foundation for the Centerville/Washington Township area. Members of the committee have proposed the elimination of elected officials from the committee.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor