

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Special Budget Meeting** held Thursday, March 19, 2026  
2 at 5:30 p.m. with participants present at Centerville 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 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 Lt. Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department  
26 Cameron Woodbury, Drainage Utility Supervisor  
27 Steve Hunt, Water Supervisor  
28 Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor

29 **FY2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

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31 **Facilities**

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33 Facilities Manager Cameron Woodbury presented the facilities budget, highlighting  
34 improvements of city buildings totaling about 60,000 square feet. Parks and Recreation facilities  
35 received increases for professional services, maintenance, HVAC programs, and exterior window  
36 cleaning, with the office HVAC system slated for replacement under capital projects. Public Works  
37 facilities saw additional funding for maintenance, janitorial supplies, and touchless faucet  
38 installations, as well as \$40,000 for repaving the salt shed area and \$13,000 for HVAC  
39 improvements in upstairs offices.

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41 City Hall's budget reduced part-time wages as custodial work shifted to a contractor, while  
42 professional and mechanical services were increased to maintain fire systems, boilers, air  
43 conditioning, and other building needs. A major focus was City Hall's electrical infrastructure  
44 upgrades, including transfer switches and disconnects critical to its role as the Emergency  
45 Operations Center. Council discussed Ferguson Group's \$60,000 annual grant-writing services,  
46 noting their value in securing a \$1.5 million grant for the water tank project and multiple other  
47 projects, and navigating complex federal funding applications.

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49 **Public Works Admin**

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51 Public Works Director Mike Carlson highlighted operational challenges, particularly staff  
52 retention, noting that the department typically loses 1–2 employees annually and that the water  
53 department currently has wide experience gaps. He reviewed the department's responsibilities,

1 including 65 miles of roads, 106 miles of water mains, and 5,165 service connections,  
2 emphasizing that budget increases largely reflect factors beyond their control, such as a 14.3%  
3 Weber Basin water rate increase. The city purchases 500 acre-feet annually from Weber Basin,  
4 enough to supply the system for about two and a half months in winter, allowing wells to rest and  
5 aquifers to recharge.  
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7 Mr. Carlson also reviewed recent grant successes and future opportunities, including 400  
8 East/Pages Lane improvements funded through WFRC grants and the 400 South widening  
9 project, where county sales tax funding reduced the city's contribution from 50% to 20%. He  
10 stressed the city's strong performance in grant applications due to being "shovel ready" and noted  
11 upcoming projects like north Main Street improvements and the potential Canyon well project,  
12 with staff regularly coordinating with county representatives to identify additional funding.  
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#### 14 Streets, Transportation

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16 Streets Supervisor Marc Marchant presented the budget, noting slight increases in vehicle  
17 maintenance and hauling costs for asphalt and concrete disposal, while snow removal funding  
18 decreased by \$26,000 due to milder winters and street sign costs dropped by \$9,000 with no new  
19 RRFB requests. City Manager Hanson noted that while some cities add streetlight fees to utility  
20 bills, this was not being recommended for Centerville at this time.  
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22 Capital equipment requests included a \$175,000 ten-wheel roll-off hook truck with plow, a  
23 \$120,000 bobtail truck with plow and integrated asphalt conveyor, and a \$59,000 CAT asphalt  
24 roller to replace aging units with maintenance issues. Major transportation projects highlighted  
25 were the \$4.194 million 400 East/100 South to Pages Lane reconstruction, mostly grant-funded,  
26 and preliminary work for Parrish Lane widening and drainage improvements, with full construction  
27 planned for the following fiscal year.  
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#### 29 GIS, Engineering

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31 Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker highlighted GIS Specialist Mike Smith and his  
32 critical role in supporting all city departments. Recent work included automating Davis County  
33 parcel and subdivision data, upgrading interactive maps for emergency management, trails, and  
34 garbage services, and developing mobile apps for public works and parks. Departments use GIS  
35 for salt distribution, drainage tracking, and water inspections, while Mr. Smith also provides  
36 technical support for parks, public works, and the Whitaker Museum. Councilmembers praised  
37 the system's usability and Mr. Smith's flexibility. The GIS budget saw a 57% increase in vehicle  
38 maintenance (\$350 to \$550) to maintain an aging vehicle preferred by the employee.  
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40 Mr. Walker explained that engineering services are largely pass-through costs billed to  
41 developers, with parks/cemetery and miscellaneous project costs representing city expenses.  
42 Councilmember Bangerter asked about cemetery expansion funding, and Mr. Hanson noted no  
43 allocation exists yet, and any spending would require a budget amendment.  
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#### 45 Water, Sanitation

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47 Water Supervisor Steve Hunt highlighted staffing challenges, noting wide experience gaps  
48 and ongoing retention issues as employees leave for higher-paying municipalities. Several staff  
49 are pursuing water operator certifications and CDL licenses. Deputy Public Works Director Dave  
50 Walker outlined budget adjustments, including reduced vehicle maintenance and professional  
51 services, and noted a 14.3% annual increase in the Weber Basin water purchase, still far below  
52 new contract rates. The maintenance budget increased \$25,000 for valve replacements, fire  
53 hydrant upkeep, and PRV rehabilitation to prevent costly failures.

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2 Major projects include a \$2.6 million Main Street waterline reconstruction from Chase Lane  
3 to 1700 North, funded through an internal loan from Fund 47, requiring a 7% water rate increase.  
4 Timing is critical due to upcoming I-15 construction. Council members also discussed  
5 conservation measures and rate structures, with Waterworth studies guiding the city's inclining  
6 block system to balance conservation and revenue.

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8 Drainage  
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10 Dave Walker praised Cameron Woodbury and Drew Howard for their exceptional work on  
11 stormwater compliance and infrastructure assessment, highlighting their dedication to regulatory  
12 requirements despite limited recognition from state audits. Budget increases focused on system  
13 maintenance and pipe lining/rehabilitation, leveraging advanced video inspection technology to  
14 efficiently identify and repair deteriorated storm drains without excavation. Ongoing projects  
15 included the frontage road sub-drain funded by UDOT and broader inspections of the drainage  
16 system. A major \$750,000 capital project was proposed for the Ariane Way sub-drain replacement  
17 to address aging infrastructure, prevent flooding, and enhance system integrity.

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19 Councilmember Bangerter raised whether the city should pay storm drain fees on its own  
20 properties, arguing it would improve transparency and fairness. Mr. Hanson explained that the  
21 city is not legally required to pay itself and doing so would require a property tax increase. Mayor  
22 Wilkinson noted the difficulty in justifying a tax increase, and the potential for public confusion.  
23 Councilmembers expressed mixed opinions, with some concerned about shifting costs from  
24 business to residents. The discussion concluded with consensus that further study and analysis  
25 of impacts across taxpayer classes is needed before taking action.

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27 UTOPIA, Telecommunications, RDA  
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29 Mr. Plaizier explained the Utopia fund covers the city's bond payment, noting a rebate is  
30 expected to keep net costs stable. Mr. Hanson added that RDA funds cover this, making it general  
31 fund-neutral.

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33 Mr. Plaizier reviewed the telecommunications fund, noting revenues decrease as property  
34 owner loans are repaid. General fund transfers include capital projects, recreation, RDA  
35 (\$180,000 sales tax incentive for Young Power Sports), drainage, and transportation (from the  
36 2017 property tax increase). RDA revenue, mainly from tax increment funding, supports  
37 contractual obligations and projects like "Welcome to Centerville" signage.

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39 Personnel  
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41 Mr. Hanson recommended a 2.9% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) plus the standard 2%  
42 merit pool for department heads to allocate based on performance, but proposed applying only  
43 the COLA initially while completing a compensation study to guide merit increases. The study  
44 would assess individual employee pay to ensure competitiveness and sustainability, with  
45 retroactive adjustments as needed. Councilmembers expressed concern about morale and  
46 impacts on lower-paid employees, ultimately agreeing to proceed with both the 2.9% COLA and  
47 2% merit as planned while conducting the study for future adjustments.

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49 The council discussed scheduling for budget finalization and potential truth in taxation  
50 hearings. They agreed to prioritize budget discussions over general plan meetings to ensure  
51 adequate review time before the May budget presentation. A tentative date of August 11th was  
52 identified for a potential truth-in-taxation hearing if needed.  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:13 pm Councilmember Hayman **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

*Jennifer Robison*  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

04/07/2026  
Date Approved

