Centerville City Council Work Session Meeting August 7, 1995

TIME: 9:00 P.M.

PLACE: Clubhouse at Yankee Trace, Centerville Room

PRESENT: Mayor Shirley Heintz

Councilmembers Brooks Compton
Sally Beals
C. Mark Kingseed

Brooks Compton

Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin

City Manager Gregory Horn

Assistant City Manager Michael Haverland

Assistant to the City Manager Judith Gilleland

Council Candidate James Reppert

Washington Township Fire Chief Randall Staley, Fire Captain Lee Hieronymus, and Fire Inspector Roy Baver were present at this meeting to review for Council and address questions relative to the updated version of the Unified Fire Code prepared by the Southwest Ohio Fire Safety Council. Chief Staley advised that adoption of this version of the Fire Code will keep local fire codes, the State Fire Code as well as building and mechanical codes in the same code Mr. Baver distributed to Council provisions in the 1990 BOCA Fire Prevention Code which deals with hazardous materials and chemicals which are highly flammable or may cause fire or explosion. Mr. Hieronymus identified this Fire Code as being much like the Fire Code of 1990 with sections relocated. Mayor Heintz outlined complaints at times received from businesses inside and the Architectural Preservation District outside concerning requirements of the Fire Department and requirements that are changed during the construction process. Mr. Hieronymus explained how two agencies are many times involved: the local Unified Fire Code and the State Fire Code. It was suggested by members of Council that a copy of this Unified Fire Code be sent to the Home Builders Association of Dayton and the Miami Valley for review and comments.

Mr. Singer brought attention to a damaged fire hydrant at Ambridge Road and Clyo Road which has remained in need of repair for an extended period of time. Discussion followed relative to damaged hydrants in other areas of the City and the inability to get hydrants repaired in an acceptable time frame. The repair of fire hydrants is the responsibility of the Montgomery County Water Department. Mayor Heintz suggested that perhaps an agreement could be executed between Montgomery County and Washington Township so that hydrants could be repaired by the Township with repairs being paid for by the County. Members of Council expressed much concern with inoperable hydrants in the City of Centerville.

Upon question of Mr. Singer, Chief Staley advised that the Fire Department has a tracking system for residents in need for Emergency Medical service from time to time.

Mayor Heintz updated Council on her meeting with Mr. Dan Sadlier concerning the donation of the bank building immediately north of Benham's Grove by Fifth Third Bank to the City of Centerville. Mr. Sadlier will report to Mayor Heintz at a later date.

Following a brief discussion, the majority of Council concurred to reappoint Arthur Foland as a member of the City Planning Commission.

Marilyn J. McLaughlin

Clerk of Council