

1 Minutes of the Centerville City Council and Farmington City Council joint **work session** held
2 Tuesday, November 5, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main
3 Street, Centerville, Utah.
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5 **CENTERVILLE MEMBERS PRESENT**
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7 Mayor Paul A. Cutler
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9 Council Members Ken S. Averett
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11 John T. Higginson
12 Stephanie Ivie
13 Lawrence Wright
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15 **CENTERVILLE** Steve Thacker, City Manager
16 **STAFF PRESENT** Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
17 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
18 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary
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20 **FARMINGTON MEMBERS PRESENT**
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22 Mayor Jim Talbot
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24 Council Members Doug Anderson
25 John S. Bilton
26 Brigham Mellor
27 Cory Ritz
28 Jim Young
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30 **FARMINGTON** Dave Millheim, City Manager
31 **STAFF PRESENT** David Peterson, Community Development Director
32 Eric Anderson, Associate City Planner
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34 **VISITORS** Hal Johnson, Utah Transit Authority
35 Brianne Emery, Utah Transit Authority
36 Chuck Gates, UTA Cities Liaison
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38 **JOINT WORK SESSION FOR UTA PRESENTATION**
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40 Hal Johnson, Manager of Integrated Project Development for the Utah Transit Authority
41 (UTA), provided a copy of the UTA 2013 Year End Report to Centerville and Farmington
42 officials and staff. He reported on the transportation options currently available with UTA, and
43 the long-range planning process with Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC). Mr. Johnson
44 explained the results of the Davis-Salt Lake Community Connector Study. He described the
45 public involvement portion of the study, and reported that there is a high desire for improved
46 transit in South Davis County, specifically improved transit connections to FrontRunner.
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48 Farmington and Centerville did not participate in the Davis-Salt Lake Community
49 Connector Study. Mr. Johnson stated that Farmington and Centerville could participate in the
50 project moving forward, beginning with an alternatives analysis. The southern cities would
51 continue with the environmental/engineering stage as planned, and UTA would work to bring
52 Farmington and Centerville into alignment. Mr. Johnson explained that Farmington and
53 Centerville's participation would be beneficial from a financial standpoint when applying for
54 Federal funding. He said it may be possible for UTA to provide a portion of the funding for the
55 alternatives analysis in its 2015 budget. Dave Millheim, Farmington City Manager, said he

1 estimated the analysis would cost Farmington \$84,000, and Centerville \$55,000, with the
2 assumption that UTA would pay half of the cost.
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4 Mr. Millheim brought up the possibility that the two cities would not be able to agree on
5 alignment. Mr. Johnson responded that UTA would proceed by identifying a technical solution
6 to achieve consensus and satisfy the interests involved. Councilwoman Fillmore asked how
7 critical Centerville and Farmington's involvement would be in receiving Federal funds. Mr.
8 Johnson stated that the more involvement they have the more likely it will be that the project is
9 funded. Councilwoman Fillmore responded that with a consensus already achieved among the
10 southern cities, it may be safer for UTA to proceed as currently planned without the potentially
11 more contentious involvement of the two cities to the north. She suggested that it would be
12 beneficial for citizens in Farmington and Centerville to observe the project as currently planned,
13 and see that bus rapid transit (BRT) can work in other cities. It might hamper progress of the
14 project if the north end were pulled in at this time. Councilman Wright stated he thinks transit
15 options need to be improved, but the citizens do not want it on Main Street.
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17 Mayor Cutler expressed that the cities want the project to be successful long-term, and it
18 may be more successful long-term if UTA proceeds with the southern cities as a "pilot" program
19 to demonstrate what can be accomplished. Councilwoman Ivie stated she does not feel the
20 funding is available, and she would not vote to participate in an alternatives analysis. David
21 Peterson, Farmington Community Development Director, stated he suspects that right now BRT
22 may prompt public reactions similar to the negative reactions to light rail. He asked if Centerville
23 and Farmington would still have the opportunity to participate later if they wait to see what
24 happens in North Salt Lake and Bountiful. Mr. Johnson responded that funding is unpredictable
25 and projects are slow moving. Participating now would result in quicker action and
26 implementation in the future.
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28 Mayor Cutler mentioned the need for west side connectivity in both Centerville and
29 Farmington. He stated that 1250 West in Centerville should be connected to 650 West in
30 Farmington, and suggested that UTA may want to consider transit options on the west side.
31 Mayor Cutler said he believes it would be beneficial for Centerville and Farmington citizens to
32 see what happens in North Salt Lake and Bountiful to understand what enhanced bus really
33 means – nice bus stops, easy ticketing, and reduced wait times. Mr. Johnson stated that
34 perhaps an alternatives analysis would be the wrong mechanism for the two cities at this time;
35 perhaps a more public involvement process would be better. He stated that 1250 West in
36 Centerville is not currently on the long-range planning map. Mayor Cutler recommended the
37 Centerville and Farmington City Planners meet together with the County Planner to begin the
38 planning process for connecting 1250 West in Centerville and 650 West in Farmington.
39 Farmington Mayor Talbot stated he does not have a problem with the City Planners meeting,
40 but Farmington has other larger issues that are a higher priority. Mr. Millheim added that he
41 anticipates a lot of public angst against connecting the roads. He said Farmington is aware that
42 650 West needs to be improved with the planned high school project and residential building in
43 that area, but he suspects the community would not react favorably to connecting the roads at
44 this time. Farmington Councilman Doug Anderson stated he does not see a need to connect
45 the two roads. Mayor Cutler responded that another north/south connection would be
46 beneficial, and the owners of the property along that alignment feel it necessary for successful
47 development. Centerville Community Development Director Snyder stated the physical
48 connection for vehicle traffic will take place in the next decade, with the synergy starting in the
49 next two to three years. Mr. Millheim said that Farmington is not opposed to long-range
50 planning, but this issue is low on the Farmington priority list. He said that, until the synergy
51 exists, he anticipates a lot of opposition.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cutler thanked the Farmington officials and UTA representatives for joining Centerville in the work session. The work session was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.



Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

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Date Approved



Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

