

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:30
2 pm, 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 Robyn Mecham
9 Brian Plummer
10 Gina Hirst
11 Rick Bangerter
12 Cheylynn Hayman

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
18 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
19 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
20 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
21 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
22 Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
23 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
24 Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police

25 **VISITORS**

26 Representative Paul Cutler
27 Representative Raymond Ward
28 Senator Todd Weiler

29 **DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS**

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31 The Mayor opened the work session by welcoming Representative Cutler, Senator Weiler,
32 and Representative Ward, and thanking them for participating on the first day of the legislative
33 session.

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35 *Cannabis Odor Mitigation Update*

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37 The discussion began with an update on cannabis odor mitigation efforts related to the
38 grow facility on Centerville's west side. Representative Cutler explained that while measurable
39 odor standards proved difficult to establish, the requirement for mitigation plans has improved
40 operations and reduced complaints. City staff described using wind and meteorological data to
41 trace odor events, reporting roughly 30 complaints this year, and noted that this information is
42 helping the operator better understand and address impacts on nearby neighborhoods.

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44 *Housing Affordability and Property Tax Bills*

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46 The conversation shifted to housing affordability and property tax legislation.
47 Councilmember Hirst raised concerns about proposed caps on property tax increases and
48 changes to residential tax rates, noting potential impacts on city revenues, service funding, and
49 debt. Legislators acknowledged that reducing the residential tax rate would shift more burden to
50 commercial properties, which Senator Weiler cautioned against given their small share of

1 taxpayers. Representative Ward added that policies favoring commercial development for tax
2 reasons can discourage housing supply and worsen affordability challenges.

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4 *HB 184 – Affordable Housing Bill*

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6 Representative Ward outlined HB 184, an affordable housing bill intended to allow smaller,
7 lower-cost homes on smaller lots under a “state preferred land use” designation, with a 30-day
8 local decision window. Council members expressed support for increasing housing options but
9 raised concerns about the short timeline, planning implications, and how countywide median price
10 thresholds would apply to individual cities. The discussion emphasized the need to balance
11 affordability goals with local planning authority and practical implementation.

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13 *Other Legislative Issues*

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15 The legislators discussed government spending cuts at the state level, explaining that
16 federal tax changes were projected to reduce state revenue by approximately \$300 million. State
17 agencies had been asked to propose 5% cuts to help prioritize spending.

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19 Councilmember Mecham raised concerns about the criminal justice system, particularly
20 how quickly some arrestees are released from jail, creating safety concerns for the officers.

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22 Councilmember Hayman mentioned House Bill 77 from last year (the flag bill) that
23 prohibited municipalities from displaying non-sanctioned flags and asked about a proposed
24 amendment to remove that limitation for government entities.

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26 The meeting concluded with the legislators sharing their contact information and inviting
27 council members to visit them at the Capitol during the legislative session.

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29 **ADJOURNMENT**

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31 At 6:47 pm, Councilmember Plummer **moved** to adjourn the work session which passed
32 by a unanimous vote (5-0).

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36 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

02/03/2026
Date Approved

