

Centerville City Council  
Work Session Meeting  
August 26, 1996

TIME: 7:30 P.M.  
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library  
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals  
Deputy-Mayor C. Mark Kingseed  
Councilmembers J. V. Stone  
Susan Lienesch  
James Reppert  
Brooks Compton  
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin  
Assistant Clerk of Council Peggy Whisman  
City Manager Gregory Horn  
Assistant City Manager Michael Haverland  
Public Works Director Steve Weaver  
Assistant to the City Manager Judith Gilleland  
Director of Finance William Bettcher

The first item under discussion at this meeting was a "Management Letter" addressed to City Council from Jim Petro, Auditor of State, relative to the 1994 audit for the City of Centerville. Mr. Bettcher pointed out that issues addressed in this letter are immaterial instances of noncompliance; areas in which improvements could be made to perhaps avoid material instances of noncompliance in the future.

Upon question of Mr. Reppert, Mr. Bettcher explained how the City operates relative to the issuance of certificates of monies available for the purchase of items from specific vendors. He explained how audit guidelines change on a yearly basis and one never knows what particular issue the Auditor will dwell upon when he arrives for the annual audit. Mr. Horn pointed out that the City did not agree with some of the issues outlined in the Management Letter. Mr. Bettcher explained an internal deposit ticket which he created several years ago for all revenue received to assure that deposits were made to the proper accounts or funds. Discussion followed relative to the importance of establishing a disaster recovery plan and a written investment policy. Mr. Bettcher pointed out to members of Council that some of these same instances will probably be outlined in the Management Letter for the 1995 audit.

Mr. Horn briefly discussed retirement plans for Chief of Police William Lickert. Upon suggestion of Mayor Beals, Mr. Horn will prepare a retirement policy for Council's consideration.

Members of Council concurred that budget sessions will be held on October 28, November 4 and November 11, 1996, to begin at 6:00 P.M. with dinner being provided.

Mr. Horn advised that all surplus police vehicles and City passenger vehicles will be taken out of the area for public auction at Auto Disposal Exchange located in Franklin, Ohio. All other surplus property owned by the City will be sold at the joint entity surplus auction to be held on Saturday, September 14, 1996 at the Grant Park barn on McEwen Road.

Discussion followed relative to the status of negotiations between the City of Centerville and Joe Becks & Associates concerning deficiencies in the Clubhouse at Yankee Trace. Mr. Haverland identified the status as being at an impasse with all Attorneys involved. Council indicated no objection to litigation if it becomes necessary.

Following a discussion concerning the annexation of additional property along the east side of South Main Street and land south of property owned by H. R. Investments fronting on South Main Street south of Sheehan Road, Council concurred that Mr. Horn explore possibilities.

In response to a memo prepared by Mayor Beals to better streamline Council Work Session Meetings, Mr. Reppert suggested that a committee review and make recommendations to Council Rules for Council's consideration. Mayor Beals stressed the importance of items being listed on the Agenda so that meetings can move along more smoothly and in a timely manner.

Mr. Horn advised that The Golf Club at Yankee Trace had a great weekend with revenue above expectations.

Mr. Compton and Mr. Kingseed left the meeting at this time due to a potential conflict of interest in the next agenda item.

Mr. Horn outlined a sales promotion idea being projected by Great Traditions for Realtors in order to promote the sale of homes at Yankee Trace. He pointed out that some of the amenities being projected are in addition to the agreement executed between the City of Centerville and Great Traditions. Council concurred with some partial participation by the City. Mr. Horn will present to Council a package for consideration when developed. Members of Council expressed concern with the apparent lack of advertisement and performance by Great Traditions.

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Approved:

*Sally D. Beck*  
Mayor