

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Members	Robyn Mecham, Mayor Pro Tem
	Brian Plummer
	Cheylynn Hayman, left @ 7:35 pm
	Rick Bangerter
	Gina Hirst

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson
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STAFF PRESENT

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

VISITORS

Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA
Interested citizens

PRAYER OR THOUGHT

Councilmember Gina Hirst

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN SESSION

Scott Kjar, Centerville resident, commented on the proposed sidewalk requirements, noting that installation can cost approximately \$40–\$50 per linear foot on undeveloped property and even more where existing improvements must be removed. He supported sidewalks along Main Street but opposed imposing new sidewalk requirements on properties in established subdivisions where sidewalks have never existed.

Dick Hatch, Centerville resident, stated that when he built his home 26 years ago, he was told sidewalks would never be installed in his area, which influenced how he positioned his home on the property. He raised concerns about the cost and burden of adding sidewalks now, including snow removal responsibilities, and questioned the reasoning behind the proposed requirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Mecham explained to the attendees that the primary focus of the meeting was not enforcing sidewalk installations. Instead, they aimed to present a draft map that could officially classify certain historic sections of the city as exempt from needing sidewalks, thereby doing away with the current reliance on deferral agreements.

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2 Audrey Butters, Centerville resident, thanked the City for granting a sidewalk
3 requirement deferral for her property. She explained that installing a sidewalk would have
4 required removing 60-year-old trees and would have ended in a field where neighboring
5 properties have no sidewalks, creating a significant cost and hardship.

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7 Richard Casper, Centerville resident, opposed requiring sidewalks on established
8 properties, noting that his wife's family has owned property in Centerville for decades without a
9 sidewalk. He emphasized that Centerville is a rural community and expressed a preference for
10 preserving that character rather than adding sidewalks throughout the City.

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12 Clark Richardson, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of establishing a no-sidewalk zone
13 in the historic area where he lives. He said this would help preserve the neighborhood's historic
14 character, mature sycamore trees, and quiet, charming atmosphere.

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16 Blair Parrish, Centerville resident, shared that he loves walking through the old parts of
17 Centerville without sidewalks and there is no reason to add them.

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19 Ivan Nelson, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of not requiring sidewalks in the City's
20 historic area. He emphasized the area's unique character, historic homes, mature trees, and
21 appeal to residents and visitors who enjoy walking its streets.

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23 Stephanie Mecham, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of the proposed no-sidewalk
24 zone. She said her family enjoys the existing character and walking along the streets without
25 sidewalks.

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27 Kyle Green, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of designating his neighborhood as a
28 non-sidewalk-required area. He said at least 10 additional households had expressed support
29 but were unable to attend, and thanked the Council and staff for addressing the issue. He later
30 commented on the evening's pump track agenda item, advocating for Community Park as a
31 potential location rather than Smith/Founders Park, which he described as Centerville's last
32 remaining tranquil park.

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34 Adrian Lawrence, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of not requiring sidewalks in the
35 historic district. She noted that her 1898 home already has a sidewalk along 4th East but said
36 she would prefer not to have one along the south side of her property.

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38 Tanner Buggar, Centerville resident, speaking on behalf of his parents, supported not
39 requiring sidewalks in the historic area. He noted their 1868 home and historic post office
40 property, and expressed concern that sidewalks could endanger the area's mature sycamore
41 trees and detract from the character residents enjoy.

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43 Megan Tomaszewski, Centerville resident, spoke in favor of not requiring sidewalks in
44 the historic area. She said her family enjoys the historic neighborhood's walkability and
45 community atmosphere, particularly the opportunity to interact with people walking through the
46 area, and felt sidewalks could change that character.

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48 **UTOPIA UPDATE**

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50 Roger Timmerman presented UTOPIA's annual update to the Council, providing an
51 overview of the organization's history, growth, and accomplishments. He reported that UTOPIA
52 had grown to 23 fully built-out citywide projects and provided middle-mile connectivity and
53 customer service in more than 100 Utah cities. He highlighted UTOPIA's fiber infrastructure,

1 network speeds, and success in securing school connectivity contracts through the Utah
2 Education and Telehealth Network. Mr. Timmerman reported that Centerville had approximately
3 2,520 residential subscribers and 181 business connections, with 19 service providers
4 competing on the UTOPIA network. He estimated that the network saved Centerville residents
5 approximately \$876,000 annually and local businesses approximately \$108,000 annually
6 compared to monopoly pricing, and referenced a third-party study projecting a \$139 million
7 economic benefit to Centerville over ten years.

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9 Mr. Timmerman reported that UTOPIA had increased its contribution toward the UTOPIA
10 bond payments by an additional \$100,000 over the prior year, resulting in a decrease in
11 Centerville's annual payment. City Manager Hanson clarified that Centerville's bond payments
12 were funded through the Parrish Lane Gateway Redevelopment Agency (RDA) fund rather than
13 the General Fund and noted that the bonds were scheduled to be paid off in 2040. Mr.
14 Timmerman discussed AT&T Fiber's expansion as a competitive threat but stated that its
15 primary impact in other UTOPIA cities had been slower subscriber growth rather than subscriber
16 loss. In response to Councilmember Plummer's question regarding multifamily properties, Mr.
17 Timmerman explained that UTOPIA preferred to provide fiber directly to each individual unit at a
18 discounted rate of \$10 per unit per month, allowing residents to independently select among
19 competing service providers.

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21 **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – HISTORIC DISTRICT AREA SIDEWALK MAP**
22 **DRAFT**
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24 Public Works Director Mike Carlson introduced a draft Historic Are Sidewalk Map, and
25 explained that City staff had conducted an extensive GIS review to identify areas where sidewalks
26 would be required or not required. He explained that the proposed approach would eliminate the
27 current sidewalk deferral agreement process, allowing properties designated as not requiring
28 sidewalks to be developed or substantially remodeled without a sidewalk obligation. The draft
29 preserved sidewalk requirements along major arterials and around schools consistent with Safe
30 Routes to Schools requirements, while most of the Historic District, including 2nd East, was
31 designated as not requiring sidewalks. Mr. Hanson noted that eliminating sidewalk requirements
32 carried some risk if pedestrians were injured in the roadway.

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34 Councilmember Hirst expressed general support for the concept but emphasized the need
35 for broader resident notification and consideration of pedestrian safety data before finalizing the
36 map. She cited studies indicating that sidewalks significantly reduced the likelihood of pedestrian
37 crashes and were effective in encouraging children to walk to school. Councilmember Plummer
38 supported clearly codifying the no-sidewalk designation and suggested that a 20-mph speed limit
39 could provide an additional safety measure. City Attorney Lisa Romney explained that cities were
40 not legally required to install sidewalks and noted that doing so would create ongoing
41 maintenance responsibilities and potential liability for known defects. She explained that staff
42 would return with an ordinance amendment removing sidewalk deferral agreements and
43 establishing area-based sidewalk requirements consistent with the finalized map, with a public
44 hearing included as part of that future action. No vote was taken.

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46 **OUTDOOR RECREATION PLANNING ASSISTANCE (ORPA) CONTRACT FOR**
47 **WHEELS PARKS DESIGN GRANT – STATE OF UTAH, DIVISION OF NATURAL**
48 **RESOURCES, DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION**
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50 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox presented a request for Council authorization
51 to enter into an Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance (ORPA) contract with the State of Utah,
52 Division of Outdoor Recreation, for a \$40,000 grant awarded to the City for design planning of an
53 all-wheels park (pump track). Mr. Cox explained that the grant did not require a local match and

1 would fund a conceptual plan, preliminary engineering, and rough cost estimates for a facility
2 designed for bicycles, scooters, rollerblades, skateboards, and similar wheeled activities. He
3 noted that similar facilities had been constructed in Bluffdale, Nibley, with one soon to be built in
4 Farmington, and suggested incorporating a local historic theme, such as the former Ron's Phillips
5 66 service station, into the design. Construction costs were estimated at approximately \$300,000
6 to \$1 million depending on the size and design. Mr. Cox emphasized that accepting the design
7 grant would not obligate the City to construct the facility or commit to a specific timeline or future
8 expenditure.

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10 Council discussion included the potential location of the facility. Mayor Pro Tem Mecham
11 expressed concern about locating the park near Smith Park and City Hall, noting the importance
12 of that area as the City's primary passive park and as a location for community gatherings, and
13 suggested Community Park as an alternative. Councilmember Bangerter expressed support for
14 proceeding with the design while emphasizing the need to consider the City's ability to fund future
15 construction. Councilmember Hirst supported the concept and noted that the RAP tax fund could
16 potentially provide a future funding source. Mr. Hanson recommended that location and design
17 decisions be addressed through a future work session with the selected design consultant.

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19 Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the Outdoor Recreation Planning Assistance
20 (ORPA) Contract for Wheels Park Design Grant with the State of Utah, Division of Natural
21 Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation, and authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to sign on behalf
22 of the City. Councilmember Plummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

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24 **MAINTENANCE AND OWNERSHIP COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR DRAINAGE**
25 **IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATE WITH I-15 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – UTAH**
26 **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (UDOT)**
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28 Ms. Romney presented a Maintenance and Ownership Cooperative Agreement between
29 Centerville City and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) associated with the I-15
30 reconstruction project and the City's negotiations regarding UDOT's acquisition of City properties
31 along the Frontage Road. Ms. Romney explained that the historic drainage swale along the
32 Frontage Road had been a significant concern during the negotiations. Rather than including
33 drainage provisions in individual property acquisition documents, UDOT agreed to address the
34 matter through a separate long-term cooperative agreement. The agreement identified storm
35 drainage systems crossing from the Frontage Road beneath I-15 and the railroad right-of-way
36 and established ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Ms. Romney noted that City
37 Engineer Kevin Campbell had worked extensively with UDOT to develop Exhibit A, Part 7 of
38 UDOT's design-build request for proposals, which specified the drainage improvements required
39 of the project contractor within Centerville.

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41 Ms. Romney explained that UDOT would be responsible for maintaining the structural
42 integrity of City-owned drainage facilities located within UDOT's right-of-way, while the City would
43 remain responsible for maintaining the interiors of the pipes. She characterized the arrangement
44 as a favorable compromise, as the City would have limited ability to address structural damage
45 caused by UDOT's activities, while retaining control over routine interior pipe maintenance. Mr.
46 Hanson noted that UDOT's infrastructure investment associated with the agreement was
47 estimated at approximately \$10 million. Ms. Romney reported that staff was finalizing language
48 regarding inspection and field review rights during construction and recommended approval
49 subject to the City Attorney and City Engineer approving the final revisions and Exhibit A.

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51 Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the Maintenance and Ownership Cooperative
52 Agreement for Drainage Improvements between the City and Utah Department of Transportation
53 (UDOT) for drainage improvements associated with I-15 Reconstruction Project, subject to City

Attorney approval of final contract revisions and City Engineer approval of Exhibit A. Mayor Pro Tem Mecham seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

STATEWIDE UTILITY LICENSE AGREEMENT RENEWAL – UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (UDOT)

Ms. Romney presented the renewal of the Statewide Utility License Agreement with UDOT, which governed the construction and maintenance of City utility lines within UDOT rights-of-way. She explained that the prior agreement had expired in May and that UDOT had provided a revised form agreement dated June 2026. She reviewed the changes from the prior agreement, including updated provisions regarding indemnity, notices, venue, waiver, and interpretation, and found the revisions acceptable. She noted that the new agreement would automatically renew in five-year terms rather than automatically terminate, which was advantageous to the City. Ms. Romney reported that UDOT was not entertaining amendments to the new form agreement.

Councilmember Plummer **moved** to approve Renewal of Statewide Utility License Agreement with Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) for the operation, construction, and maintenance of City utility lines and related facilities within State rights-of-way, subject to Staff review and finalization of City contact information. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

PERSONNEL POLICIES AMENDMENTS – EMPLOYEE WELLNESS INCENTIVE – CPP 6.070 – RESOLUTION NO. 2026-21

Administrative Services Director Bryce King presented proposed amendments to the City's employee wellness reimbursement program, recommending an increase in the annual reimbursement from \$200 to \$300 per employee. Mr. Hanson explained that the program had originally been established to approximate the cost of an individual annual membership at the South Davis Recreation Center, which was currently approximately \$32.48 per month. Staff reported that 13 employees currently participated in the program and that the existing budget allocation would accommodate up to seven additional participants. Participation required documentation of an annual physical examination.

Council discussion addressed whether the City's health insurer offered gym discounts, which staff clarified were discounts rather than reimbursements, and whether the South Davis Recreation Center could provide employees with a discounted membership rate. Staff noted that the latter option had previously been explored but was not available due to equity and tax considerations. Council also discussed wellness incentives offered by other cities, including Farmington's \$1,000 annual reimbursement under a broader wellness program. Councilmembers expressed general support for increasing the reimbursement as a means of encouraging employee health and potentially reducing absenteeism and insurance costs.

Councilmember Hirst moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-21 increasing the Employee Wellness Incentive from \$200 to \$300 per year. Councilmember Plummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

SUMMARY ACTION

1. Bond Reduction #1 (Final – no warranty required) for Pasture Phase 3 in the amount of \$2,500.00
2. Public Works Vehicle Purchases
 - a. Young – Ford Super Duty F-350 - \$50,610.00
 - b. Young – Ford Transit - \$50,978.00

Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the Summary Action Calendar as outlined above. Mayor Pro Tem Mechan seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

MINUTES

Minutes from the July 21, 2026 Work Session and City Council meetings were reviewed. Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approved the minutes with suggested amendments from Councilmember Bangerter. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

Councilmember Hirst **moved** to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Closed Session with the amendments submitted by Councilmembers Bangerter and Hayman. Councilmember Plummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).

FINANCIAL REPORT

Finance Director Nate Plaizier presented a quarterly financial report for the period ending June 2026 and answered questions from the Council.

COUNCIL REPORT

- Mayor Pro Tem Meham reported that the Whitaker Museum Board did not meet the prior month, but that work on transitioning the Landmarks Commission to the Whitaker Museum Board continues.
- Mayor Pro Tem Meham announced an upcoming Whitaker Museum open mic night and vintage car show on August 14 at 7:00 PM.

MAYOR REPORT

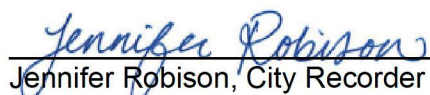
- Mayor Pro Tem Meham reported that the fire board voted to prohibit fireworks due to drought conditions, noting it was a difficult but appropriate decision.
- Mayor Pro Tem Meham reported on the fire board's Truth in Taxation hearing, where one public comment was received and the budget passed unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Brant Hanson reported on the proposed 0.2% Local Option Transportation Sales Tax, which could generate approximately \$238,000 annually for Centerville, and noted he will bring the issue to a future Council agenda.
- City Manager Brant Hanson reported on URMA conference topics including confined-space safety, distracted driving, municipal immunity, and risk management, and noted plans to follow up on city safety protocols.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:52 pm, Councilmember Plummer **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion with passed unanimously (4-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

08/18/2026
Date Approved

