

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm, with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members Robyn Mecham
Brian Plummer
Gina Hirst
Rick Bangerter
Cheylynn Hayman

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police

VISITORS

Representative Paul Cutler
Representative Raymond Ward
Senator Todd Weiler

DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

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

Cannabis Odor Mitigation Update

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

Housing Affordability and Property Tax Bills

The conversation shifted to housing affordability and property tax legislation. Councilmember Hirst raised concerns about proposed caps on property tax increases and changes to residential tax rates, noting potential impacts on city revenues, service funding, and debt. Legislators acknowledged that reducing the residential tax rate would shift more burden to 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

