

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.,
2 with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson

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8 Council Members Cheylynn Hayman
9 Gina Hirst
10 Robyn Mecham
11 Brian Plummer
12 Spencer Summerhays

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Whittney Black, Assistant Planner
18 Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
19 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
20 Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
21 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
22 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
23 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
24 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director

25 **VISITOR**

26 Jayme Blakesley, Hayes, Godfrey, Bell
27 Dick Murdock, Axon
28 Interested citizens

29 **CLOSED SESSION**

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31 Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to go into closed session in Council Chambers to
32 discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation and attorney client privileged matters as
33 allowed by State law. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by
34 unanimous vote (5-0). In attendance: Mayor Wilkinson; Councilmembers Hayman, Hirst,
35 Mecham, Plummer, and Summerhays; City Manager Brant Hanson; City Attorney Lisa Romney;
36 Assistant Planner Whittney Black; Community Development Director Mike Eggett; and Jayme
37 Blakesley with Hayes, Godfrey, Bell.

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39 The Council returned to open work session at 6:25 p.m.

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41 **LANDMARKS COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

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43 Mayor Wilkinson reported the Landmarks Commission had not had a need to meet for the
44 last couple years. He said he believed combining the Landmarks Commission with the Whitaker
45 Museum Board made sense with their interests so closely aligned. Mayor Wilkinson suggested
46 combining the two groups with a title of Historical Homes Committee, or something similar.
47 Councilmember Mecham said it was her understanding that the Landmarks Commission needed
48 to be a separate group to qualify for certain grants. City Manager Brant Hanson responded that
49 any group designated as being the historical committee for the City could qualify for the grants.

50 Councilmember Plummer commented that the position of Whitaker Museum Director did
51 not necessarily have to be filled by a resident of Centerville, and expressed concern with the idea
52 of historic Centerville issues falling under direction of someone not living in Centerville, with the

1 type of local knowledge and personal investment given by the Landmarks Commission.
2 Councilmember Plummer commented that the Landmarks Commission may have more to do in
3 the future, with more residences meeting the 50-year age requirement for national historic status.
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5 Councilmember Summerhays said he believed combining the two groups had the potential
6 to enhance what could be done. Mayor Wilkinson said he agreed. Councilmember Mecham said
7 she knew the Landmarks Commission had met regularly under direction of a previous City staff
8 member who scheduled monthly meetings and topics. She said subsequent staff had not provided
9 the same direction.
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11 Mr. Hanson commented that identifying historic properties was not a priority of staff. He
12 shared that the Landmarks Commission had submitted properties for historic status without
13 advising staff or the Mayor in the past, which had been administratively frustrating, and said the
14 Landmarks Commission was intended to function as an advisory group. Mr. Hanson said the
15 Whitaker Museum had been the primary beneficiary of the grant funds awarded through the
16 Landmarks Commission. He pointed out the focus of the Whitaker Board was broader than just
17 the Whitaker Home; the Board was focused on the history of the Centerville community. Mr.
18 Hanson suggested there was not a need to have two groups focusing on history if the scope was
19 broadened.
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21 Councilmember Summerhays said the Whitaker Board was asked by the Council in a joint
22 work session about a year ago about potentially combining with the Landmarks Commission, and
23 the response had been favorable. Mr. Hanson said historic value was often driven by the owner
24 of a historic home wanting the historic nature recognized, and the proposed group would be able
25 to accept and guide those applications.
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27 Councilmember Plummer said when he was on the Landmarks Commission he had felt a
28 definite separation between the two groups, and said the Whitaker Board at that time would not
29 have been inclined to having the Landmarks Commission join them. He suggested that if the
30 groups joined, the title should indicate a focus on more than just homes. Councilmember Mecham
31 emphasized that training would be necessary for those involved.
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33 Referring to Councilmember Plummer's earlier comment, Mr. Hanson commented that the
34 staff liaison to any committee at any time might not be a resident of Centerville, and the committee
35 members, as Centerville residents, would give direction and ask for assistance. Mayor Wilkinson
36 said his suggestion was to increase strength by combining two historical committees into one,
37 and rewriting City ordinance so the group could flourish. Councilmember Mecham said she
38 agreed, and emphasized that members would need to be taught what they were supposed to do.
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40 **PLANNING COMMISSION COMPENSATION**

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42 Due to lack of time, discussion of this item was postponed.
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44 **TASER 10 DISCUSSION**

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46 Lt. Allen Ackerson answered questions from the Council regarding use of tasers, and
47 conducted a live taser demonstration for the Council. Lt. Ackerson and Dick Murdock with Axon
48 explained and demonstrated benefits of using the Taser 10 for de-escalation compared to other
49 tasers. Councilmembers had an opportunity to test fire the tasers.
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51 **ADJOURNMENT**

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1 At 7:11 p.m., Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to adjourn the work session.
2 Councilmember Hayman seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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5 *Jennifer Robison*
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7 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

Date Approved

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