

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:45 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

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13 **MEMBERS ABSENT**

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15 Council Members Cheylynn Hayman

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17 **STAFF PRESENT**

18 Brant Hanson, City Manager
19 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
20 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
21 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
22 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
23 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
24 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
25 Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
26 Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police
27 Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department
28 Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
29 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer

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31 **TRAILS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

32 Brandon Federico, Chair
33 Mitzi White
34 Allen Phelps
35 Jaclyn Black

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37 **JOINT DISCUSSION WITH TRAILS COMMITTEE**

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39 The City Council held a joint work session with the Centerville Trails Committee to review
40 the draft Trails Master Plan and discuss near-term trailhead development priorities. Committee
41 members presented a long-range vision for roughly 20 miles of multi-use hillside trails supporting
42 hiking, biking, and equestrian use, emphasizing that formal council adoption of the master plan is
43 essential for pursuing state and federal grant funding. They described the plan as a substantial
44 effort developed over the past year and stressed that having an officially adopted written plan has
45 been a consistent prerequisite for outside funding opportunities.

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47 The committee identified the Deuel Creek trailhead as the city's top immediate priority.
48 The county-owned site is already heavily used, and committee members reported that Davis
49 County has indicated willingness to fund 50 percent of the estimated \$322,000 project cost for
50 improvements including paved parking, curb and gutter, lighting, and pit vault restroom facilities.

1 They explained that the U.S. Forest Service has made clear that additional trail development
2 agreements will depend on adequate restroom and parking infrastructure being in place.
3 Committee members pointed to similar low-maintenance pit vault facilities in neighboring
4 communities as successful examples.

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6 Council discussion focused on practical concerns and funding opportunities.
7 Councilmember Mecham raised concerns about whether restroom facilities could attract
8 unwanted activity, while committee members noted that pit vault facilities differ significantly from
9 full-service restrooms and are less likely to create those issues. Councilmember Bangerter
10 suggested coordinating trailhead road improvements with any potential cemetery development in
11 the area to leverage shared infrastructure investment, though committee members viewed the
12 two projects as separate planning efforts. Councilmember Hirst expressed strong support for
13 moving forward, noting that the county's matching commitment presents an important opportunity.
14 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox explained that council direction is needed before staff
15 can pursue grant applications, including possible funding through Utah outdoor recreation
16 programs. The Council reached general consensus to move the Trails Master Plan toward formal
17 adoption and to continue exploring funding options for the Deuel Creek trailhead project.

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19 **MAIN STREET WATER LINE DISCUSSION**
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21 Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker and Finance Director Nate Plaizier presented
22 the proposed Main Street Waterline Replacement project, seeking Council direction to move
23 forward with contracting and funding. The project would replace more than 5,000 linear feet of
24 aging water main along Main Street from Chase Lane to Jennings Lane, including 12 side-street
25 connections, 14 new fire hydrants, and 45 service connections. The replacement would use
26 ductile iron pipe, which staff described as significantly more durable than the existing PVC system
27 and less prone to widespread failure. Additional improvements include removal of more than 600
28 feet of redundant secondary line near Rick's Creek Well and installation of a new loop crossing
29 beneath Barnard Creek at 1200 North.

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31 Mr. Walker outlined three major reasons for proceeding now. First, the corridor has
32 experienced repeated failures, with 14 leaks over the past decade and 10 concentrated within the
33 proposed replacement area. Three major leaks alone accounted for over 80 percent of the city's
34 \$427,000 repair costs, including one recent break that released approximately 1.2 million gallons
35 of water in less than an hour. Second, the anticipated UDOT I-15 reconstruction project beginning
36 as early as 2027 could effectively prevent non-emergency excavation permits along Main Street
37 for several years, limiting the city's ability to act proactively. Third, staff noted rapidly increasing
38 material costs, presenting estimates showing that waiting ten years could raise total project costs
39 from \$2.4 million to roughly \$4.1 million, compared to about \$3.1 million if financed now.

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41 Actual bids placed construction costs just under \$1.4 million, with materials at \$567,000
42 and total project costs - including engineering and contingency - estimated at approximately \$2.35
43 million. Because the water fund currently holds only about \$1.2 million in available cash, Mr.
44 Plaizier recommended financing the project through a 10-year interfund loan from the city's capital
45 projects fund at a fixed 3.8 percent interest rate, matching the current Public Treasurer's
46 Investment Fund return. Council discussion focused on ensuring fairness between city funds, with
47 Councilmember Hirst advocating for the water fund to contribute part of its cash balance upfront
48 rather than borrowing the full amount. Council members generally agreed the project should move
49 forward, citing the repeated failures, looming UDOT construction window, and rising costs as
50 compelling reasons to act now. Staff indicated formal approval of the contracts and related budget
51 amendment would return on the next City Council agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:07 pm, Councilmember Plummer **moved** to adjourn the work session.
Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

Jennifer Robison

Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

05/19/2026

Date Approved

