

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm,
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 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 Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police
24 Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department
25 Cameron Woodbury, Facilities Manager
26 Sydney DeWees, Planner

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28 **FY2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

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30 Finance Director Nate Plaizier opened the budget discussion by reviewing items that had
31 been brought up during previous meetings, including the March 18-19 retreat and April 7 work
32 session. He noted that the tentative budget would be presented at the first meeting in May with a
33 public hearing, emphasizing the importance of resolving outstanding questions during this
34 session.

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36 **Sales Tax and Court Revenue**

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38 Councilmember Bangerter suggested increasing sales tax projections and factoring in
39 potential additional court revenue tied to hiring another police officer. Mr. Plaizier responded that
40 the budget already includes a \$100,000 increase in sales tax based on current performance,
41 though some of that gain will be offset by the Young Powersports RDA incentive. Staff
42 emphasized their preference for conservative projections grounded in historical trends rather than
43 speculative growth.

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45 Police Chief Allen Ackerson addressed the idea of revenue generation through
46 enforcement, stressing that the department does not operate on quotas and rejects revenue-
47 driven policing as a budgeting strategy. Councilmembers Hirst and Hayman supported this
48 approach, highlighting the importance of maintaining public trust and adhering to judicial conduct
49 standards. Councilmember Bangerter clarified that he was not recommending quotas. The council
50 ultimately agreed to keep revenue projections as presented by staff.

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2 Mayor and City Council Wages and Meeting Meals
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4 The council expressed strong consensus to leave elected official wages unchanged,
5 focusing instead on smaller budget items such as meeting meals. Discussion centered on
6 increasing the meal budget from \$6,000 to about \$8,000 annually, with staff noting recent
7 spending had already exceeded the current allocation due to rising costs. Councilmembers
8 acknowledged that the 5:30 PM work session schedule and lengthy meetings make providing
9 dinner necessary.

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11 Councilmember Hirst emphasized the value of meals for informal discussion and
12 relationship-building with staff. Councilmember Plummer suggested considering similar
13 provisions for other boards and committees, though others felt those meetings were shorter and
14 less demanding. Ultimately, the council agreed to approve the increased meal budget to better
15 reflect actual costs and current needs, with Councilmember Bangerter disagreeing.

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17 Code Enforcement Officer
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19 Community Development Director Mike Eggett explained the city's unsuccessful efforts to
20 hire a part-time code enforcement officer, noting that one candidate declined due to the position
21 not being full-time and another withdrew on their start date. City Manager Brant Hanson proposed
22 an alternative partnership with West Bountiful for a shared full-time position, with Centerville
23 covering 70% of the cost for 28 hours per week. While this option would cost about \$27,000 more
24 due to benefits, Mr. Hanson emphasized it would provide greater stability and allow staff to expand
25 the role beyond traditional enforcement.

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27 Councilmembers expressed differing views on the proposal. Councilmember Mecham
28 questioned whether the workload justified a near full-time position and suggested either a smaller
29 cost split or improving part-time wages, while Councilmember Hayman supported the shared full-
30 time model for its ability to attract stronger candidates and free up staff time. Councilmember
31 Plummer preferred continuing to pursue a part-time solution before expanding the role. The
32 council ultimately directed staff to explore a 60-40% cost split with West Bountiful and, if
33 unsuccessful, continue part-time hiring with potential wage adjustments, with a plan to revisit the
34 issue later if needed.

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36 Capital Projects and Other Budget Items
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38 Police Vehicles: Chief Ackerson clarified that they were replacing two vehicles and adding
39 a third for the additional officer. If the officer position isn't approved, the third vehicle wouldn't be
40 needed.

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42 Garage Door Openers: Public Works requested \$20,000 to replace six commercial garage
43 door openers that are 23 years old and past their life expectancy. Councilmembers Bangerter and
44 Plummer questioned replacing all units simultaneously rather than replacing them as they fail.
45 Councilmember Mecham recommended replacing two or three units initially, with others to be
46 addressed in future years.

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48 Ferguson Group Contract: Councilmember Plummer questioned the continued value of
49 the Ferguson Group lobbying contract given anticipated federal budget constraints. Other council
50 members defended the relationship, noting recent success in securing earmark applications
51 totaling potentially \$6-11 million for the 1250 West project and city well through Representatives

1 Malloy and Curtis. Councilmember Mecham shared that she was initially skeptical of the Ferguson
2 Group, but was supportive of continuing the contract for one more year given recent grant
3 successes.

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5 City Paying for Utility Services

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7 Significant debate centered on whether the city should require enterprise funds (water and
8 drainage utilities) to pay for services provided to city facilities. Mr. Plaizier explained that
9 implementing this change would cost approximately \$83,600 total and would either require service
10 reductions or an additional property tax increase on top of the already proposed 15% increase.
11 Councilmember Bangerter strongly supported adopting the change for transparency and proper
12 accounting, aligning with the policies of the vast majority of neighboring Davis County cities,
13 suggesting the utilities could be phased in over two years and funded through property tax
14 adjustments, citing support from Utah League of Cities and Towns legal guidance.

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16 Councilmember Hirst expressed concern about adding further tax burden and creating
17 uneven impacts across taxpayers without further review, noting that the city is already legally
18 compliant under its current approach. She also referenced prior council discussions that
19 concluded the current practice was acceptable. City Attorney Lisa Romney confirmed the existing
20 system meets legal requirements but is subject to policy discretion and periodic review. The
21 majority of the council supported maintaining the current budget structure while acknowledging
22 the issue could be revisited during final budget adoption or in future cycles.

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24 COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE DRAFT – SCHEDULING AND
25 PROCESS DISCUSSION

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27 Due to time constraints, Mayor Wilkinson deferred this discussion, indicating that he and
28 the City Manager would develop a proposed schedule for council to review.

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30 ADJOURNMENT

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32 At 6:57 pm, Councilmember Plummer **moved** to adjourn the work session.
33 Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).

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37 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

05/05/2026
Date Approved

