

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 1988

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Law Library

PRESENT: Mayor Shirley Heintz
Deputy-Mayor James Singer
Councilmembers J. V. Stone
Brooks Compton
Sally Beals
Bernard Samples
Jeffrey Siler
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Administrative Assistant Stephen King
City Engineer Norbert Hoffman
City Planner Alan Schwab

In consideration of the length of some Council Work Session Meetings, Mr. Stone moved that Work Sessions begin at 7:30 P.M. and continue until 9:00 P.M. unless formally extended for a pre-determined time by vote of the majority of Councilmembers present. Mr. Siler seconded the motion. The motion passed with five Members of Council voting yes; Mrs. Beals and Mr. Singer voted no.

Mr. Singer brought Council's attention to a letter sent by Mr. Robert Looper, 50 Zengel Drive, to City Manager Darryl Kenning dated October 18, 1988, requesting that the City assist in solving the water drainage problem at the Looper's residence on a temporary and on a permanent basis. Discussion followed relative to recommendations being made by a Civil Engineer contacted by Mr. Looper and Centerville's City Engineer. Mrs. Beals requested documentation relative to the size of storms in Centerville during the past 20 years. Mr. Singer emphasized the need to find temporary and long term solutions to the water drainage problems experienced by Mr. Looper. Mr. Hoffman advised that he is currently reviewing options. Upon request of Council, Mr. Hoffman will present to Council during the Work Session scheduled for October 31, 1988, recommendations and the basis for said recommendations.

Mrs. Winnie Risner, Mrs. Janet Thobaben and Mr. John Moraites, appeared before Council to request that a part time Administrator be hired for the Centerville Historical Society, salary of \$8,000.00 to be paid by the City of Centerville. This Administrator would work 20 hours per week, keeping records, and preserving artifacts. The administration of the Historical Society has grown beyond the service of volunteers, a person trained in the field of preservation is necessary. Their request is based upon the fact that the Historical Society provides many services to the Community. Upon suggestion of Mayor Heintz, Mrs. Risner will solicit funds also from Washington Township.

Representatives from the Deer Run Owners Association, were present to discuss with Council their request that pathways be eliminated in the Deer Run Project. Pathways were a requirement of Council in lieu of sidewalks paralleling the streets throughout the development. Mr. Greg Taylor, representing John G. Black Communities, Inc., advised that he is prepared to install the pathways as planned. Mrs. Patricia Brown, a resident in Deer Run, explained how pathways have always been planned, they have been a major selling point. She encouraged the installation of concrete pathways instead of asphalt pathways as previously anticipated by Mr. Taylor. It was the consensus of City Council that pathways be installed as previously planned, that they be of concrete material and that Mr. Taylor, Mr. Schwab and the Owners Association resolve safety details of pathway locations.

Mr. Stone moved that this Work Session be extended for an additional 30 minutes. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Randall Staley was present to review for Council details involving a Member of the Fire Department and Hilton's Marathon Service Station on North Main Street relative to the installation of new storage tanks. Chief Staley outlined inspection procedure when underground tanks are installed.

Mr. Staley also outlined actions taken by the Fire Department when contacted by Mr. Robert Looper for assistance during a recent storm water drainage problem into his home. Chief Staley explained the fact that the Fire Department is not equipped to pump water from basements. Five electric sump pumps are available when the water flow is not as great as was experienced by Mr. Looper. Mayor Heintz suggested that perhaps adequate pumps should be made available to residents in distress. Chief Staley emphasized the liability involved when loaning pumps adequate to pump large amounts of water; these must be operated by trained personnel. This matter will be an agenda item when a joint Meeting is scheduled between the City and Washington Township.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor