

The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio, met on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, with Mayor Compton presiding. Councilmembers and staff were present as follows:

Deputy Mayor	Belinda Kenley
Councilmembers	John Beals
	Mark Engert
	John Palcher
	Bill Serr
	Joanne Rau
Clerk of Council	Carin Andrews
City Manager	Gregory Horn
Finance Director	Steven Hinshaw
City Planner	Andrew Rodney
Public Works Director	Doug Spitler
City Engineer	Jim Brinegar
Human Resources Manager	Jennifer Wilder
Municipal Attorney	Scott Liberman

There were no previous minutes to approve.

In the Mayors Report, Mayor Compton detailed the recent action filed in Greene County Common Pleas Court taking action with respect to the TIF revenues and seeking an injunction to prevent the distribution of payments to Sugarcreek Township for projects not in the immediate area generating the taxes. The injunction asked the court to prevent the further distribution of monies that have been collected and should not be distributed to Sugarcreek Township, in spite of the fact the township has a TIF in place.

Mr. Liberman explained what the purpose of this action and why it was filed. Stating that the information that we had was that another distribution was going to be made after June 20<sup>th</sup> and it was the City's decision to prepare this lawsuit and file it in Greene County Common Pleas Court to address the issues either through declaratory judgement with a preliminary or permanent injunction to prevent the auditor from making these payments to Sugarcreek Township. It was filed on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and once served to the parties they will have 28 days to respond and proceed from there.

Mayor Compton reiterated the need to pursue this action to protect the receipts in lieu of taxes from the Cornerstone North Development so the monies are credited to the proper parties.

Councilmember Beals reported on the most recent meeting of the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The annual review of the Executive Director was conducted with positive reviews. The director will be invited to appear before Council in the fall.

Mr. Palcher complimented the first concert program of the summer "*Ticket To Ride*" presented by the Arts Commission on Sunday June 5, 2016, at Stubbs Park. Attendance was excellent, and a great lineup of Concerts is on the schedule for the next 14 Sunday evenings.

In the City Managers report, Mr. Horn noted ongoing pavement projects in the Pleasant Hill area, as well as the lower Martha area. These should be completed before July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Wilmington Pike widening and improvement work is underway. Through the month of May, Yankee Trace continues to have a good year. Building Inspection and Benham's Grove continue to be self-sustaining.

Mr. Horn addressed an inquiry from Mr. Beals regarding the cost disagreements with Karvo, the paving company for the Feedwire Road project. Public Works Director Doug Spitler, City Engineer Jim Brinegar and Mr. Horn are working with Karvo to reach an agreement concerning the disputed expenditures and change orders that are still outstanding. Mr. Horn will keep Council updated on the closing out of this project.

Mayor Compton inquired about the intersection at Wilmington Pike and Feedwire Road. Mr. Spitler reported the City remedied a camera detection problem at the signal; traffic flow through the intersection was now moving well. Mayor Compton requested that Mr. Horn have a report on Wilmington Pike at the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June.

There were no Standing Committee reports.

Mrs. Kenley complimented the Mayor and the City Staff on the Memorial Day Ceremony. Mayor Compton echoed the positive comments acknowledging the Police Department Honor Guard, Jason Campbell and Chris Sharp from the Public Works department for their volunteer efforts in preparing the Veteran's Memorial area, and Maureen Russell-Hodgson for her tremendous efforts organizing the event. Mr. Palcher reiterated what a touching ceremony that this is honoring our veterans. Colonel Hick the speaker for the event shared with Mayor Compton that it was the nicest Memorial Day Ceremony that he had attended.

Mayor Compton explained that the Consent Agenda contains routine procedural and administrative matters the Council had discussed in Work Sessions. Councilmembers read the following Consent Agenda Items into record.

- A. An Ordinance To Amend Section 885.01, Authority To Levy Tax; Purposes Of Tax; Rate, Of The Centerville Municipal Code To Provide For An Increase In The Income Tax In The Amount Of One-Half Of One Percent (0.50%) Commencing January 1, 2017 For The Purpose Of Providing Funds For The Purpose Of General Municipal Operations Of The City Of Centerville. (Set For Public Hearing, June 20, 2016)
- B. Resolution 41-16, A Resolution Enacted By The City Of Centerville, Montgomery County, Ohio, Hereinafter Referred To As The Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency Or "LPA", In The Matter Of The Stated Described Project (PID No. 94556).

C. Resolution 42-16, A Resolution Ratifying The Action Taken By The City Manager To Submit Two Applications To The Montgomery County Board Of Commissioners For Community Development Block Grants.

D. Reappoint Mrs. Ginny Strausburg–Arts Commission Chair – for a term of one year.

Mayor Compton addressed Mr. Palcher regarding his interaction with Ginny Strausburg on the Arts Commission and the outstanding job that she does.

Mr. Horn gave a brief explanation of Items “A” of the Consent Agenda, setting for public hearing an Ordinance putting an issue on the November ballot asking the voters to consider an 0.5% increase in the earnings tax rate. The tax rate in the City of Centerville has remained the same for over 35 years. Constant efforts have been made to communicate to the citizens the effect that the State of Ohio’s \$8 billion funding gap has had at the local government level. The estate tax elimination, local government fund reductions, the tangible personal property tax phase out and the introduction of House Bill 5 have all contributed to a \$3M plus annual permanent erosion of the City’s revenue. The City eliminated 30 FTE positions, made a \$1million cut per year in the operational budget, made Benhams Grove self- sustaining, and expedited the payment of debt to save on interest rates at Yankee Trace. However, project deferrals have a significant negative impact on maintenance, capital improvements and reinvestment in infrastructure. Mr. Horn encouraged Council to set the public hearing for the Ordinance asking for the ballot issue for a vote on this much needed revenue increase.

At the request of Mr. Palcher, Dr. Hinshaw confirmed that if the City continues using reserves each year at the current rate, the existing reserves of approximately \$11.5 million will be only \$4.8 million by the year 2021, an unhealthy amount moving forward.

Mayor Compton added that he wishes to continue to fund the Police Department in a manner providing the current level of protection to the citizens.

Mr. Horn then addressed Item “B”, the repaving of North Main Street. Public Works coordinated the timing of last year’s major utility work, so that ODOT will pay a significant portion of the cost of planing and repaving SR 48, north of downtown.

Mr. Palcher sponsored the above Consent Agenda and made a motion for its approval. Mrs. Kenley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 ayes.

There being no New Business, Mayor Compton adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Centerville City Council was scheduled for June 20, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Approved:   
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Clerk of Council