

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
FEBRUARY 9, 1976

Present: Mayor Victor Green  
Councilwoman Nora Lake  
Councilmen Russell Sweetman  
Leonard Stubbs  
Charles McQueeney  
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin  
City Manager Darryl Kenning

7:45 P.M.

Smoking in the Council Chambers was discussed, during Council Meetings and Council Work Sessions. Mayor Green proposed designating a smoking side and a non-smoking side as a compromise for a period of time. Mr. McQueeney stated his displeasure with spontaneous actions during Council Meetings such as transpired concerning this matter during the last Meeting.

At 8:00 P.M. Council met with area residents to apprise them of the City's financial problems and City needs for future growth. City Staff present were Director of Finance William Bettcher, Chief of Police William Randolph and Administrative Assistant John Levermann.

Citizens present were as follows:

Lois Vandever	7220 Bigger Lane
Emerson Vandever	7220 Bigger Lane
Everett Savage	9920 Clyo Road
Irvin Rineer	59 Laura Avenue
Arthur Foland	P. O. Box 101
Robert Leighty	7630 Rolling Oak Drive
Tim Dils	7790 Cliffview Court
Jerome Cohen	7630 Cloverbrook Road
Charlotte Vitali	164 Martha Avenue
Elmer Tate	5513 Knollcrest Court
Harvey Smith	7126 East Von Dette Circle
A. V. Black, M.D.	112 Cherry Drive
James Singer	1408 Ambridge Road
Charles Harmon	531 Willowhurst Street
Pat Clements	483 Sunnyclyff Place
Duane Snyder	31 Glencroft Place
George Schottmiller	7730 Datchet Circle
William Zahrt	179 Goldengate Drive
John Sener	2570 Marscott Drive
Dan Carfagno	1450 Peck Lane
Steve Mikula	965 Fernshire Drive
Mike Taylor	7460 Pinefrost Lane
Paul Kiefer	7825 Raintree Road

Mayor Green opened the Work Session welcoming comments both negative and positive from Citizens in attendance.

Mr. Kenning gave a background on the City's status, comparing 1971 with present 1976 trends. Tax rates were compared - Centerville with other neighboring communities. Mr. Kenning outlined the various revenue options which local government has to chose.

Mayor Green explained how a 2 mill Police Levy would be used only for the Police Department, basic need is in this area.

As questioned by Mr. Zahrt, Mr. Stubbs explained how monies in the General Fund could be used for other purposes if additional revenue was available for improved services in the Police Department, to satisfy present and future needs. Mayor Green pointed out the fact that this would be a minimal proposal.

Upon question of Mr. Harmon, Mr. Kenning explained the difference between an Income Tax and an Earnings Tax.

Mr. Cohen would like to see taxes remain the same. He is pleased to see how the Police Department has improved it's services without additional revenue. He suggested addressing more services with current revenue.

Mr. Singer is not convinced that a 2 mill Police Levy is needed. He believes the City would be doing well to reinstate what was lost in 1975 (1 mill Levy). Mr. Singer pointed out that contingency items in the 1976 Budget (contingent upon additional revenue) are not related to Police Service. Mayor Green explained how additional revenue would pay for additional Police Services over a five year period.

Mr. Tate proposed amending the present Income Tax Ordinance to require all Centerville residents to pay an additional 1/2% Income Tax.

Mr. Zahrt outlined disadvantages in an Earnings Tax, people working in another Municipality paying an Income Tax to that Municipality would be double taxed.

Rev. Smith favored an increase in the Income Tax or an Earnings Tax, Property Tax should be reserved for the Schools as this is the only option they have to consider.

Mr. Kenning briefed the audience on City needs over a five year period - Capital Improvements.

Mr. Savage presented to Council his proposed Plan to save money. This Plan will be reviewed by the City Manager.

Mrs. Clements endorsed an Earnings Tax.

Mr. McQueeney pointed out the fact that a defete in a Police Levy does not mean that the Police Services will suffer. Fringe items in the Community will suffer without additional revenue. He believes that the City's share in Property Tax should be increased, Mr. McQueeney sees the need for additional revenue but believes also that the City can live without it.

Mr. Sweetman concurred with Mr. McQueeney, he sees the community saying no to additional taxation at this time. He asked the people to let Council know when the time for additional taxes is right.

Mrs. Lake believes that Property Taxes should be for community services. She would like to see special services separated. Citizens must decide how the local government should be run.

Mr. Stubbs reviewed the effect the economy has upon an Income Tax or an Earnings Tax, he believes Property Tax must be considered.

Dr. Black encouraged a Police Levy.

The majority of the audience were in favor of an additional tax during the next two years.

There being no further comments, Mayor Green closed the Work Session and thanked residents for coming.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Mayor

Marilyn J. McLaughlin  
Clerk of Council