

CENTERVILLE CITY

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Paul A. Cutler

City Council

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City Manager

Steve H. Thacker

interoffice MEMORANDUM

to: Mayor Cutler
City Council
cc: Department Heads
Planning Commission
from: Steve H. Thacker, City Manager *S. Thacker*
subject: City Manager's Summary of June 24, 2014 Special Council Meeting
date: June 20, 2014

- E.1. Swearing-in of New Youth City Council members** – In a May Council meeting those youth who are going off the Youth Council were thanked for their service. The swearing-in of replacements was originally scheduled for the June 17 Council meeting, but postponed until this June 24 special meeting. Typically there is a large crowd of family associated with those to be sworn in.
- E.2. Minutes Review and Acceptance** – At their June 17 meeting, the City Council tabled review and acceptance of the June 3, 2014 work session and regular meeting minutes until the June 24 special meeting. If the minutes for the June 17, 2014 meetings are available by Monday, they will also be added for review and acceptance by the Council.
- E.3. Adopt Certified Tax Rate** – Blaine Lutz, Finance Director, has finally received the Certified Tax Rate from the County. Unfortunately, it is about \$10,000 less than the number he estimated in the Adopted Budget. The new tax rate is lower than the current tax rate.
- E.4. Amend Fee Schedule regarding Sanitation Services** – During the June 3 public hearing on the Tentative Budget, I mentioned the proposed increase in Sanitation Fund fees—i.e., solid waste, recycling and green waste—of about 1.5%. However, staff did not remember to prepare a Resolution implementing this increase for the June 17 Council meeting; therefore, this matter is being added to the June 24 special meeting. The Resolution in the staff report shows both the current fees and the new fees for these services. The good news is that the rate increase for customers is actually less. Although ACE Disposal will increase its charge to the City by 1.5%, the cost for disposal at the burn plant/landfill does not increase. Therefore, the actual rate increase for the customers range from 0.87% to 1.35%.
- E.5. UTOPIA/Macquarie Proposal** – The City Council conducted a lengthy public hearing on June 17 regarding the question of whether Centerville should participate in Milestone Two of the Macquarie Proposal process. The City Attorney has prepared two alternate resolutions for the Council's consideration. One would reflect a decision to participate in Milestone Two; the other would reflect a decision to not formally participate in Milestone Two. UTOPIA cities are supposed to make this



decision no later than June 26. The attachments to the staff report contain all the written comments submitted at the June 17 public hearing. Draft minutes of that meeting—including public comments made during the hearing—will be available on Monday. Comments sent via email and letters submitted to City Hall will be attached to the staff report as batches are prepared.

- E.6. **Closed Meeting, if necessary** – At this time I do not know of a need for a closed meeting, but the agenda allows for that possibility.
- E.7. **Possible action following closed meeting** – If there is a closed meeting, there may be action in the open session following the closed meeting, but at this time no such business is anticipated. The Mayor may recommend appointments to City boards and committees.

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CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 AT THE CENTERVILLE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER AND CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 250 NORTH MAIN STREET, CENTERVILLE, UTAH. THE AGENDA IS SHOWN BELOW.

Meetings of the City Council of Centerville City may be conducted via electronic means pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207, as amended. In such circumstances, contact will be established and maintained via electronic means and the meeting will be conducted pursuant to the Electronic Meetings Policy established by the City Council for electronic meetings.

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Tentative - The times shown below are tentative and are subject to change during the meeting.
Time:

7:00 A. ROLL CALL

(See City Manager's Memo for summary of meeting business)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PRAYER OR THOUGHT

7:00 D. OPEN SESSION is normally scheduled during regular City Council meetings. Since this is a special meeting, there will be no Open Session.

E. BUSINESS

7:05 1. Swearing-in of new Youth City Council members

7:10 2. MINUTES REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE
June 3, 2014 work session and regular meeting minutes and possibly June 17, 2014 work session and regular meeting minutes, if available

7:15 3. Adopt Certified Tax Rate
Consider Resolution No. 2014-15

7:20 4. Amend Centerville City Fec Schedule regarding solid waste, recycling and green waste
Consider Resolution No. 2014-19

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- 7:25 5. UTOPIA/Macquarie Proposal
 Consider alternate Resolutions to support or not support proceeding to
 Milestone Two – Resolution No. 2014-18
- 8:30 6. Closed meeting, if necessary, for reasons allowed by state law , including,
 but not limited to, the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Utah Open
 and Public Meetings Act, and for attorney-client matters that are
 privileged pursuant to *Utah Code Ann.* § 78B-1-137, as amended.
- 8:30 7. Possible action following closed meeting, including appointments to
 boards and committees

F. ADJOURNMENT

(Items of Interest (i.e., newspaper articles, not items on agenda)

Marsha L. Morrow, MMC
Centerville City Recorder

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- Consider alternative resolutions to support or not support proceeding to Milestone 2 of the Macquarie Proposal (Resolution No. 2014-18)
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CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

**Staff Backup Report
6/24/2014**

Item No.

Short Title: (See City Manager's Memo for summary of meeting business)

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time:

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- D City Manager Summary of June 24, 2014 Special Council Meeting

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Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

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Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 1.

Short Title: Swearing-in of new Youth City Council members

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 7:05

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Mayor's appointment of the following Youth Mayor and new Youth Council members, who will then be sworn in by Justice Court Judge David Miller:

Jessica Greer (Mayor)	Sarah Cutler
Abigail Wadley	Lyndsey Kunzler
Nathanial McDonald	Spencer Vorgrenic
Annelise Horlacher	Braden Brown
Thomas Newman	Hannah Klein
Peter Jeppsen	Abbie Hodgson
Ayden Richards	

BACKGROUND

The following youth will be continuing as members of the Youth Council:

Brenna Wilkinson	Jens Fillmore
Brittany McDonald	Jeremiah Moore
Eli Bangerter	Joe Moore
Emma Kimball	Jordan Hawkes
Jake Garn	Rachel Creer
Jenna Lewis	Valerie Beer

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 2

Short Title: Minutes Review and Acceptance

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 7:10

SUBJECT

Review and accept June 3, 2014 work session and regular City Council meeting minutes and possibly June 17, 2014 work session and regular City Council meeting minutes, if available

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ June 3, 2014 Work Session minutes
- ☐ June 3, 2014 City Council meeting minutes

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

Minutes of the Centerville City Council **work session** held Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 5:10 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Paul A. Cutler
Council Members	Ken S. Averett John T. Higginson Stephanie Ivie Lawrence Wright

<u>MEMBER ABSENT</u>	Tamilyn Fillmore
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<u>STAFF PRESENT</u>	Steve Thacker, City Manager Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager Lisa Romney, City Attorney Katie Rust, Recording Secretary
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BUDGET WORK SESSION (CONTINUED FROM MAY 20, 2014)

Elected Official Salaries

City Council member salary was last increased in 2006, and Mayor salary was last increased in 2004. Continuing a conversation begun at the work session on May 20th, Steve Thacker, City Manager, recommended the Council increase both City Council member and Mayor salary by \$200 per month (\$100 from the General Fund and \$100 from the RDA budget). Council members seemed to indicate support for the recommendation. Mr. Thacker suggested funding the General Fund portion of the elected official salary increases from additional available revenue in the General Fund, as identified in his Budget Message.

Salary Administration Guidelines

Mr. Thacker presented 2014 pay range midpoint data for positions in many Utah cities compared with pay range midpoint data for the same positions in Centerville. Mr. Thacker stressed that pay range adjustments do not change individual employee salaries. Mr. Thacker recommended a 2% market adjustment to Centerville employee pay ranges to meet the City's goal of offering competitive employee salaries. Management position salaries are currently below the average compared to other cities of similar size in Utah. Mr. Thacker did not recommend pay grade adjustments for management at this time, other than the 2% market adjustment recommended for all pay ranges, but suggested it should be considered at some point.

Last year the Council authorized a total of 2% to fund merit increases and an additional 0.5% to recognize outstanding performance. Mr. Thacker reported that not all of the 0.5% was used by department heads in FY 2014. For FY 2015, he recommended the Council approve a total of 2.5% to fund merit increases for meeting expectations and an additional 0.5% to award for outstanding performance, or 3% total. This recommendation is 0.5% more (\$17,000 in the General Fund) than his original recommendation to the Council. He explained the additional increase is in response to further comparative information gathered. He added that the budget needed for health insurance has reduced by \$17,000 since the Tentative Budget was prepared. Mr. Thacker explained the salary increase approaches taken by Bountiful City and Farmington City as comparisons. Bountiful has 5% step increases yearly for the first 5 years, plus cost-of-living raise this year across the board of 2%. Farmington is using a total of 4% to fund raises this year. Councilman Wright pointed out that costs to the City for insurance and retirement

1 benefits are increasing in FY 2015. Mr. Thacker responded that the increased cost to the City
2 for FY 2015 benefits will fund the same level of benefits the employees received in FY 2014.
3 The savings in insurance cost compared to the amount in the Tentative Budget could fund the
4 additional 0.5% merit increase.
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6 Councilman Wright stated City employees have received a pay raise every year, yet
7 there are residents in the City who have not received any pay raises. He suggested the
8 insurance savings be used to fund streets maintenance or some other service. Councilman
9 Wright said that the merit increase logic has been used as long as he has been on the Council,
10 and recommended taking a different approach – give a cost-of-living salary increase of 1%, plus
11 0.5% to reward outstanding performance at least for one year, in addition to the increased cost
12 to the City for retirement and health insurance. He stated looking at the comparative data he
13 feels City employees are paid well, and funds should be used for other expenditures. Mayor
14 Cutler stated in his experience it is more effective to give increases based on merit than union-
15 type cost-of-living increases. Councilman Wright responded he is still suggesting a 0.5% merit
16 increase. He said he feels there are no controls in place with the current method.
17 Councilwoman Ivie stated she feels it is an entitlement issue, with the City used to being able to
18 give raises. She added that the City does not always have the money and it is not the end of
19 the world to tell employees they will not get as much of a raise as last time. The Council
20 discussed going without an elected official salary increase and using those funds to fund other
21 services.
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23 Councilman Averett stated he agreed with the decision last year to trim back the salary
24 increases, and feels the City has done a good job of being respectful of the employees while
25 remaining conservative. Councilman Averett stated he feels it is important to offer an increase
26 that at least covers inflation. He emphasized the need to retain a productive work force and
27 pointed out that turn-over has training and other costs associated with it. Councilman Averett
28 added he believes the economy is healthy and robust, and he would not want to lose valued
29 employees to other cities and the private sector. Councilman Wright responded he is asking for
30 one year for stabilization, and he believes the benefits already offered are incentives for
31 employees to stay. Councilman Wright asked about the estimated cost of living increase (i.e.
32 consumer price index) for the past year. Staff responded it is estimated to be 1.5% for western
33 states, 2% for the U.S.
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35 Request for Additional Police Officer
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37 Councilman Wright stated he suggested last year that the Police Department look into
38 the possibility of utilizing reserve and part-time police officers. He repeated the suggestion for
39 this year, stating that the situation he has in mind would involve already-trained, retired FBI and
40 police officers. Mr. Thacker responded that last year Chief Worsley expressed his opinion
41 against that option. Mr. Thacker added that he had not perceived a majority of the Council
42 wanting to move in that direction. Councilman Higginson stated he remembers the Chief
43 questioning the likelihood of finding quality part-time police officers. Councilman Wright stated
44 that before hiring an additional full-time officer, he feels they should look at the part-time officer
45 option. Councilman Higginson expressed a desire to see data supporting the need for a new
46 officer. Mr. Thacker responded that the Chief can bring back crime statistics to explain to the
47 Council.
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49 City Manager Thacker stated he is willing to support the addition of a new officer
50 because it has been ten years since an officer has been added to the Police Department, and
51 Centerville has grown substantially in that time. He stated he would like to see it happen, but

acknowledged that it could be put off another year. Councilman Averett described an incident that recently took place behind his office building in Centerville that necessitated three different police officers, one of which had to come from Woods Cross and one from the County because the City did not have enough officers available. Councilman Averett agreed with the request that staff come back with statistics to support the request for a full-time officer and a response regarding the feasibility of utilizing part-time officers. The Council discussed some of the criteria that would be involved with the part-time option. Mayor Cutler summarized the Council's request: (1) statistical data that justifies the request for an additional full-time officer; (2) a comparison of the number of part-time police officers that would be needed versus a new full-time officer; and (3) the issues that would be involved with hiring part-time officers. With regards to the budget schedule, Mr. Thacker suggested the funds set aside for a full-time officer in the Tentative Budget could be put in the Contingency Fund to be accessible, if needed, after the City Council makes a decision.

Employee Compensation Continued

The Council returned to a discussion of employee salary increases. Councilman Wright repeated his request that the Council approve a 1% ubiquitous cost-of-living increase with an additional 0.5% to reward outstanding performance, in addition to the continued health insurance and retirement benefits. The Council and staff discussed the State requirements involved with changing the compensation format for appointed positions. Councilman Wright suggested adding a paragraph to the ordinance passed for FY 2015 that adds the ability to use the cost-of-living option in lieu of the merit-based option. Councilman Higginson stated that if the numbers used are the same, he did not see a reason to change the wording. Councilman Higginson continued stating he feels a full-time employee in any city can expect health insurance and retirement benefits, and it is his opinion that an increase below the cost-of-living increase is not a raise. Councilman Higginson stated that a 1.5% increase with an additional 0.5% increase for exceptional performance would send the message that times are tough but the City will at least keep up with inflation. Council members Averett, Ivie, and Wright stated they could support the 1.5% + 0.5% increase. Mayor Cutler asked if a majority of the Council would support a change to the cost-of-living method proposed by Councilman Wright. Councilman Higginson spoke in favor of keeping the current merit-based method. Councilwoman Ivie stated she would support adding a paragraph to the ordinance giving management the option of using the cost-of-living increase method. Mayor Cutler stated he feels there is a fundamental difference between giving all employees the same increase and giving merit-based increases.

Mr. Thacker explained he feels, as the City Manager, that a 1% across-the-board increase would defeat the philosophy and principles on which the City has operated its compensation program for years. As an alternative, he suggested the Council support at least his original recommendation of 2% for merit increases with an additional 0.5% for outstanding performance, but in light of the comparative data, he believes 2.5% for merit increases plus 0.5% for outstanding performance is justified. Councilman Wright explained he feels the increased cost of living is ubiquitous, and the increase should be as well. He also expressed a desire to see evidence of employees "exceeding expectation". Mr. Thacker responded he does not feel it is good practice to get into nitty-gritty staff judgments in public meeting. He expressed that the 0.5% is used with discretion, and the department heads feel the ability to recognize outstanding performance is a critical motivation tool. Councilman Higginson stated he supported last year's increase (2.0% + 0.5%) that matched inflation because it was a tough year. He feels the Council has sent that message already, and he would support the 2.5% + 0.5%. Councilman Wright stated he feels there is merit in cost-of-living increases, and he feels

1 the ordinance should include the possibility for future Councils to consider using that method,
2 but he can agree with the 2.5% + 0.5% suggested by the City Manager. Mayor Cutler stated he
3 has asked department heads to recognize outstanding employees as part of a quarterly
4 performance review. They could be highlighted in Council meetings or in a public area of City
5 Hall.

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7 Justice Court Judge

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9 City Manager Thacker explained that the State sets a range for judge salaries and
10 requires that judges receive an increase equal to the average increase of other city employees.
11 The FY 2015 range for Centerville's Justice Court Judge is \$30,030 - \$54,054. The judge's
12 salary in FY 2014 was \$41,234. Councilman Higginson expressed a desire to evaluate whether
13 or not Centerville needs its own judge. Staff responded that the Court brings in more revenue
14 than its operating costs.

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16 ADJOURNMENT

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18 Mayor Cutler adjourned the work session at 6:51 p.m.

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25 Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

_____ Date Approved

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Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

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<u>STAFF ABSENT</u>	Blaine Lutz, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager
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<u>VISITORS</u>	Interested citizens (see attached sign-in sheet)
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<u>PRAYER OR THOUGHT</u>	Councilman Ken S. Averett
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OPEN SESSION

Brad Thueson – Mr. Thueson, General Manager of Cedar Springs Condominiums, stood with members of the Cedar Springs Board of Directors to show support and deepest gratitude to Chief Worsley and the Centerville Police Department. Mr. Thueson stated the officers of the Centerville Police are true professionals. He expressed appreciation for the support they give to the community and specifically to Cedar Springs.

Summer Thatcher – Ms. Thatcher is Controller of Cedar Springs Condominiums. She expressed appreciation for the Police Department and their quick response time. Virginia Losee, Cedar Springs Board of Directors Vice President, presented Chief Worsley with a plaque.

Mark Austin – Mr. Austin, a member of the UTOPIA Advisory Committee, stated that the Committee has wondered if other groups besides Macquarie have submitted proposals of what to do with UTOPIA. He stated the Committee feels UTOPIA has a responsibility to do due diligence in requesting proposals, even if it is thought that no one would be interested. Mr. Austin expressed concern regarding an article he read in the Tribune stating that UTOPIA had met with First Digital and agreed to look at their proposal, but the UTOPIA Board voted to ban consideration of any other proposals. Mr. Austin stated the City needs to be able to consider different options to make the right decision. He asked if the report was accurate, and if accurate, why it happened.

Mayor Cutler responded that the UTOPIA Board Chair brought up the resolution to limit the offers considered because a lot of different groups and cities were asking UTOPIA staff to look at different options. UTOPIA staff is short handed with limited resources. Mayor Cutler

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1 explained that the resolution clarifies that only proposals serious in nature will be considered by
2 the Board. An exception was made for First Digital as well as a proposal the Mayor of Orem is
3 working on. The Resolution states UTOPIA will not entertain new proposals "except as
4 approved by the Board of Directors." Mr. Austin stated he feels UTOPIA owes it to the citizens
5 to be open and above board in considering options, and not throw away options that may be the
6 right answer. Mayor Cutler stated he is in favor of looking at as many options as possible.

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8 Blaine Lutz, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, explained that in the agreement
9 with Macquarie, Macquarie was granted a period of exclusivity. Macquarie waived that right for
10 a couple of other proposals. Mr. Lutz stated UTOPIA has still not received a formal proposal
11 from First Digital. Discussions are continuing, but Macquarie's is the only formal proposal
12 received so far. Mr. Austin stated he feels there is always time to look carefully enough to come
13 up with the right answer. Mayor Cutler said the UTOPIA Board voted not to open a formal RFP
14 (Request For Proposal), but he agreed with Mr. Austin that an RFP would be a good idea.

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16 Dale McIntyre – Mr. McIntyre proposed that Centerville refuse to sign-off on Milestone
17 One until such time as there is an RFP.

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19 Nanette Smith – Ms. Smith stated she is on the Advisory Committee. She expressed the
20 feeling the Committee was given a fire hose of information about Macquarie without the
21 foundation of knowing what had happened before hand with UTOPIA. In the last two weeks she
22 has found out more of UTOPIA's history and the pattern of asking for more money. She
23 expressed disapproval for what she feels are scare tactics to force the cities into going with
24 Macquarie. She stated she is fine with another company coming in and taking over, but the
25 principle of charging a utility fee does not sit well with her or a lot of other people. She feels that
26 before jumping into another debt, the cities should look at the UTOPIA Board and staff and
27 make changes. She stated she feels they should have more to show for the millions of dollars
28 that have already been spent. She added she does not agree with the Board rejecting more
29 proposals. Ms. Smith said the Advisory Committee at their last meeting came to the conclusion
30 to recommend proceeding on to Milestone Two, but she said that decision was because of a
31 lack of information. They had more questions than answers, and felt in order to get the answers
32 the City should move ahead. In retrospect she feels it is ludicrous to pay to get more answers.
33 She suggested the answer would be to rearrange the management of UTOPIA. Ms. Smith
34 begged the Council to think twice before getting the City into it further.

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36 Patricia Hedrick – Ms. Hedrick provided the Council with literature she got off the internet
37 regarding Macquarie and its partnership to operate a toll road in Indiana. She recommended
38 the Council find out what Macquarie's track record is in its other partnerships before making a
39 decision.

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41 Mayor Cutler stated that an open house and presentation by Macquarie will be held at
42 City Hall on Thursday, June 5th at 7:30 p.m.

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44 Steve Allen – Mr. Allen asked if each of the Council members and Macquarie know the
45 details of the First Digital proposal. He asked when the details of the First Digital proposal will
46 be available to the public, and if the public will be able to have a comparison chart of the two
47 proposals. Mr. Allen asked why the Macquarie proposal is public and not the First Digital
48 proposal.

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50 Mayor Cutler responded on behalf of the Council that he and Mr. Lutz know only the
51 high-level details of the First Digital proposal. He explained that under State law a company can

1 declare some material protected under GRAMMA. First Digital has exercised that right.
2 Anyone who discloses that information is subject to a Class B misdemeanor. First Digital is a
3 private company trying to protect their information, but Mayor Cutler stated he suspects at some
4 point they will choose to make it public. The Mayor continued he can share the information with
5 Council members, but they would be subject to the same restrictions. Lisa Romney, City
6 Attorney, stated the Mayor is correct, but added that final decisions cannot be made without
7 providing information to the public. Mr. Allen questioned which body had instigated the
8 confidential agreement.
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10 Stephanie Ivie – As a citizen Ms. Ivie asked staff to clarify the statement that not only did
11 the UTOPIA Board not put out a request for proposals, but granted Macquarie exclusive rights
12 to be the only bidder for a while. Mr. Lutz explained it is his understanding that the agreement
13 with Macquarie gave Macquarie a period of exclusivity to discuss the project. He added there
14 was discussion with Macquarie regarding First Digital, and Macquarie agreed discussions could
15 continue with First Digital and a couple of other potential proposals. Regarding no RFP, Mr.
16 Lutz explained the process has been going on for a long time. A couple of years ago an attempt
17 to receive proposals was made with no response. He stated that UTOPIA meant to portray that
18 as an organization it needs to put staff time into focusing on the two proposals presented to
19 them. Mayor Cutler stated the Predevelopment Agreement with Macquarie is available on the
20 City website. The Mayor stressed that individual cities are not limited in their ability to look at
21 other options.
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23 Rick Bingham – Mr. Bingham referred to a recent article in the Davis County Clipper in
24 which Mr. Lutz is quoted. He asked Mr. Lutz if the quote is accurate. Mr. Lutz responded he
25 doesn't remember the exact words, but he said something to the effect that citizens would not
26 need to pay more than the utility fee for basic, minimal service. Mr. Bingham asked about the
27 basic service that would be provided to citizens under the Macquarie proposal. Mr. Lutz
28 explained the proposal as he understands it. Mr. Bingham stated he feels he would have to pay
29 a lot more under the Macquarie proposal to get the same level of service he has now. He
30 stated he feels the comment in the Clipper was misleading. He asked if the Clipper is correct in
31 stating that Mr. Lutz is the Assistant City Manager. City Manager Thacker responded that Mr.
32 Lutz is both Finance Director and Assistant City Manager. Mr. Bingham expressed opposition
33 to Mr. Lutz representing the City to the media. Mr. Thacker explained that there are times when
34 members of staff other than himself or the Mayor are more qualified to speak regarding their
35 areas of expertise. He added that he finds it troubling that statements meant as general
36 statements and principles have been taken out of context and used in this manner.
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38 Dave Hancey – Mr. Hancey asked if UTOPIA would profit if it is taken over by another
39 entity. Mayor Cutler stated that under the rules of the Interlocal Agreement, cities have the
40 ability to hire someone to operate services on their behalf. If the cities enter into a contract with
41 Macquarie, Macquarie would operate the assets of UTOPIA on behalf of the cities. The Mayor
42 explained that when UTOPIA benefits, its owners - the cities - benefit. Any profits or revenues
43 would flow back to the cities in the same way that costs flow back to the cities. UTOPIA is a
44 group of cities acting together. Mayor Cutler continued that the cities are considering the
45 Macquarie proposal as a possible way to solve financial challenges.
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47 Amy Hancey – Ms. Hancey stated she does not feel a utility fee should be imposed, and
48 asked if the proposed \$18-20 utility fee is guaranteed to go up every year. Mayor Cutler
49 responded that the Macquarie proposal includes an \$18-20 utility fee that would increase every
50 year by a mutually agreeable index such as the CPI. The question before the Council is not
51 whether or not they accept the plan. The question is whether they feel the proposal is

1 interesting enough to do more due diligence with Macquarie to find out all the terms and details,
2 or is the Council ready to dismiss it now and not enter into more negotiations.
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4 Charlie Rawlins – Mr. Rawlins stated he had trouble finding the City budget online using
5 a mobile device. Mayor Cutler agreed that the mobile device version of the website is difficult.
6 Mr. Rawlins expressed a desire for the City to explore the option of moving back to volunteer
7 management of some of the Parks and Recreation programs. He referred to the fact that the
8 baseball program was successfully run by volunteer management for many years. Mr. Rawlins
9 also suggested the City consider hiring a staff engineer.
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11 Mr. Lutz showed where to find the Tentative Budget on the City website. Mr. Thacker
12 responded that a successful volunteer program requires a great deal of enthused volunteers.
13 He stated that years ago the baseball program got to a point that it would not survive unless the
14 City took over management. Mayor Cutler stated that across the country baseball programs are
15 struggling with decreased participation numbers. Mr. Thacker added that the City's baseball
16 program is run with a small budget that is entirely funded by the fees associated with it. It does
17 not affect the General Fund. Mr. Thacker explained he has had experience with and without an
18 in-house engineer during his career. He said that, taking everything into consideration, he is not
19 convinced that having an in-house engineer would be better than Centerville's current
20 arrangement. Mr. Rawlins asked if it would be possible to explore the possibility of a volunteer
21 baseball program. He stated he feels existing communication difficulties could be improved with
22 a volunteer program, and expressed confidence that a volunteer baseball program could be
23 successful. Mayor Cutler said the City would be happy to consider a volunteer program if
24 community members are willing to take it over, and that he would be happy to meet with Mr.
25 Rawlins.
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27 Keith Prescott – Mr. Prescott asked if it would be possible to put the UTOPIA question to
28 a vote of the people rather than a decision made by the Council. Lisa Romney, City Attorney,
29 responded that State law only allows certain items to be put on a ballot. She stated that in her
30 opinion the UTOPIA matter would not qualify to be placed on a ballot, but that State law may not
31 prohibit distributing a survey. Councilman Wright asked if a proposition would be possible on a
32 ballot. Ms. Romney responded that a proposition may be possible, but there are very limited
33 reasons for adding a proposition. In her opinion the question of should UTOPIA move forward
34 with Macquarie would not qualify as a proposition issue. She suggested something less formal
35 than on the ballot, such as a survey. Councilman Higginson requested that citizens contact
36 Council members as an "informal ballot".
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38 Garth Heer – Mr. Heer asked if the issue could be placed on a ballot at a time other than
39 November. Ms. Romney responded that, no, state law strictly regulates what can be placed on
40 a ballot. Mr. Heer asked how fluoride was put on the ballot. He expressed there must be a way
41 to overcome the restrictions, and added that in his opinion fluoride should be taken out of the
42 water. Mr. Thacker responded that the fluoride issue was a County-wide ballot issue authorized
43 by State law.
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45 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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47 The minutes of the May 20, 2014 work session and Council meeting were reviewed.
48 Councilman Higginson made a **motion** to approve both sets of minutes. Councilman Averett
49 seconded the motion. Mayor Cutler and Councilman Wright requested amendments to the
50 Council meeting minutes. Councilmen Higginson and Averett approved addition of the
51 amendments to the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).
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SUMMARY ACTION CALENDAR

- a. Consider Master Utility Agreement between the City and UDOT for the Relocation of City Facilities in Conjunction with the I-15 South Davis County Project
- b. Award bid to Great Basin Development in the amount \$206,044 for labor and to Mountain States Supply in the amount of \$133,247.51 and Dura Crete in the amount of \$3,971.04 for materials (both materials bids include tax) for the Oakridge and 500 East Waterline Replacement Project
- c. Award bid to Great Basin Development in the amount of \$35,087 for labor and to HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$9,630.28 (includes tax) for materials for the Miscellaneous Water Lateral Project
- d. Award bid to Merlin Daines, Inc. in the amount of \$39,900 for labor and to Mountain States Supply in the amount of \$29,621.33 (includes tax) for construction of the Pasture waterline

Councilman Wright made a **motion** to approve all four items on the Summary Action Calendar. Councilman Higginson seconded the motion. Referring to item (a) on the Summary Action Calendar, Councilwoman Ivie asked for clarification regarding right-of-way and access on the UDOT I-15 project. Mr. Thacker and Ms. Romney explained the right-of-way and access portion of the agreement, stressing that UDOT tightly controls access to anything on the freeway. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

FY 2015 TENTATIVE BUDGET

City Manager Thacker briefly explained portions of the FY 2015 Tentative Budget, including his recommendations for use of additional funds in the General Fund. Regarding employee compensation, he stated the City does not provide an across the board cost-of-living increase. In the work session held earlier in the evening Mr. Thacker recommended the Council approve a 2.5% merit increase with an additional 0.5% to reward outstanding performance, which is 0.5% higher than reflected in the Tentative Budget. He explained that State law requires changes in compensation for certain appointed officials be part of the Tentative Budget public hearing. State law also requires compensation of elected officials be included in the public hearing. Elected official compensation is evaluated every four years in accordance with City ordinance. Mr. Thacker stated that staff went through the evaluation process and recommends an increase of \$200 per month, \$100 from the General Fund and \$100 from RDA, for each Council member and the Mayor. State law sets a pay range for court judges and requires that annual salary increases for judges must be at least equal to the average employee increase. Mr. Thacker suggested the Council also consider increasing Planning Commission per meeting stipends.

City Manager Thacker stated that the City Council has not adjusted the City property tax rates for more than 20 years, and emphasized that the Council is not entertaining a property tax increase in FY 2015. For comparison, Mr. Thacker added that Centerville property tax rates are less than half of Farmington's. There will not be an increase in the water utility bill. A slight increase of 1.5% is proposed for the sanitation bill to cover the inflation index in the contract with the garbage collector. The Council is considering increases in drainage fees, but the analysis is not yet ready for a public hearing. Drainage fees have not changed since being first imposed in 1999 and 2001.

At 8:22 p.m. Mayor Cutler opened a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the FY 2015 Tentative Budget.

1 Garth Heer – Mr. Heer proposed the City put a hold on costs similar to private industry
2 and not have any increases. He stated he knows the City has been conscientious, and
3 proposed applying austerity as a means of communicating to the employees and people in the
4 city that the job can be done without raising costs every year. He said he likes the idea that the
5 city does not have an automatic cost-of-living adjustment. He suggested that elected official
6 compensation adjustments should be conservative, and recommended that implementation of
7 those adjustments not apply for current Council and Mayor, but one or two terms hence.

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9 Rick Bingham – Mr. Bingham stated he recently reviewed salaries in smaller
10 communities, and he found that elected official stipends are higher in smaller communities than
11 in Centerville. He said he would be in favor of an increase in elected official compensation
12 considering the time that Council members and the Mayor give to the community.

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14 Amy Hancey – Ms. Hancey expressed concern regarding the amount of uranium in the
15 water and the infrequency of some substance testing, and asked if it is an issue that needs to
16 be considered in the budget. Mr. Thacker explained that the testing regimen for water is highly
17 governed by State and Federal regulations. Different substances have different testing
18 schedules. Mr. Lutz stated the Water Department is complying with State and Federal law,
19 including the requirement that all connections must be switched to copper, which is not
20 inexpensive. The cost of switching to copper is included in the Budget.

21
22 William Ince – Mr. Ince stated he knows the City has tried to control taxes, but
23 expressed the opinion that taxes have not been stable. He stated his property tax bill has
24 increased from \$1,100 to just under \$2,400 since he bought his home in 1989, and the big thing
25 that affects taxes is the valuation of property. He believes he can get more for his property now
26 than when he bought it, but recognizes that the amount of money the City is getting from his
27 property has tripled over the last 24 years. Regardless of what the City or the County say, rates
28 are up appreciably. Regarding compensation, he recognized that what the Centerville Mayor
29 and Council members make is a pittance compared to what County leaders are paid. He stated
30 he does not believe County leaders give service. He feels they are fully-paid employees. The
31 City Council and Mayor do give service and he appreciates it. He said he believes the minor
32 amount of increase proposed is insignificant compared to what they do.

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34 Mr. Thacker explained the Utah Truth in Taxation law in response to Mr. Ince's
35 comment. Centerville has not gone through the Truth in Taxation process in 20 years, noting
36 that the only additional property tax the City has received in that period is due to "new growth",
37 or new development. Mayor Cutler explained that over the years property tax revenue has
38 represented a smaller and smaller percentage of the overall City budget. The Mayor added that
39 property tax revenue in Centerville covers the City's Fire Agency assessment, with a little left
40 over. The bulk of funds used for services are from sales tax.

41
42 Rick Bingham – Mr. Bingham stated he had heard that the South Davis Metro Fire
43 Agency is considering creating a separate taxing district. He expressed great concern with that
44 idea. Mr. Bingham asked what the cost of maintaining an independent city fire department is
45 versus what the City pays now.

46
47 Mr. Thacker responded that Centerville has been part of a multi-city Fire Agency for a
48 long time, even prior to participation in the South Davis Metro Fire Agency. He added that
49 requirements and expectations have changed over time. As the City's representative on the
50 Fire Agency Board, Mayor Cutler stated that some mayors have advocated a separate taxing
51 entity, himself not included. The Mayor said the Fire Department argues it is understaffed, often

1 not having enough paramedics to meet needs. The County fills in when needed, but response
2 time has increased. Mayor Cutler said it is his understanding that more than 80% of calls
3 received by the Fire Agency are medical related.

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5 Nanette Smith – Ms. Smith suggested the City look at procedures to cut costs related to
6 emergency vehicle response. She said a family member of hers was recently involved in a
7 minor accident involving air-bag deployment but no injuries, and she was surprised at the
8 number of emergency vehicles that responded, which she felt was excessive.

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10 At 8:47 p.m. the Mayor closed the public hearing.

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12 **RDA MEETING**

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14 At 8:48 p.m. Councilman Wright made a **motion** to move to a meeting of the
15 Redevelopment Agency of Centerville. Councilwoman Ivie seconded the motion, which passed
16 by unanimous vote (4-0). In attendance were: Paul A. Cutler, Chair; John Higginson, Vice
17 Chair; Directors Averett, Ivie, and Wright; Steve Thacker, Executive Director; Blaine Lutz,
18 Finance Director; and Katie Rust, Recording Secretary.

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20 The Council returned to regular meeting at 8:54 p.m.

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22 **UTOPIA/MACQUARIE PROPOSAL AND RELATED MATTERS**

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24 Mayor Cutler explained that the Centerville UTOPIA Fiber Utility Advisory Committee
25 was formed to take a non-political look at the UTOPIA/Macquarie issue and provide
26 recommendations to the Council. The Committee is made up of Centerville residents and
27 business owners with varied background and experience.

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29 **Report from Centerville UTOPIA Fiber Utility Advisory Committee**

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31 Dan Ditto, a member of the Advisory Committee, introduced the other members of the
32 Committee. He reported the Advisory Committee does not have a recommendation for the
33 Council at this time. The Committee does not feel it is ready to give a definitive recommendation
34 because they still have too many questions to make an informed decision. Mr. Ditto said the
35 Committee will continue to study the issue on an expedited basis to give their recommendation
36 in the near future. He stated that the UTOPIA issue is extremely complicated, and Committee
37 members have spent many hours doing research. The Committee has heard from experts both
38 for and against, and is open to contact from citizens. Mr. Ditto added that the issue is fraught
39 with political intensity. The Committee members would like to remove themselves as much as
40 possible from the political aspect. He stated the Committee wants to engage in hard-headed
41 fact finding and make a recommendation based on facts. The Committee wants to come to an
42 agreement on what the questions and issues are; flush out real and verifiable facts; and
43 consider all appropriate options. Mr. Ditto stated he hopes the Council is okay with giving the
44 Committee a little more time. The Committee is dedicated to giving the Council and citizens of
45 Centerville something helpful in dealing with the challenging decision. Mr. Ditto stated the
46 Committee has heard presentations from City staff, Macquarie, George McEwan, Blaine Lutz,
47 and a couple of ISPs that provide service to Centerville.

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49 Mayor Cutler emphasized that the vote the Council will take in June is whether to
50 continue to investigate the Macquarie proposal, which has a cost associated with it, or reject the
51 proposal outright. The Council and Mr. Ditto discussed when the Committee would be able to

1 present their recommendation. Mayor Cutler recommended the public hearing remain on June
2 17th. The Mayor also expressed his intention to ask the Committee to continue advising the
3 Council throughout the process. Councilman Averett said he would like to hear the Committee's
4 recommendation before voting. Councilman Wright expressed appreciation for the members of
5 the Committee. Councilman Wright expressed the opinion that the question is whether or not
6 the City can approve a utility fee - if not, he feels there is no reason to continue to Milestone
7 Two. He added that even if Centerville opts-out, he believes the City will still be privy to the
8 information and negotiations shared by cities that do continue with Macquarie, without having to
9 pay for it. Councilman Averett expressed his opinion that Council members need to be careful
10 not to politicize the issue. He said he feels it is important to give the Committee room to work
11 without being influenced by politics.

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13 The Council took a brief recess at 9:17 p.m. and resumed at 9:27 p.m.

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15 Presentation From Resident

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17 Mayor Cutler explained that Council member Wright and Ivie requested that a
18 presentation from George McEwan, a Centerville resident, be added to the agenda. Mr.
19 McEwan stated he was opposed to UTOPIA from the beginning. He presented an analysis he
20 put together (a slightly expanded version of the presentation given to the Advisory Committee),
21 a copy of which is attached. Mr. McEwan said the question he is asked most is whether
22 Centerville should continue to throw money at an effectively failed enterprise. He stated he
23 does not have an answer to that question from a community standpoint, but for himself he feels
24 the cities should "reboot" UTOPIA with a completely new Board and creative ideas for change.
25 Mr. McEwan said he finds it troubling that the UTOPIA Board would only focus on two options
26 and ignore other creative ideas.

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28 Councilman Averett asked Mr. McEwan to explain the difference between UTOPIA's
29 situation and what happened in Provo. Councilman Averett said that to him the situations seem
30 similar, with the exception that Provo sold their network and UTOPIA would retain ownership
31 under the Macquarie proposal. Mr. McEwan responded he is not up to date on Provo's current
32 situation, but explained he feels the biggest difference between the situations is that with one
33 ISP, as is the case in Provo, price fixing is not possible by definition. Councilman Averett asked
34 why Provo has not been sued. Mr. McEwan stated he does not know why Provo was not sued,
35 but he considers the Provo network to be dead. He added he thinks it is worth investigating why
36 the Provo network did not survive.

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38 Councilman Wright asked Mr. McEwan about ownership of the network as specified in
39 the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. McEwan responded that Macquarie shows revenue sharing as an
40 upside to their proposal, but the UTOPIA Interlocal Agreement already includes revenue
41 sharing. He continued that network assets are not pledged as part of the bond issue. The
42 proceeds of the network's revenue and sales tax are pledged. The network is not turned over to
43 the cities by UTOPIA until the debt is paid. The Council, Mayor, and Mr. McEwan discussed the
44 bond obligations of UTOPIA (of which Centerville is responsible for 3.398%) and UIA (of which
45 Centerville is responsible for 3.65%).

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47 Councilman Averett asked Mr. McEwan if he has evaluated Macquarie as a business
48 partner. Mr. McEwan responded that he knows Macquarie has a number of lawsuits pending
49 for the way they have operated various utilities. Mr. McEwan said in his opinion Macquarie is
50 looking at this as a guaranteed revenue stream with very little risk. He believes the risk would
51 be born by the citizens of the UTOPIA cities. Councilman Averett asked Mr. McEwan what he

1 feels is the answer if Macquarie is not the answer. Mr. McEwan responded he feels UTOPIA
2 should get creative in what is offered in terms of the network. He continued that UTOPIA should
3 approach content providers and utilize subsidies to offer value-added services within the
4 network. He stated that net neutrality does not apply within the UTOPIA network. He said
5 other cities might be willing to buy into wireless canopies. Mr. McEwan emphasized he feels
6 there is not a single solution, but we need to stop focusing on fiber to the home and focus on
7 fiber to the node and copper to the home. Councilman Averett asked how Mr. McEwan would
8 propose refining the system and improving the product without money. Councilman Wright
9 stated he thinks the cities need to change-out those who are on the UTOPIA Board and replace
10 them with people who can think innovatively and are not bound by years of group-thinking.

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12 Councilman Higginson said he feels that even though Centerville is part of UTOPIA, the
13 City gets to make its own decision. He stated he feels the City has an obligation to the 30% of
14 the community already connected to make sure they continue to have service, and an obligation
15 to the 70% not already connected. Councilman Wright said he would ask the UTOPIA Board
16 what they are going to do to continue providing services. Mayor Cutler stated that the UTOPIA
17 Board members are required by the Interlocal Agreement to be elected or appointed officials of
18 the cities. He said to his knowledge there are only three Board members that were on the
19 original UTOPIA Board. The Mayor added that he and Mr. Lutz would be happy to give up their
20 Board seats to Council members wanting to participate.

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22 Mr. McEwan pointed out that to his knowledge no attempt has been made to recover
23 money from companies that managed UTOPIA in the past for fiduciary mismanagement. Mayor
24 Cutler responded there has been significant discussion in closed session about the likelihood of
25 recovering money from previous business partners. He said the decision of the Board was to
26 not pursue legal action. Mr. McEwan said the City has to accept that UTOPIA, the \$343 million,
27 is a sunk cost. The decision to be made is whether or not it is recoverable. He continued that
28 the scary answer may be no, it is not recoverable. The network cannot be sold until the debt is
29 paid.

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31 Mayor Cutler thanked Mr. McEwan for his presentation.

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33 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

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- 36 • Mr. Thacker reported the bid for the first phase of the Community Park expansion
37 has not been awarded because of the mound of soil still on the property. The
38 sources that had been arranged for removing the soil fell through, and the City
39 Engineer and Parks Director have been researching how much of the soil can remain
40 on the property, and options for removal. The cost associated with the analysis will
41 be \$5,000-\$8,000, which could be an RDA expense since most of the soil came from
42 the Performing Arts Center project. The goal is to complete the first phase of the
43 expansion before winter of this year.
 - 44 • Mr. Thacker reported that the Parrish/Main Intersection Project bid specs allow for
45 four nighttime closures to do work that would require closure. The contractor has
46 opted to work from early Sunday morning until early Monday morning (June 8-9),
47 which will reduce the likelihood of needing other nights of closure. Councilman
48 Wright expressed concern that he observed a large shovel hanging over the traffic
49 lane this week. Mr. Thacker responded that UDOT representatives are watching the
50 safety issue closely. He reported that property owners have expressed surprise that
51 the two historic walls UDOT agreed to replace will be farther from the new sidewalk
than expected. UDOT requires 12 feet of clear-zone from the edge of the asphalt.

1 Mr. Thacker said the issue has created some bad feelings among those property
2 owners. He explained that even if a waiver had been granted by UDOT or the
3 Federal Highway Administration, the wall could only have been 12-18 inches closer
4 than it is now.

- 5 • The City Manager showed photographs of enhancement options for the pedestrian
6 bridge planned as part of the I-15 Express Lane Project. The Council indicated a
7 desire for staff to obtain prices for the different options.
- 8 • Mr. Thacker described proposed changes in the City newsletter schedule.

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10 **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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12 • Councilwoman Ivie stated she was recently approached by a descendent of William
13 Henry Streeper, who was the last living Pony Express rider and the first Justice of
14 the Peace in Centerville. The descendent asked if there is anything in the City that
15 could be named after William Henry Streeper. Mayor Cutler suggested she bring the
16 idea up with the Landmarks Commission.

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18 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

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20 Mayor Cutler asked Council members if they had reviewed the suggested UTOPIA opt-
21 out/opt-in documents. Councilwoman Ivie stated she felt they were painful to read with poor
22 grammar. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, asked if the City is required to pass one of the
23 documents. Mayor Cutler responded that the UTOPIA Board has requested the cities pass one
24 or the other to make their decision clear. Councilman Wright stated he would want whichever
25 document the City passes to specify that Centerville receives the Macquarie report. The
26 Council, Mayor and staff discussed changes they would make to the documents. Councilman
27 Higginson commented that West Valley and Midvale have already voted to move forward with
28 Milestone Two. Councilman Wright repeated his belief that Centerville would have access to
29 Milestone Two even if the Council votes to opt out. Mayor Cutler stated his opinion that there is
30 value in moving forward if the City wants to participate in negotiating the terms in Milestone
31 Two. The Mayor said that if Centerville opts in, he would want to make sure that Centerville is
32 given some control over its financial terms rather than locking all the cities together.
33 Councilman Wright repeated that the original Interlocal Agreement includes a provision that
34 provides Centerville with royalties. Ms. Romney responded that Macquarie would create a
35 completely separate, new entity. The revenue with Macquarie would not be funneled into
36 UTOPIA.

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38 Councilman Wright emphasized that a lot of people have told him to not to get involved
39 with a utility fee. He stated he recognizes the benefits they have been hearing about, but he
40 feels a utility fee would be transferring a burden to the backs of the people. Councilman Wright
41 said he will vote against it. Mayor Cutler said he feels it is worthwhile to find out more. He
42 stated he feels there is more to be gained by participating to try to come up with a hybrid model
43 of utility fee/non-utility fee. Councilwoman Ivie stated her opinion that Centerville has a track
44 record of being reluctant to not go all the way with a project when money has been spent to
45 study it. She stated she believes that is why the Parrish/Main Intersection Project is happening.
46 Councilman Higginson stated he feels the two situations are very different. Mr. Thacker said
47 emphatically that her statement is not a fair assessment.

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49 City Manager Thacker pointed out that \$30,000 to keep a seat at the negotiating table is
50 a drop in the bucket compared to the total value and impact of the decision. He urged the
51 Council not to let the \$30,000 be the reason they do not keep the ability to influence something

1 different than is being proposed. Councilman Wright stated the opinion that Centerville will still
2 have a share in UTOPIA and a seat at the table even if the Council chooses to opt out. He
3 added that the City's share in UTOPIA is such a small percentage that Centerville is not listened
4 to anyway. Mr. Romney said that she has been present in some of the meetings, and she has
5 felt involved and listened to, and she believes having a seat at the table makes a difference.
6 Mayor Cutler explained that negotiations and discussions with Macquarie would not take place
7 in UTOPIA Board meetings. As the City's Board representative, Mayor Cutler advocated it
8 would give him and Mr. Lutz a lot more leverage to be taken seriously if Centerville moves
9 forward. The Mayor referred to Payson as a relevant example.

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11 Councilman Averett suggested the Council make its approval to move to Milestone Two
12 conditional on Macquarie giving two options: a utility fee-based model as well as a model
13 without a mandatory user-fee. Councilman Wright expressed his belief that if Centerville opts
14 out, Macquarie will be motivated to entice Centerville to still participate. Councilman Averett
15 said he thinks requesting another option will give the City the ability to participate in further
16 negotiations, and time to look at the other proposal coming down the line. He stressed that the
17 opt-in would need to be conditioned on Macquarie giving two options. Councilman Wright
18 stated he could only support moving forward if there is not a utility fee involved in any form.
19 Councilman Higginson stated that Centerville is different in that it would cost less for Macquarie
20 to connect all Centerville homes, so maybe Macquarie would be willing to agree to something
21 different for Centerville.

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23 **APPOINTMENTS**
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25 Mayor Cutler recommended Becki Wright be appointed to the Parks and Recreation
26 Committee. Councilman Higginson made a **motion** to appoint Becki Wright to the Parks and
27 Recreation Committee. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous
28 vote (4-0). There are currently two open spots on the Board of Adjustments.

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30 **BUDGET DISCUSSION**
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32 The Council will continue discussion of the FY 2015 Tentative Budget at a work session
33 on June 17th.
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35 **ADJOURNMENT**
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37 At 11:12 p.m. Councilman Higginson made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting.
38 Councilwoman Ivie seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous (4-0).
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Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

_____ Date Approved

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50 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 3.

Short Title: Adopt Certified Tax Rate

Initiated By: Blaine Lutz, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director

Scheduled Time: 7:15

SUBJECT

Consider Resolution No. 2014-15

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2014-15 regarding Certified Tax Rate

BACKGROUND

The State Tax Commission has verified the Certified Tax Rate, but Blaine has asked the County to re-verify the amounts. Property tax calculations are complex. The new rate at .001072 is 6.05% lower than the 2013 rate of .001141. New growth is calculated at only .98% adding only \$8,922 new revenue that the City will receive for FY 2015 and any future year for this year's growth.

As it pertains to the budget, the amount assumed in the Tentative Budget was \$961,775. The Certified Rate amount is \$951,835, or \$9,940 less. Blaine suggests that the revenue amount be adopted and the Contingency (in City Council's budget) be reduced from \$35,000 to \$28,290. (Tentative amount \$35,000-\$9,940+\$3,230=\$28,290). The \$3,230 is the balance of "other priorities."

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ Resolution No. 2014-15 adopting Certified Tax Rate
- ☐ Tax Rate Summary-2

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-15

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2014 TAX RATE FOR THE GENERAL FUND FOR CENTERVILLE CITY.

WHEREAS, in order to comply with State Law as contained in the Utah Code Annotated, Section 10-6-133, it is necessary to establish a tax rate for the General Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE CITY, STATE OF UTAH:

Section 1. Enactment. That the 2014 tax rate (for FY 2015) for the General Fund be set as follows:

<u>Purpose of Tax Rate</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Apportionment</u>
General Fund	<u>0.001072</u>	<u>\$951,835</u>

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE CITY, STATE OF UTAH, on this 24th day of June, 2014.

CENTERVILLE CITY

BY: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

I hereby certify that the above Resolution entitled "A Resolution Setting the 2014 Tax Rate for the General Fund for Centerville City, Utah," is a true and accurate copy of the resolution passed on the 24th day of June, 2014.

Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder



Certified Tax Rates


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County	06_DAVIS	Entity	3020_CENTERVILLE	Tax Year
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 2014
 Tax Rate Summary
 (693) CTY

Proposed Rates set by Entity	Proposed Rates Approved by County	Approved by State OK to Print	Rates Finalized
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	Current	Prior Year End	CY - PYE	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Value Adjustments	Value Adj
Real	962,740,199	894,332,823	68,407,376	7.65%	Reappraisal	52,854,963
Personal*	43,997,874	42,824,459	1,073,415	2.50%	Factoring	0
Central	34,631,293	34,024,213	607,080	1.78%	5 Year Avg Coll Rate CY/PYE	0
Total Value	1,041,369,366	971,281,495	70,087,871	7.22%	Proposed Tax Rate Value	52,854,963
CDRA RCA	98,676,923	90,958,944	7,717,979	8.49%		Annex Adj
CDRA Personal*	4,309,055	3,706,310	602,745	16.26%	New Growth: Calculated	0
Total CDRA	102,985,978	94,665,254	8,320,724	8.79%	5 Year Avg Coll Rate CY	0
Semiconductor*	0	0	0	0.00%	New Growth: CTR Calculation	
Total Value-CDRA-SCME	938,383,388	876,616,241	61,767,147	7.05%	Certified Tax Rate Value	
* "Personal" and "CDRA Pers" show Year-End values only and are one year earlier than Real and Centrally Assessed values.						
					Accounting Period	
					Fiscal	

NOTES

Budget Code	Budget Name	Date of Election	Rate Limit	Code from Utah Annotated	Maximum By Law	Calculated Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Proposed Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Requested Revenue
10	General Operations			510-6-133	.007	0.001072	0.001072		951,835	
190	Discharge of Judgement			559-2-1328 & 1330	Sufficient	0.000000			0	
Total Tax Rate C							0.001072	0.001072	951,835	

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 4.

Short Title: Amend Centerville City Fee Schedule regarding solid waste, recycling and green waste

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 7:20

SUBJECT

Consider Resolution No. 2014-19

RECOMMENDATION

Approve Resolution No. 2014-19 increasing the monthly rates for solid waste, recycling and green waste in accordance with the contract with Ace Disposal.

BACKGROUND

The City's contract with Ace Disposal for pickup of solid waste, recycling and green waste entitles Ace to increase their charge in accordance with the Western States CPI, which increased 1.5% over the past year. The City's cost for disposal of waste at the burn plant/landfill, however, does not increase. Therefore, the actual increases in the fees paid by the customers will be 0.87% for solid waste, 1.35% for recycling, and 1.03% for green waste--resulting in the increases shown in the attached Resolution amending the City Fee Schedule for these services.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ Resolution No. 2019 amending City Fee Schedule re: Sanitation Fees

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-19

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CENTERVILLE CITY FEE SCHEDULE
REGARDING SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE
COLLECTION SERVICE FEES.**

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City Fee Schedule by increasing the solid waste, recycling and green waste collection services fees as more particularly set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the amendments to the City Fee Schedule are reasonable and in the best interest of the public to provide for the protection of the public's health, safety and welfare, and to encourage the diversion and/or recovery of green waste materials from the waste stream.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
CENTERVILLE, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. **Amendment.** The City Council hereby amends Section V.C. of the Centerville City Fee Schedule regarding Garbage Collection Fees to increase the solid waste, recycling and green waste collection services fees as more particularly set forth in **Exhibit "A,"** attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. **Severability.** If any section, clause or portion of this Resolution is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately. The fees for solid waste, recycling and green waste collection services shall be effective starting on June 26, 2014.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE CITY,
STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE, 2014.**

CENTERVILLE CITY

By: _____
Mayor Paul A. Cutler

ATTEST:

City Recorder, Marsha L. Morrow

EXHIBIT "A"

SOLID WASTE, GREEN WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION FEES

V. Utilities.

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C. Garbage (Eff. 06-24-2014 by Resolution No. 2014-19)

Garbage Service Monthly Fee Schedule

Solid Waste, Green Waste, and Recycling Services

Monthly Fee Schedule

Schedule A

<u>Number of Solid Waste Containers</u>	<u>Total Monthly Fee</u>
1	\$11.46 <u>\$11.56</u>
Add'l/Each	\$-8.95 <u>\$9.00</u>
<u>Number of Recycling Containers</u>	<u>Total Monthly Fee</u>
1	\$3.70 <u>\$3.75</u>
Add'l/Each	\$1.85 <u>\$1.91</u>
<u>Number of Green Waste Containers</u>	<u>Total Monthly Fee</u>
1	\$5.80 <u>\$5.86</u>
Add'l/Each	\$5.80 <u>\$5.87</u>

All new residents applying for solid waste collection services will be required to pay to the City in advance \$70.00 for a primary residential container.

Residents applying for additional solid waste containers will be required to pay the initial \$70.00 per container fee in advance. Residents may suspend service for additional containers after a minimum of two (2) calendar months. Residents may reinstate service for additional containers within twenty-four months from the date of suspension of service and will be required to pay a \$10.00 reinstatement fee.

All solid waste containers rented from the City shall be rented on the same schedule that is on Schedule A.

Recyclable materials containers shall be supplied by the City's contractor at no initial cost to the residents (monthly service charges will be as shown in Schedule A above).

Green Waste containers shall be provided by the City. Residents may suspend service for additional containers after a minimum of six (6) calendar months. Residents may reinstate service for additional containers within twenty-four (24) months from the date of suspension of service and will be required to pay a \$10.00 reinstatement fee.

The billing status of each residence will not change as the occupancy thereof changes; i.e., the solid waste or recyclable materials container with its billing status will remain with the residence as originally established. Adjustments between occupants of residences covering prepayment of container rental shall be the responsibility of said occupants.

Nothing herein contained, including payment of the rental sums herein specified, shall affect title to said containers, which shall at all times remain with the City and/or the City's contractor, as applicable.

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 5.

Short Title: UTOPIA/Macquarie Proposal - Consider Participation in Milestone 2 of the Macquarie Proposal

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 7:25

SUBJECT

Consider alternative resolutions to support or not support proceeding to Milestone 2 of the Macquarie Proposal (Resolution No. 2014-18)

RECOMMENDATION

Consider adoption of one of two alternative resolutions proposed to either support or not support proceeding to Milestone 2 of the UTOPIA/Macquarie Proposal (Resolution No. 2014-18).

BACKGROUND

The City Council tabled action on this matter after the lengthy public hearing and presentations provided on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The issue before the Council is whether to move forward into Milestone 2 of the UTOPIA/Macquarie Proposal. The Council will be provided the opportunity to debate this matter in full at this special meeting and to determine whether to adopt one of two alternative resolutions proposed to either support or not support proceeding to Milestone 2.

As requested by the City Council, the public comment cards that were filled out at the public hearing on June 17, 2014, have been scanned and are attached. In addition, Staff has attempted to collect the relevant emails regarding this matter that were sent to official City email addresses. This is taking some effort; therefore, copies of these emails will be attached in batches as prepared.

Please note the proposed change to the opt-in resolution regarding the cost for Milestone 2. Given the fact that some cities have opted out of moving forward with Milestone 2, the remaining cities moving forward will be responsible for paying their proportionate share of the Milestone 2 costs that are not covered by opt-out cities. Depending on how many more cities opt-out, Centerville's proportionate share of Milestone 2 costs could increase anywhere from \$1,000-\$22,000 (staff are still verifying the cost, percentages and methodology used in this calculation). This number is significantly dependent upon whether the larger cities such as Orem and Murray vote to move forward through Milestone 2.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ Resolution No. 2014-18 (Opt-Out)
- ☐ Resolution No. 2014-18 (Opt-In)-redline
- ☐ PH Comment Cards

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL DECIDING NOT TO SUPPORT UTOPIA AND UIA MOVING FORWARD WITH MACQUARIE INTO MILESTONE 2 AND DIRECTING THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF UTOPIA AND UIA TO VOTE AGAINST MOVING FORWARD WITH MACQUARIE INTO MILESTONE 2

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency ("UTOPIA"), and of the Utah Infrastructure Agency ("UIA," collectively, with UTOPIA, the "Agencies"); and

WHEREAS, the Agencies have previously entered into a Pre-Development Agreement ("PDA") with Macquarie Capital ("Macquarie"); and

WHEREAS, under the PDA, Macquarie is obligated to fulfill certain steps referred to as "Milestones" to methodically investigate and propose a transaction known as a "Concession Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, Macquarie has completed its work under Milestone 1, and has provided the Agencies, and their member cities, Macquarie's Milestone 1 Report; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is not in the best interest of the City or its citizens to support the Agencies moving forward with and proceeding through Milestone 2 of the Macquarie proposal based on the City's opposition to the mandatory utility fee model of the proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Lack of Support for Macquarie Milestone 2. The City has received a copy of the "UTOPIA Network PPP: Milestone One Report" as prepared by Macquarie Capital dated April 29, 2014. The City Council hereby finds that it is not in the best interest of the City or its citizens to support the Agencies moving forward with and proceeding through Milestone 2 of the Macquarie proposal. The City's representatives to the UTOPIA and UIA Boards of Directors are hereby directed to vote against the Agencies progressing into Milestone 2 of the Macquarie proposal.

Section 2. Limitations. As defined in the PDA, "Milestone" is defined as a discrete subpart of the Macquarie Project with certain deliverables, budgets and deadlines following which there are certain opportunities for the Agencies to terminate the Agreement. While the City is a member of UTOPIA and UIA, it is expressly acknowledged that the City is not a party to the PDA.

Section 3. Compensation. The City agrees to pay to the Agencies its pro rata share of potential reimbursement amounts due and owing for proceeding through Milestone 1 in an amount not to exceed \$16,320, subject to and conditioned upon the following:

1. The Agencies terminate the PDA and/or do not proceed through Milestones 2, 3 or 4; and
2. The Agencies are actually obligated to reimburse Macquarie for termination of the PDA under the terms and conditions set forth in Section 6.1, and only to the extent provided therein.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE CITY,
STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.**

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Paul A. Cutler

ATTEST:

Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

Voting by the City Council:

	"AYE"	"NAY"
Councilmember Averett	_____	_____
Councilmember Fillmore	_____	_____
Councilmember Higginson	_____	_____
Councilmember Ivie	_____	_____
Councilmember Wright	_____	_____

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGREEING TO SUPPORT UTOPIA AND UIA MOVING FORWARD WITH MACQUARIE INTO MILESTONE 2 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF UTOPIA AND UIA TO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY IN FAVOR OF MOVING FORWARD WITH MACQUARIE INTO MILESTONE 2

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency ("UTOPIA"), and of the Utah Infrastructure Agency ("UIA," collectively, with UTOPIA, the "Agencies"); and

WHEREAS, the Agencies have previously entered into a Pre-Development Agreement ("PDA") with Macquarie Capital ("Macquarie"); and

WHEREAS, under the PDA, Macquarie is obligated to fulfill certain steps referred to as "Milestones" to methodically investigate and propose a transaction known as a "Concession Agreement"; and

WHEREAS, Macquarie has completed its work under Milestone 1, and has provided the Agencies, and their member cities, Macquarie's Milestone 1 Report; and

WHEREAS, the City has not yet determined whether the Macquarie proposal is in the best interest of the City, but the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to support the Agencies moving forward with and proceeding through Milestone 2 in order to obtain further information and details regarding the Macquarie proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Support for Macquarie Milestone 2. The City has received a copy of the "UTOPIA Network PPP: Milestone One Report" as prepared by Macquarie Capital dated April 29, 2014. The City Council hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the City and its citizens to support the Agencies moving forward with and proceeding through Milestone 2 of the Macquarie proposal in order to obtain further information and details regarding the Macquarie proposal. The City's representatives to the UTOPIA and UIA Boards of Directors are hereby authorized and directed to vote in favor of the Agencies progressing into Milestone 2 of the Macquarie proposal.

Section 2. Limitations. This Resolution and the support for the Agencies moving forward with Macquarie is limited to support to proceed only through Milestone 2. As defined in the PDA, "Milestone" is defined as a discrete subpart of the Macquarie Project with certain deliverables, budgets and deadlines following which there are certain opportunities for the Agencies to terminate the Agreement. Nothing herein shall be construed as the City's support

for anything other than the Agencies moving forward with Macquarie through Milestone 2. While the City is a member of UTOPIA and UIA, it is expressly acknowledged that the City is not a party to the PDA.

Section 3. Compensation. The City agrees to pay to the Agencies its pro rata share of potential reimbursement amounts due and owing for proceeding through Milestone 1 in an amount not to exceed \$16,320 and its pro rata share of potential reimbursement amounts for Milestone 2 ~~in an amount not to exceed \$30,600~~, subject to and conditioned upon the following:

1. The City receives a copy of the full and final Macquarie Milestone 2 Report;
2. The City decides not to support the Agencies proceeding to Milestone 3;
3. The Agencies terminate the PDA and/or do not proceed through Milestone 3 or 4; and
4. The Agencies are actually obligated to reimburse Macquarie for termination of the PDA under the terms and conditions set forth in Section 6.1, and only to the extent provided therein.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CENTERVILLE CITY,
STATE OF UTAH, ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2014.**

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Paul A. Cutler

ATTEST:

Marsha L. Morrow, City Recorder

Voting by the City Council:

	"AYE"	"NAY"
Councilmember Averett	_____	_____
Councilmember Fillmore	_____	_____
Councilmember Higginson	_____	_____
Councilmember Ivie	_____	_____
Councilmember Wright	_____	_____

CENTERVILLE CITY
PUBLIC HEARING FORM
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PLEASE PRINT

NAME: Jane Randall DATE: 6/7/11

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Regarding a new name
for UTOPIA:

" DYSTOPIA "

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NAME: Mark Allred DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES

☒ NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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I spoke but ~~was~~ ran out of time.

So consider:

1) How do we help those for whom \$240/yr
is too much? (check box to contribute,
add-in fee etc.)

2) Saw an article about importance of
connectivity for seniors, training for help, etc.
~~hardly~~ If this follows the utility
model, you should consider a training prog
for any citizens who want it. I would help if I am
not off on an LDS mission.

3) And again, if you follow the utility model,
make the connection have civic value. Phone service
is fine but I ~~with~~ suggest something like
~~automated~~ digital reporting of water use or
emergency communication/public safety app.

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NAME: Eric Bingham DATE: 6-17-2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: Norm Albiston

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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UTOPIA - will provide type script after I have read it.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

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NAME: PAUL GAPINSKI DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

☒ I WISH TO SPEAK

☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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I don't understand how, in good conscience, we
could even consider this proposal. For 30 years
the citizens of Centerville will have a tax forced on
them to pay for something they don't want, don't
need, and in some cases cannot afford. It
will bind the citizens and future city leaders of
Centerville to 30 years of servitude - Hands tied -
limited in what the city can accomplish. Is
this liberty? Is this freedom? We are living
in America not 1939 Nazi Germany nor the
Stalin era of Russia. Don't force Americans
to adopt a type agenda.

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NAME: LADD MARSHALL DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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To give my perspective on the UTOPIA network here in centerville as I have worked w/ residents for over 3 years as a contractor for UTOPIA and spoken ^{with} ^{over} 1,000 ~~in~~ residents personally.

After purchasing a house the beginning of 2013 I feel responsible to voice my opinion on why I am in support of proceeding to mile stone two.

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NAME: Amie Hancey DATE: 6/17

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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I think that there is not enough
information provided by Kingman
to make an informed decision
at this time. Move to next steps
in order to get more informed.

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NAME: Mark Koon DATE: 6-02-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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I'm the CEO of ABS Telecom we are a Broker
of Telecom Services
~~we~~ we Rep. CenturyLink, QX, Intergo, Windstream, Veracity
April 3

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NAME: Allen Phelps DATE: 6/16/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

- Endless tax that forces a service on people regardless of use.
- Not a necessary service
- Decrease Competition
- Giving more money to a project that was poorly managed & lower than expected sign-up.

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NAME: Laurie Dalton DATE: 6-17-2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

UTOPIA has been extremely frustrating from
the onset. I doubt the majority of residents
were in favor of UTOPIA in the beginning.
The City Counsel foolishly agreed to this and
it has cost the citizens plenty.

I do not want UTOPIA, even with the deal
being offered, and I will not use it.

I do not want UTOPIA now, I did not want
it then. I beg you to accept the error of
the City Counsel, and not throw more money
at this mistake. It has cost enough!

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME: Mark Alved DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

☒ I WISH TO SPEAK

☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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If I don't not get a chance to give my comments,
I will email them

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NAME: Gary & Gayle Banks DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

UTOPIA HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE AND
MISMANAGED FROM DAY ONE.

MACQUARIE MAY BE A FINE COMPANY, HOWEVER IF
THEY CHOOSE TO TAKE OVER UTOPIA, THEY SHOULD DO SO AT
THEIR OWN EXPENSE AND NOT EXPECT THE CITIZENS OF CENTERVILLE
TO SUBSIDIZE IT. ANY FURTHER.

I FIND THIS NEW PROPOSAL EXTREMELY OFFENSIVE. FORCING
CITIZENS TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL FEE EACH MONTH FOR
FOR THE RIGHT TO PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000.00 FEE ~~TO~~ TO
ACTUALLY CONNECT TO THE UTOPIA IS BEYOND STUPID.

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND SAY NO
TO THIS PROPOSAL.

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NAME: Ferris Derbidge DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

What will happen with the money
already paid by current Utopia
subscribers x \$3000.00?

Refund / Rebate, etc.?

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PLEASE PRINT

NAME: Gary Leitch DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

UTSPEIA

Good place Centerville needs to continue
to move into the 21st Century. Our children
and most adults use the Internet. That becomes
a necessity of our lives. It makes no sense
to travel on a 20th Century 2 Lane Highway
when a 21st Century Freeway is available.

The decision to bring Fiber into Centerville
was made several years ago. We are all going
to pay for it one way or another. Lets
finish the job an stay ahead of the curve.

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NAME: DOROTHY B. CALL DATE: 17 JUN 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK ☒

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK ☐

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

I HAVE LIVED IN CENTERVILLE FOR 54+ YRS AND HAVE SEEN
MANY CHANGES, SOME GOOD SOME NOT SO GOOD. THROUGH ALL
THE YEARS (WHEN WE FIRST CAME) EVERYONE WORKED TOGETHER,
DID WITHOUT TOGETHER, SHARED, ETC... WE'RE STILL PRETTY
GREAT BUT... THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES THE PEOPLE
VOTED DOWN BUT WERE INSTIGATED ANYWAY WHICH HAVE
RAISED BILLS FOR ALL WHICH HAVE NOT PROVED NECESSARY NOR
VERY BENEFICIAL.

I WOULD ASK, HAVE DECISIONS BEEN MADE PRAYERFULLY?
THOUGHTFULLY? WITH THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL BEEN
CONSIDERED? HAVE THEY DECIDED BY "SOUNDS GOOD LET'S DO
IT," OR "LET'S CHECK ALL AVENUES FIRST", ...

OK, SINCE THE VOTE FOR UTOPIA WAS MADE WITHOUT
THE OKAY OF THE PEOPLE, AND SINCE IT WILL BE COSTLY, NO
MATTER, I SUGGEST PRAYERFULLY CHOSE THE LEAST
COSTLY, IF DROPPING OUT IS THE BEST....?

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NAME: ANN LALLI DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: _____

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Senator Howard Pughman sent out a mailer
stating that "Utopia is the local equivalent
of Almacare. Government shouldn't force us
to purchase a product we don't want at a
price we can't afford." Amen!

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NAME: Jennifer Turnblom DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: _____

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Utopia has always been a bad idea and nothing will make it a good idea. ESPECIALLY when it means putting more taxes on citizens who can't afford to even provide necessities for their families. Communication is not a right. It is a ~~privilege~~ privilege. I should not have to pay for someone else's wants. When this communication system utopia began a representative from Utopia said it would not be practical for us to have to our property served by this, so why would I want it now at a higher price. When a citizen makes a decision and finds out it was a bad deal. They have to swallow their pride and realize they lost money and move on. Utopia has always lost money and will always ~~lose~~ lose money. It is time for Utopia to go away! 11,000 people using something in a state with 10 times or more people is not a good investment for everyone else.

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NAME: Kevin Rawlings DATE: 6-17-18

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY) (Taxes)

We have had "Fees" added to our
City Bill over the years.
Some I am aware of:

- 1 recycle dumpster barrel - applied to most households
 - 2 green waste barrel - applied to most households
 - 3 sub drains - applied to all households
- where will it end?

We don't need another "Fee" applied to every
household, whether they like it or not.

Please don't nickle and dime us to death
or bankruptcy.

When is it enough?

What about low/fixed income households?

How many other companies are willing to finish/
service Centerville fiber network?

How many others have been looked at?

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NAME: Daniel & Anna Young DATE: 6-17-2014
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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What happens to those of us who
have paid the full amount + \$2700 already?
Do we lose this money or get a
tax break?

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NAME: RICHARD PEARSON DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

I VIEW THE UTOPIA - MACQUARIE
PPP PROPOSAL FAVORABLY AND
URGE THE CITY COUNCIL TO MOVE
FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL.

I BELIEVE ~~THE~~ INTERNET IS VERY
SIMILAR TO OTHER CITY UTILITIES,
SUCH AS WATER AND SEWER.
IT PROVIDES LONG TERM BENEFITS
TO ALL RESIDENTS OF CENTERVILLE.
THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES.. BUT
THIS IS THE BEST.

BUT PLEASE INVESTIGATE WHAT
HAPPENS IF MACQUARIE GOES
BANKRUPT.

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NAME: KARL J. HILLER DATE: 17 June 14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

either ☒ I WISH TO SPEAK

☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Major Culter,

At the Republican caucus meeting, you were emphatic that
voting for Utopia was the ~~worst~~ decision you ever made.
Since we have guaranteed payment for the debacle & mismanagement
of the first build-out. Why do we want to try again with
MacQuarie - making the public guarantee going from 14 million
to 35,000,000.

Why would an investor not want to invest where
guaranteed money is involved?

I have Comcast. and no one is subsidizing or paying
for me. If anyone on my street wants to Comcast
they can Comcast.

Free market system should prevail - People should pay
for what they want - I want a new car - should the
community all chip in and pay for it?

Technology is advancing so quickly - Do we know
what 30 year from now will bring?

I truly believe government should stay out of the private sector!

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NAME: Nathan Gate DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

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1. Given that Centerville is mostly built out and therefore poses less risk to Macquarie, how will our rates compare to other participating cities?
2. What fee will Macquarie charge? I have seen that contracts w/ Govt. ~~disclose~~ disclose fee (profit) and FVM components
3. For those who own Utopia now, will they be forced to sell ownership to the city?
4. What are proposed rates for 'premium service'?
5. What ^{cost} index will ^{the} basic service follow through out the 30 yrs? ~~Will this index be~~ Will Macquarie be allowed to change this index at any point over the 30 yrs?

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NAME: LESTER GIOFARDA DATE: 17 JUNE 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

HAS THE CITY ATTORNEY DETERMINED THAT IT IS "LEGAL" TO
FOR CITIZENS TO PAY FOR A SERVICE THEY DO NOT WANT TO
RECEIVE? CONTRARY TO SOME CITY/CITY COMMUNICATION
SERVICES ARE NOT ESSENTIAL SERVICES. I SHOULD BELIEVE
I DO HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE OR NOT HAVE A TELEPHONE
OR TELEVISION OR COMPUTER.

CAN THE CITY FORCE ME TO PAY FOR A QUESTIONABLE UNNEEDED
SERVICE?

IF FORCED TO PAY FOR A FIBER SERVICE HOW DOES THE CITY
GET AN EASEMENT ACROSS MY PROPERTY TO MY HOUSE?
IF THE CITY GETS AN EASEMENT AND HOOKS UP MY HOUSE,
HOW MANY MONTHS WOULD BE SERVICED?

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NAME: BRUCE LARSEN DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? ☒ YES ☐ NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: RESIDENTS OF CENTERVILLE, UTAH

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

This City entered into private business. This should have been left to private companies. Our current mayor was instrumental in causing our city to become involved in this problem. He should not be responsible for decisions of the city, because he is more interested in his personal concern rather than the City's concern. The City should get out of this and lick our wounds and stay out of private business from here on in. The City should provide police & fire and those limited services that serve the citizens of Centerville. All else should be left to private enterprise.

6-17-14

[Signature]

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NAME: Sally Dickerson DATE: 6-17-2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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Do not put the unnecessary expense burden on
Centerville tax payers.
Listen to the citizens !!!

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NAME: William Ince DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville UT

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

☒ I WISH TO SPEAK

☐ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

① I believe that the complexity of the legal situation far exceeds the sophistication of our Utopia organization and 11 city councils to negotiate a fair contract

② Government Most leaders and officials say they support limited government. Expanding our Utopia Commitment with Macquarie is not limited government, It is a foolish expansion of a mistake.

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NAME: Ruth Ann Fisher DATE: 6/17

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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I am in favor of going with
MacQuarrie

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NAME: Ken Jones DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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QUESTIONS

1- WILL THERE BE AN INSTALLATION CHARGE FOR THE BASIC SERVICES.

2- HOW & WHEN WILL WE KNOW WHAT PROVIDERS WILL PARTICIPATE FOR TELEVISION, INTERNET & TELEPHONE.

3- WHAT INPUT TO FUTURE MANAGEMENT WILL THE CITIES (IE CENTERVILLE) HAVE? WILL WE HAVE BOARD MEMBER INPUT?

4- IS IT TRUE THAT COMCAST HAS STARTED TO INSTALL FIBER OPTICS IN CENTERVILLE?

5- IF THE NEW PROPOSAL SUCCEEDS, IS THERE A POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING IN OTHER CITIES TO HELP SHARE THE COSTS?

6- DOES MCQUARIE HAVE THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITY TO DO WHAT THEY SAY THEY'LL DO.

7- HOW DOES MCQUARIE PLAN TO MAKE MONEY ON THEIR PROPOSAL?

8- IT SEEMS THAT THE TIME BOMB CLOCK IS TICKING ON UTOPIA. HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION?

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NAME: Stacy Shelton & Scott Shelton DATE: 6/17/2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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We are against this proposal. We are happy with
our current internet & TV service. We do not want
to pay for anything we will not use.

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Why UTOPIA

Robert Oakes

June 17, 2014

Purpose of Government

Nearly all of the founding fathers including James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson believed strongly in a common good and general welfare. These were explicitly coded in the preamble to the Constitution:

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the General Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.¹

Access to Internet

- Access to Internet resources in the home is a significant benefit, especially to students and children:
 - Children with access to Internet at home perform better on standardized exams, consistently gaining one full grade improvement. A United Kingdom study, reported by the guardian, found that the improvement was statistically significant, "even when compared to other factors, such as teacher influence, which produces no significant difference."²
 - Students with home access to Internet outperform similar peers in nearly every form of academic activity. The Internet can provide access to new and enhanced curriculum materials not available in other forms.³
- The Internet has become the common communications platform for the modern world
 - Email: Many corporate and government prefer email communications with mail being considered an inferior substitute. Some corporations will pass costs for physical mailers back to their customers, even though they may be legally obligated to provide statements and other communications.
 - Access to important official statements: tax documents, banking, education, and other government services.

Outline

1. What is the purpose of government?
 - (a) Provide for the general welfare
 - (b) Promote the public good
2. Access to the Internet
3. What is the current state of US/Utah internet infrastructure
 - (a) Objective measurements: US has slipped from having the fastest connection speeds at the cheapest rates to number eight in the developed world. This is despite receiving enormous subsidies (more than \$200 billion since 1996) and posting enormous profits.
 - (b) Customer perception: The companies responsible for providing Internet service are consistently the most hated companies in America.
4. Macquarie proposal is very different from previous iterations
 - (a) Macquarie is offering its own capital and assuming nearly all of the risk of the network build-out.
 - (b) There are strong financial incentives for Macquarie to operate the network at a profit, which benefits both Macquarie and the member cities.

¹ Constitution of the United States of America: Preamble. 1789.

² BBC Children's Study, reported by the Guardian (www.guardian.co.uk). Daniel Boffrey, "Children with internet access at home gain exam advantage," The Guardian, 21 May, 2011.

³ Heather Grinager, "How Education Technology Leads to Improved Student Achievement," National Conference of State Legislatures, November 2006.

2 WHY UTOPIA

- Use of home Internet by Centerville residents may be as high as 95% or greater. Internet connection is clearly an important component of modern life.⁴

State of Telecommunications Infrastructure, United States

The general network infrastructure of the United States (once the fastest, most efficient, and cost competitive in the world) has languished when compared against the networks of other developed countries. At the same time, corporate consolidation has decreased competition to the point where most Americans (67%) have two or fewer ISP companies to choose from in their area. One third (33%) of all Americans have no choice.

Network Infrastructure

American Telecommunications Act of 1996

- Telecommunications companies, such as Comcast, Verizon, and CenturyLink collectively received a subsidy of more than \$200 billion dollars (\$2000 per American household). The Bell companies - SBC, Verizon, BellSouth, and Qwest were direct beneficiaries to these funds.⁵
- The commitment made by telecommunications companies:
 - By 2006, 86 million households were to have been wired with a fiber connection capable of 45 Mbps in both directions.
 - Universal Broadband: Wiring to happen in rich and poor neighborhoods, rural, urban, suburban areas equally.
 - Open to all competitors. Networks were to be open to all competitors, not a close-in network or deployed only where the company desired.
 - In exchange for building the networks, the Bell companies received changes in state laws to provide additional profits, tax savings, and other benefits for building the network.

Current status of network deployments and health of the Internet:

- Networks have gutted FCC network traffic rules which have allowed for the Internet to thrive. Comcast is experimenting with data caps and throttling.⁶
- Current rules under public comment allow for providers to charge extra for "fast-lanes" while making no requirements about basic service level.⁷
- 28% of American residents have access to only a single broadband provider.

⁴ Relevant facts:

- Only 7.5% of Utahs age 3 or older did not have the Internet available to them in 2011. (Source: "Computer and Internet Use in the United States: Population Characteristics. United States Census Bureau. 2011." Covered by the Salt Lake Tribune, "Census: Utah No. 1 for Internet access." by Lee Davidson, released Jun 10, 2013.)
- Ratio of Utah's population over 60+ is between 13% and 14%, which implies that Utahns of all age make use of the Internet and web services. (Source: Administration on Aging, "Policy Academy State Profile: Utah". Projected population statistics based on 2010 census and 2012 follow-up survey.)
- Centerville is one of the most affluent cities in the state of Utah with a median income of \$80,369. The Utah median income is \$57,049. (Source: Taken from US Census Data (factfinder2.census.gov), calculated from 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.) Centerville residents have a high degree of education and tend to be younger than the state average. All of these factors are highly correlated with increased Internet usage at home.

⁵ See Robert X. Cringley, the \$200 Billion Rip-Off, 2007. Available at <http://www.pbs.org/>.

⁶ Jon Brodtkin, "Net neutrality is half-dead: Court strikes down FCC's anti-blocking rules" Ars Technica, 14 January 2014, (www.arstechnica.com). Vince Horiuchi, "Comcast experimenting with raising data caps on Internet service," 17 May 2012.

⁷ Jon Brodtkin, Net neutrality dead for good? FCC may endorse pay-for-play deals. Ars Technica. Available at <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2014/04/>

- 67% have two or fewer options.⁸
- A market only functions when consumers are able to make a rational choice based on a healthy set of options. A monopoly or duopoly does not represent a functioning market and has required government intervention to restore a system which does not take advantage of consumers.
- Since 1996, the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the US went from first in the world for connection speed and access to 8th while the cost for that access increased faster than inflation.⁹
- At the same time that network performance has suffered, company revenues are at a high (up 128%) but employees are down 65% based on revenue, and additional construction is down 60% (2009 data).
- Nearly all networks in the United States are proprietary and operated for the exclusive profit of the network owner, despite direct promises to the contrary and hundreds of billions in subsidies.¹⁰

Customer Perception

Large telecommunications corporations are the most hated companies in America:

- Comcast is the most hated company among all businesses in every industry. They set a new record for the worst score in the history of the American Customer Satisfaction Index survey.¹¹ Customer service has not improved since the ACSI began surveys in 2001.
- CenturyLink was the third most hated company in the survey (just beaten out by Time Warner, also a major ISP).
- For both Comcast and CenturyLink, complaints were related to service reliability, service outages, inaccessible customer support, problems with service personnel not coming at specified times (or at all), etc.
- Comcast and CenturyLink spend millions of dollars annually on government relationships.¹² Comcast, in particular, is known to employ the spouses, sons, and daughters of councilmen, commissioners, and other elected officials to assure its continued preferred market allocations.¹³
- The most vocal group involved opposing the Macquarie proposal, uNOpia have direct ties to CenturyLink. CenturyLink paid for mailers and promotional materials (including signs, mailers, and posters).¹⁴

⁸ Data provided by the Federal Communications Commission, December 2013. Adam Clark Estes, "The Promising (But Problematic) Future of Ultra-Fast Internet," 28 February 2014, www.gizmodo.com. Zach Epstein, "Almost one-third of US households have no choice for broadband Internet service," Goy Genius Report, 14 March 2014.

⁹ See Akami, "The State of the Internet," 2nd Quarter, 2013 report.

¹⁰ Bruce Kushnick, "\$300 Billion Broadband Scandal," New Network Institute, 2009.

¹¹ University of Michigan, "The American Customer Satisfaction Index," 2014. Available online at <http://www.theacsi.org/>

¹² Center for Public Integrity, "Comcast Corporation Political Influence," www.publicintegrity.org.

¹³ Matthew Mosk and Eric Rich, "Prominent Ties Among Comcast Hires" Washington Post, 7 March 2006. Mathew Mosk and Eric Rich, "Maryland Lawmakers call for probe of Comcast ties," 8 March, 2006.

¹⁴ For links between uNOpia and CenturyLink, see www.freeutopia.org. Connections include:

- CenturyLink VP Eric Isom is on the Utah Taxpayers Association Executive Committee. The Utah Taxpayer's Association is the group which directly funds uNOpia.
- Mailers and other promotional materials were paid for by CenturyLink.

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CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS: Question
(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Must all City Council Members
be present to vote?

McQuarrie Decision

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NAME: Greg Cam DATE: 6/16/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

1- What guarantee is there that Macquarie will not fail as Utopia has

2- Will there be a connection fee as there has been with Utopia? If so what?

3- What happens as technology changes and fiber optics is no longer the best delivery system

4- What guarantee do we have with respect to future costs since Macquarie will basically be a monopoly?

5- Will the costs or taxes be a factor that will lower property value compared to other area cities

6- How can we be assured that promises made will be upheld

7- What incentive is there that will cause consumers to want to use Utopia system?

- We've stepped into the mud. Since that's where we are let's find

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NAME: Paul Stokes DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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Centerville should not be in the business of
bonding to funding an Internet ^{backbone} provider. Had the
City put the UTOPIA project ~~down~~ to a public
vote, it would never have occurred, and we
would not be in this predicament. We need to cut
our losses, find a way to fund our mistakes, and
NOT add to them over the next 30 years.

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NAME: GREG LARSON DATE: 6/17/2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

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- * For a non-user of Utopia, costs go up.
- * Technology changes rapidly - the internet is available now over the airwaves, why spend millions on an infrastructure that may be obsolete long before it is paid for. How many great ideas of the latter part of the 1970s are not viable today.
- * ~~Let~~ Let current installations stand & have current users pay associated fees.
- * 40% of homes in U.S. currently do not have a landline. They depend on a cell phone not the old landline systems.

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Provo Cable Bill

Before Google Fiber

Comcast.

Service Details

Account Number
Billing Date
Total Amount Due
Payment Due By

07/23/13
\$196.08
07/23/13
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Total
\$196.08

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Total Additional XFINITY TV Services \$27.46



Modem Rental 07/09 - 08/08 7.50

Total Additional XFINITY Internet Services \$7.50



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TN Package 07/09 - 08/08 0.00

International Calls 1.35

Univ. Connectivity Chg. - Usage 0.20

Univ. Connectivity Chg. - Recurring 0.87

Regulatory Recovery Fees - Usage 0.04

Regulatory Recovery Fees - Recurring 1.25

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Total Additional XFINITY Voice Services \$3.71

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No new debt -
private capital
with no public
guarantee? -

Do we pay any of the
investment back?

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August 2013

New Charges Summary

XFINITY TV 132.97

XFINITY Internet 0.00

XFINITY Voice 3.75

Partial Month Charges & Credits

Changes were made to your account this month. See the following pages for more details.

-48.97

Other Charges & Credits -4.23

Taxes, Surcharges & Fees 9.20

Total New Charges \$92.72

September 2013

New Charges Summary

XFINITY TV 123.99

XFINITY Internet 0.00

XFINITY Voice 4.50

Other Charges & Credits -33.54

Taxes, Surcharges & Fees 9.94

Total New Charges \$104.89

After

Here is an individual in Provo that saw their bill drop by 50%. It shows a greater drop than that, but if you add back the credit it is about a 50% drop. Before: 275.87; After: 138.43 (when you add back the \$33 credit). Again the big thing about this and the other person I got the bills from is that Comcast contacted them. They didn't even have to call Comcast up and ask for cheaper prices.

June 2013

Before

New Charges Summary

XFINITY Bundled Services 194.90

Additional XFINITY TV Services 42.71

Additional XFINITY Internet Services 7.00

Additional XFINITY Voice Services 5.73

Other Charges & Credits 3.73

Taxes, Surcharges & Fees 21.80

Total New Charges \$275.87

July 2013

New Charges Summary

XFINITY Bundled Services 194.90

Additional XFINITY TV Services 35.72

Additional XFINITY Internet Services 7.00

Additional XFINITY Voice Services 5.73

Other Charges & Credits 3.93

Taxes, Surcharges & Fees 20.97

Total New Charges \$268.25

After Google Fiber



Service Details

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Account Number
Billing Date 10/03/13
Total Amount Due ~~\$146.49~~
Payment Due By 10/23/13
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TOTAL!
#50 LESS

XFINITY TV

Extreme Premier Triple	10/09 - 11/08	120.00
Includes Digital Preferred With HBO, Showtime, STARZ, Cinemax, Sports Entertainment Pkg, Anyplay, Streampix, HD Tech Fee, HD DVR Svc, Add'l Digital Outlet Svc For 1 TV, Extreme 250 Internet Svc, Wireless Gateway Device, And Digital Voice Unlimited		
Bypass Legacy/x1 Mix	10/09 - 11/08	0.00
Digital Additional	10/09 - 11/08	8.75
Outlet Service (Includes Equipment)		
Digi To Analog Service	10/09 - 11/08	1.99
Digi To Analog Service	10/09 - 11/08	1.99
Digi To Analog Service	10/09 - 11/08	1.99
X1 DVR Service	10/09 - 11/08	0.00
Total XFINITY TV		\$134.72

XFINITY Internet

Wireless Gateway Device	10/09 - 11/08	0.00
Total XFINITY Internet		\$0.00

XFINITY Voice

For Telephone Number(s): (801)377-7746		
TN Package	10/09 - 11/08	0.00
Univ. Connectivity Chg. - Recurring		0.48

XFINITY Voice

Regulatory Recovery Fees - Recurring	0.70
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View Voice Detail at www.comcast.com/viewbill	
Total XFINITY Voice	\$1.18

Other Charges & Credits

Excise Tax - Adjustment	09/03	-2.63
Total Other Charges & Credits		-2.63

Taxes, Surcharges & Fees

TV		
Franchise Fee		5.25
State Sales Tax		0.63
FCC Regulatory Fee		0.08
Excise Tax		5.78

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NAME: Jerry C. Cook DATE: June 17, 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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From the very initial introduction of Utopia, the people of Centerville have had access to high speed internet. Utopia has never been necessary and has appeared to be nothing more than a special interest project, taken on with misleading information and resulting in an extreme amount of unnecessary debt to the citizens. Having attended the public meetings regarding Utopia since the original meeting, all of the Utopia activity has in my opinion, seemed to proceed by vote of the city council - in direct opposition to and with little or no regard to the public input.

Future financing of Utopia would result in additional bad debt to the ~~city~~ citizens of Centerville.

J. C. Cook 6-17-2014
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Best wishes + lots of good luck.

Be smart. This will be tough if
~~at all~~ possible to save.

Is the funding by Macquarie for
the buildout of Utopia guaranteed
to be paid back?

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NAME: Denise G. Jones, M. Maus DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville (Creek View Rd)

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: Centerville
Citizen against, vehemently against
Milestone Two!

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I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Milestone Two involves an issue that I am against in any
form and that is any illegal, unconstitutional mandate
that would force us to pay for a service ~~that~~ by a private
company that we don't want, Utopia, or Macquarie, or
whoever, is no different than Comcast, cable, or any other
company. These are NOT life-sustaining utilities!

Also, it is unethical to use the blackmail-esgue threat
of turning off our ^{amoral} water if we don't pay the fee for the fiber
optic system of Milestone Two, if it happens. This is a matter
of ethical + moral conscience. The ethics of this entire
Milestone Two / Macquarie "deal" should be considered +
discussed privately + publicly.

As pointed out by the Macquarie representative [M.R.], the
~~who left the~~ ^{Macquarie} company can very well afford to offer Utopia fiber
privately just as Comcast etc. do. Let Macquarie buy out
Utopia!

The propaganda is just that: this is not an investment
in the future. Milestone Two is not necessary. Fiber optics can
be privately purchased now. If anyone wants it, he or she ~~can~~ would
have bought it
by now - we
haven't because
we don't
want it.

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Over please →

Our (at my house) online abilities (DSL + wireless connections) are sufficient for our needs and use our computer and online hardware are in constant use.

All the arguments for this ~~part~~ fiber optic "infrastructure" is false. We've had roads since before the Old Post Road that connected the 13 colonies. Roads are a necessity.

"Let us take care of you" is the Macquarie rep's rhetoric — the same rhetoric and rationale that has usurped freedom wherever it has driven motives. Very communistic.

If the next generation wants fiber optics they can do what we do now: Pay it privately.

If, as one committee member said, people don't want another bond right now, then **THEY DON'T WANT Milestone Two!** Use some logic!

Cities can go bankrupt. Governments, countries can! (Look at Greece!) If Utopia goes bankrupt, our contracted obligation must ethically be paid. It would go to someone.

We need to get out of debt, now, not go into more debt or situations that if fail, leave us holding the ball. Getting into Utopia was a mistake. — don't compound it by going with Milestone Two / the Macquarie proposal. Our debt, our **BIG DEBT** extant now can only get bigger if any other of the commune cities bows out later, just like it has with the cities that have already reneged. And why have they? There are just **NOT ENOUGH** people who want Utopia/fiber optics. Wireless is the way the public is going judged by public usage & the free enterprise system.

Some things can't be fixed. Utopia can't be. Regardless, it is unethical + unconstitutional to make the internet — in any way — a utility or to mandate a fee for a private-sector service!

Fiber optics is great — but it should only be bought privately, as an option NOT as a mandate by government. (Learn something from the Obamacare debacle.)

Getting + Keeping out of debt is the best "investment" in the future we can make.

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NAME: NEIL LISH DATE: 6-17-2014

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MY CONCERNS STARTED IN 2004 WHEN THE THEN
MAYOR RUSSELL, CITY MANAGER AND CITY COUNCIL
MEMBERS TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO DECIDE WHAT
WAS BEST FOR ME AND WHAT I WANTED OR NEEDED.
A DECISION THAT WOULD AFFECT OUR CITY FOR SOME
30 YEARS AS A BOND. THIS DECISION IS LIKE UNTO
OBAMA CARE WHERE BIG BROTHER THINKS HE
KNOWS BEST, WHICH HE DOES NOT. I THOUGHT
THAT WE AS CITIZENS HAD A VOICE THAT AFFECTS
OUR FUTURE AND HOW CITY FUNDS ARE SPENT.
(OUR TAX MONEY)

NOW 2014 I SEE THE MAYOR (PAUL CUTLER)
CITY MANAGER (STOVE THACKER) AND SOME COUNCIL
MEMBERS TRYING TO DO THE SAME THING AGAIN
WITH UTOPIA/MACQUARIE PROPOSAL, WITHOUT
THE CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY OF CENTERVILLE
CITIZENS. WHY DON'T YOU AS MAYOR, CITY MANAGER
AND COUNCIL UNDERSTAND THAT THE MAJORITY OF
CITIZENS DO NOT WANT THIS FORCED UPON US. (OVER)

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CENTERVILLE CITY IS BEING RUN LIKE A
DICTATORSHIP, PAY THE \$20.⁰⁰ UTILITY FEE OR HAVE YOUR
WATER TURNED OFF.

I HAVE LIVED IN CENTERVILLE FOR FORTY PLUS
YEARS, BUT I AM LOOKING AT HOMES IN BOUNTIFUL
AND FARMINGTON TO GET OUT FROM UNDER YOUR
CONTROL AND POOR DECISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
MADE BY OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS, WHO WAS
ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE CITIZENS BEST INTERESTS,
NOT TO PUT US IN BONDAGE FOR SOMETHING THAT
THE MAJORITY DOES NOT WANT.

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NAME: Steven Green DATE: 17 June 2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: N/A

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1. Tonight's agenda was stacked in favor of Macquarie (SP?) and against citizen input. No citizen input allowed until after waiting 1.5 hours - the first 25 minutes were given to Macquarie.

2. I cannot believe that the City Officers have taken action on their own without a citizen vote that now has us in a \$17 million hole. Utopia has proven to be a rotten apple disaster. We need to study and negotiate the best and lowest cost way to negotiate and pay our way out of this, rather than dig this debt hole even deeper.

3. City officials should carefully read the audit report of John Schaft, Utah Legislative Auditor that exposes the many flaws of Utopia.

4. I appreciate the service of our Mayor and City Council members.

(over)

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5. The very low take rate is a very
clear indication of how the majority
of Centerville citizens feel about
this service

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NAME: Douglas Diamond DATE: 6/17/24

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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As a taxpayer I'm very much against the Utopia moving forward. This program was ill conceived from the onset. This is a service (high speed internet) that is readily available from a number of sources provided by the private sector. Utopia has consistently run into cost overruns. It doesn't seem that there is an end in sight - even this last proposal puts us (taxpayers) on the hook for more money. Utopia would only service a small portion of citizens of Centerville but tax all of them. If the upside is supposed to attract new business into Centerville, then when and where will the tax relief come to the citizens of Centerville? I doubt there will be any. I would ask that we

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as a city do not throw good money
after bad! Money that has already
been spent should not factor into the
equation as to whether to proceed or
not. Bottom line - there is very
little upside to the average citizen
but there is considerable downside
(in the form of tax costs) to every
citizen.

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NAME: Shepper L. Lindstrom

DATE: 6-17-2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville, UT

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I encourage the Council to Vote IN FAVOR of gathering the 2nd level of information about the Macquarie acquisition proposal.

I believe the 11 cities small have a possible workable solution to the difficulties faced by Utopia. How could Centerville officials make informed & sound decisions on such an important matter without having this second level info?

On June 5th after the presentation there were several people who spoke in favor of the staying the course with the new information they gave us. Good reasons to do so. I hope the Council members will consider the type of info all public can see as a part of the public record as well.

I believe Macquarie has a proven track

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record of being successful in their performance of operating & managing public/private partnerships. To have a company of this caliber & worth be this interested in this infrastructure speaks to the need of this kind of system. During the June 15th meeting they (McQuay) were asked to give examples of other projects they have been involved in & how they were successful. I encourage the city council staff to acquire info on at least 5 ^{PPP} successful projects they have been a part of. This can serve as evidence of why this solution is very different from previous efforts & why this possible solution should NOT be discounted prematurely.

I believe True Competition in the market place can only bring good benefits to the citizens of Centerville & the other 10 cities.

Now that Google "benefit" Proven the needs & desires of other cities for the future of fiber optics is better understood & is now desired. We need to put ~~us~~ Utopia in the best position possible for a successful outcome. Moving into Milestone II is doing important due diligence toward completing Utopias potential.

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NAME: Robert Rust DATE: 6/17/2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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Centerville ~~SHOULD~~ go to milestone 2!
If centerville doesn't accept the Macquarie
proposal, ~~it~~ ^{it should} at least go to milestone 2 to get
more detailed info.
If enough other cities accept it, ~~that~~ and
the Macquarie deal goes thru, but
Centerville not accept it, then Centerville
might not be able to support the Utopia debt,
be alone in litigation, and not have the help
or support from the other 10 cities.
That would possibly cause Utopia with Centerville
to fail and/or those citizens who paid \$2700
up front (I do not have Utopia) to lose all
that. That is a lot of Centerville residents
to lose that money. Not good.

If Centerville goes to Milestone 2, then the
extra details look a lot less favorable then

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~~the~~ milestone 1, then Centerville could choose to not go any further. But, ~~the~~ Centerville would be charged about \$30,000 to get out. I believe that risk (\$30,000) is worth it.

There is a lot more to lose if we don't do something ~~then~~ to solve the Utopia issue.

\$30,000 divided by \$2,700 (cost per person) is 11. So, the risk is equivalent to 11 people's investment, but if Utopia died, that is hundreds of people's investments.

The Macquarie deal sounds reasonable and a fair solution. Yes, they plan to make a profit, but ~~the~~ the plan also gets Centerville and the other 10 cities out of the Utopia debt, all citizens get access to the internet at a good 3 Mbps, and it only costs \$18-\$20. A citizen could even switch to VoIP to offset the cost.

Fiber may not be "essential" now, but it will be in 5, 10, 15 years.

We need the fiber network and it's ~~definitely~~ definitely worth \$18-\$20 to get a 3 Mbps, have ~~some~~ many choices to choose a higher speed to the citizens desire.

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NAME: Samra Smith DATE: 6/18/2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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We live in a home of 3 senior citizens.
All of us are living on a fixed income. My mom,
who is 92 yr. old does not have a computer nor
does she desire to have one. My husband and
I, who take care of her, do use a computer in a
limited fashion. We do not need nor would
we use any service other than what we
have.

We are not opposed to utopia if it were
a private entity such as digital one, century
link etc. We are opposed to financing a company
that is not a public utility. Utopia has had
a history of gross mishandling of public
funds thus Iare McQuarrie is a financial fund
group whose aim is to make money — so all
of their claims i.e. projecting fees etc. will be
raised to make money for their shareholders.

We fought a revolutionary war to rid our

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country of being shackled by government for this type of thing (Utopia). Why should everybody pay for a service when the free market allows each individual to purchase or not an internet service? Utopia is not in the same category as water, sewer, roads etc.

We are opposed to Utopia. It is grossly unfair to those who cannot and will not use it's services, to bear a financial burden for those who choose to.

Nobody has been held accountable for the poor choices that have been made so far!

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UTOPIA - MACQUARIE PPP PROPOSAL

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: Celeste Skabeland DATE: 6/17/2014
CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville
ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒
NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

Where is Utopia's business plan? Why did the city support Utopia w/o the input or vote of the community?

Why are we to pay for Utopia's poor planning and business practices?

Why should people who do not want to use Utopia's services being forced to pay for a service we do not need, want or use?

How much money was invested in the Utopia RV with the full body wrap? How much of that money was my tax money?

Utopia needs to figure a way to support themselves. We have already invested way too much money in a failing business. These people have no business sense at all. What happened to the money we have already invested?

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It's time to "cut bait". Make Utopia be accountable and responsible for wasting our hard earned tax money.

This is supposed to be a democracy. Who is it on the city council who has a special interest in Utopia? I dare say it is the same person/people who got it to pass in the first place.

Utopia was not voted on by the people. It is a perfect example of dirty politics and special interest.

This is America and we are a democracy! Passing an involuntary utility fee that is not needed nor a necessity is unconstitutional!

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NAME: Paul Mortensen DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I have degrees in Law & MBA

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First year college economics classes teach (correctly) that prior costs, no matter how much, do not justify further costs. These are called "sunk costs". The huge financial fiasco of UTOPIA is a sunk cost.

A large tax increase is absurd and wrong. Any tax increase for this reason is wrong.

Council members voting in favor of this will likely be defeated in their next election.

Committing \$1,000,000 more to study just adds to the false "sunk costs" argument by increasing the sunk costs.

A proposal to tax property owners who will receive no benefit must be rejected. (over)

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It is not up to the tax payers (Government) to be business competitors to Comcast. ^{subsidy}

You cannot assume \$100M value after 30 years, especially given future ~~technical~~ technological changes.

I don't believe \$20/mo. The materials, admit that increases will be necessary & built in.

It would make more sense to sell for \$1 to Google & let Google provide competition. We've got the debt obligation & adding the tax for build out won't get rid of the debt obligation - just add more taxes.

Revenue from system as payback is pie in the sky.

"Going Dark" is not the worst alternative ~~map the quarry is~~. Second worst is "lump alone."

Centerville should not vote "For" PPP just because other cities "might."

The "Committee" serves to give political cover to Council. It provides ~~no~~ information not otherwise available. I ~~am~~ felt patronized. The committee took away from citizen's time!! The Committee was/is "in the tank" - failed to provide contrasting positions seriously. (Legal subcommittee was better - but still "in the tank.")

Good will can be maintained with other cities even if we "pull the plug". We lead the way & cooperate to wind down issue over 20 years.

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NAME: DENNIS JACOBS DATE: 6-14-17

CITY OF RESIDENCE: 63 BUNNIBERG WAY

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

☒ I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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How come did the City of Centerville City
Take on Utopia. (The city should
not have started with the program
if they cannot be in compliance
with private industries

The City should get out of the business
of selling the permits.

It is really obvious that the
people who have to take the
permit. That the people who
have the same thing as.

I think that this meeting
was a waste of the people's
time, because the problem
has already been brought to the

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It is against the law for
the city to be a private
fee for a utility. Because
Utopia is not a utility

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NAME: SPENCER SUMMERHAYS DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE 427 S. 75 W.

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☒ NO

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

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* The monthly fee of approx. \$19-20/mo for 3 mb appears to be extremely reasonable

↳ Given that the UTOPIA debt load requires approx. \$9/mo, the real normal charge would be \$10-12... Again, a fair price for services that frankly everyone will use now or in the future. →

* Please move forward with Phase 2 discussions.

asking for
* I'm ~~asking for~~ common sense and level heads.

* In our digital world, this may very well be defined as infrastructure improvements.

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I SUPPORT moving forward
with Phase 2 with Macquarie

Considering existing charges from current
telecom companies at approx. \$30-40,

THE TOTAL CHARGE TO AN INDIVIDUAL
HOUSEHOLD IS A WASH --- \$0. or maybe
ahead given the information provided tonight

→ This infrastructure will, at a
minimum, keep businesses in Centerville
and at best, encourage business
to be located in the City.

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NAME: RONALD FREEMAN DATE: 6-17-2011

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

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How many of the City Council presently have
wired? I
Could this possibly result in a monopoly? or bring
a law suit by other such as Comcast, or Century
Link who already provide service to our homes
Is also go to the City for all homes
George Bell's father the water works on 4th
Town is also to believe that he along with another
and could even be regarded as a monopolist
in providing water service to the city
I think before you vote you need to
ask the water at the Utah State
attorney, state and congress signed
to get the water
I personally don't support it unless the
question of it from town now? It needs a local
opt out option to make it a Macquarie's card

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they only needed around 50% sign up to make it
work and since we are so small they should give
us the option.

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NAME: Chris Burningham DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville UT

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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Hi - to the City Fathers,
First of all - Thanks for all you
do for the city. I know you love
Centerville as much as I do.
I'm sorry that the issue at hand
is so hard. I'm not in favor of
either of your choices - seems we
are limited both ways.
I'd prefer a closed ceiling on
your contract with McQuarie if you choose
that but I don't see that happening
I wish you wouldn't bind future
city officials with a contract you can't
get out of - The city needs to control the
citizen's money. If you vote against
I see our taxes going up & looking for
other internet options. There seems to be
a no win position. Either way - I'm
praying for us all that a good decision be
made ->

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because it will affect everyone in
our city -

God bless you as you make
this decision on our behalf -

P.S. Thanks again for your service
& all you do - I sincerely, Chris B.

✓

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NAME: Debbie Putnam DATE: 6/17/14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

☒ I WISH TO SPEAK

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This source is a ~~should~~ be a personal
decision. Those who need it or
want it can afford it already
have signed up for it.

- Those who have no use for this
property - which is most people -
should not be forced to carry the
burden. This is like buying a
\$100,000+ vehicle for a toddler who
cannot drive it, afford gas for it,
or even get insurance for it.

I do not want the documents in
my home & I definitely do not
want them in my purse or
a LUXURY watch & simulation are

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necessities is to be honest you don't
do a very good job at that
when u find people who can't
bunt to homes to garbage cans
without threatening & harassing people
or STEALING a car. (you did not
offer to pay owner back later.)

The service is only as fast as
the equipment you hook to it
& the service you connect to

You do not fix a big mistake
by making a catastrophic one

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NAME: Gordon Beikham DATE: 06/17/2014

CITY OF RESIDENCE: Centerville

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NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: _____

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The mayor and I have exchanged emails about the Murdoch proposal for Utopia. My wife and I are apposed to their proposal for the following reasons: 1) at present only 100 businesses/residential units are Utopia subscribers. 2) all residents/business units are expected to pay a \$20.00 fee for roughly 30 years to support these users and any other who may add or subtract themselves from the service. 3) A residence/business using the Utopia services will or are paying a users fee while anyone residence/business not using Utopia will be paying a tax. A tax is a compulsory means for raising revenue for a governmental agency. 4) It is illegal for Centerville or any other Utopia city to create this kind of tax and that only the legislature can issue a tax. 5) The Utopia cities will be at the mercy of Murdoch over the taxation amounts.

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McQuinn

c) Because Murdoch won't be considered a utility like Rocky Mtn Bwr no public service commission will have oversight authority as to fees / taxes paid to Murdoch. Internet service is not a natural monopoly like gas, electricity, water and sewer. Therefore Etopen or its successor should not be treated or considered to be ~~one~~ a utility.

37) High speed internet is all well and good but upload and download speeds are controlled by the website connected to.

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NAME: PATRICIA HENRICK DATE: 6-17-14

CITY OF RESIDENCE: CENTERVILLE

ARE YOU REPRESENTING A GROUP OR ENTITY? YES ☐ NO ☒

NAME OF GROUP/ENTITY: But as a member of

CFRG

I WISH TO SPEAK

I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

(USE BACK IF NECESSARY)

1) > I HAVE MADE EFFORT TO SPEAK WITH AS MANY
Centerville Citizens AS POSSIBLE AND FOUND THAT THE
MAJORITY OF THESE RESIDENTS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE
UTOPIA/MACQUARIE PROPOSAL & DID NOT LOOK AT THEIR
UTILITY BILL INSERT!! THEY WERE SURPRISED AT THE
PROPOSED MONTHLY UTILITY FEE.

A SEPARATE MEETING NEEDS TO GO OUT I BELIEVE
- A SURVEY SPECIFIC & DEDICATED TO ALL RESIDENTS
AND BUSINESSES IN CENTERVILLE "ROSEHOUT"

2) TO ME A UTILITY DEPARTMENT IS A SERVICE &
NOT A BUSINESS. UTOPIA IS A BUSINESS
I DON'T BELIEVE A CITY SHOULD BE PART OF A
"BUSINESS" UTOPIA SELL PRODUCTS OF FLORIAN
FAMILY OWNED \$49⁹⁵ & TAKE IN AT \$5.00 PER GALLON
OF OIL. AS I CALLED UTOPIA.
Centerville SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN A
BUSINESS. A BUSINESS IS REGULATED BY PERMITS & REGULATIONS

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27. My greatest opposition & objection is
with the Proposed of:

30 Year Mandated Monthly
Utility Fee, charged to each
Residence & Businesses

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No. 6.

Short Title: Closed meeting, if necessary, for reasons allowed by state law, including, but not limited to, the provisions of Section 52-4-205 of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, and for attorney-client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 78B-1-137, as amended

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 8:30

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Staff are not currently aware of a need for a closed meeting, but the agenda allows for that possibility.

BACKGROUND

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

**Staff Backup Report
6/24/2014**

Item No. 7.

Short Title: Possible action following closed meeting, including appointments to boards and committees

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time: 8:30

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor Cutler may recommend appointments to City boards or committees.

BACKGROUND

CENTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Backup Report 6/24/2014

Item No.

Short Title: Items of Interest (i.e., newspaper articles, not items on agenda)

Initiated By:

Scheduled Time:

SUBJECT

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

- ☐ Newspaper article - Des New - UTOPIA's never-ending trials
- ☐ Newspaper article - Des News - Lindon City Council rejects UTOPIA deal
- ☐ Newspaper article - Daily Herald - UTOPIA fees in legislature's crosshairs
- ☐ Newspaper article - SL Tribune - UTOPIA bailout proposal hits roadblock; Lindon rejects deal
- ☐ Newspaper article - Clipper - City says uNOpia ad campaign misleading
- ☐ Newspaper article - Clipper - Fireworks restrictions lesson hazards
- ☐ Letter to Editor - Clipper - Likes Centerville baseball park
- ☐ Centerville Robbery

Deseret News

UTOPIA's never-ending trials

By Jay Evensen, Deseret News

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The fact that one group lays cable with the help of tax funds and calls it a utility doesn't stop companies from competing successfully with that cable by providing the same service by other means. (Scott G. Winterston, Deseret News)

Ten years ago, when the acronym UTOPIA still had a ring of promise to it, this newspaper published a letter to the editor that turned out to be prophetic.

The writer noted that organizers said one of every three households needed to sign up for broadband along the UTOPIA network in order for it to be successful. Then he went to the dictionary for a prediction of what would happen. Webster's, he wrote, defines utopia "as an 'impractical scheme for social improvement.'"

OK, so Webster's wasn't referring to the

letters that stand for the Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency, which was formed 12 years ago as a way to give all homes in member cities access to a fiber optic cable system that was to bring them competitive choices for high-speed Internet, phone and television service. But the impracticality of the system has been just as evident from the start.

People didn't exactly sign up for the service in droves, which is why member cities now are paying part of their tax revenues to cover its costs. At least some of the customers were charged \$3,000 to hook up the cable to their homes, which could be broken into easy payments spread over 20 years, but which also came with a lien against their property.

Now UTOPIA has a suitor, an Australian investment firm called Macquarie Capital Group. It will take over the network and finally build it out as originally promised 12 years ago. The catch? Each member city is being asked to impose a payment of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15 to \$20 on each household, regardless of whether those households want Internet service or even own a computer.

This would include the elderly gentleman I spoke to in West Valley City the other day who told me the last time he tried to turn on his computer it told him, "Abort! Abort!" He shut it off in a panic and hasn't tried again.

Unfortunately in this case, Abort! is an option the cities can choose, but only if they want to keep pledging taxes to retire debt on something their residents no longer receive.

But then, as UTOPIA's opponents, most notably the Utah Taxpayers Association, have

noted time and again, if you don't get out now, things will get only more complicated.

Meanwhile, while we're in the dictionary, no one seems to know exactly how to define this \$15 to \$20 payment. Is it a fee? That would be "a charge or payment for a service." Those folks who don't want the Internet still have to pay, right?

Is it a tax? Then we're back to the dictionary, or even the Utah code, trying to figure out what type of tax it is and where cities get the authority to levy it.

I hate to keep harping on this, as I have now since 2002, but this whole idea, noble though its intentions may have been, is built on a false premise. A fiber optic network is not the same as a public utility.

Think about real utilities, such as water, gas and electricity. They can be delivered to homes in one basic way. As Scott Cleland, former deputy director of international communications and information policy for President George W. Bush wrote in a recent blog, broadband services "can be delivered electrically over many kinds of metal wires, optically over fiber optic cables, and wirelessly in a wide variety of ways."

The fact that one group lays cable with the help of tax funds and calls it a utility doesn't stop companies from competing successfully with that cable by providing the same service by other means.

Cleland said investors have spent \$1.2 trillion nationwide over the last 10 years on broadband facilities and delivery systems. The attractive thing about this, of course, is that this was their own money, not taxpayers' forced payments.

I don't know how the 11 UTOPIA cities are going to vote on the Macquarie deal. It's not easy to back out of something to which you're so deeply indebted.

But they might want to think back a decade or more and ask themselves how practical this scheme for social improvement has proven itself to be.

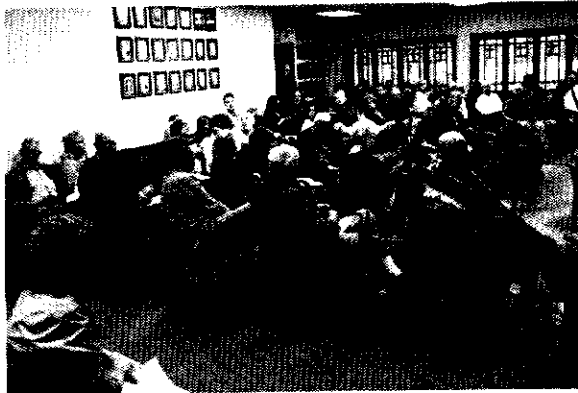
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Lindon City Council rejects UTOPIA deal

By Benjamin Wood, Deseret News
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Community members ask questions about UTOPIA during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

LINDON — The Lindon City Council on Tuesday unanimously rejected a partnership with a private investment group to offer high-speed Internet service as a city utility.

Lindon is the first of 11 UTOPIA member cities to reject the proposal by Australia-based Macquarie Capital Group, which would see the

group assume management of the embattled fiber-optic network for 30 years in exchange for payment in the form of a monthly \$18 to \$20 utility fee from residents.

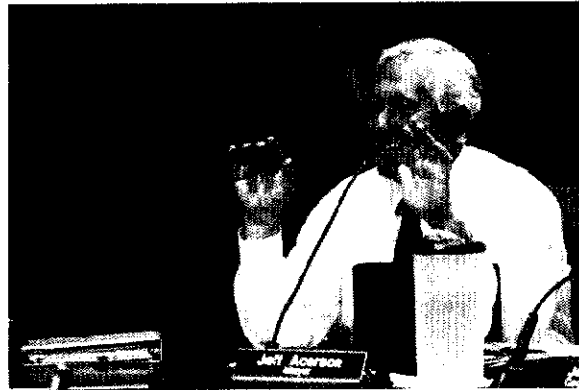
Layton, West Valley City and Midvale have already voted to move forward to the next phase of the agreement. The remaining seven cities have been given a deadline of June 27 to either reject or continue in negotiations.

"I find no persuasive reason to move forward," Lindon City Councilman Matt Bean said. "There are many reasons not to move forward and to vote against moving forward."

The Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency began 12 years ago as a means to bring high-speed Internet, phone and television services to individuals and businesses along the

Wasatch Front. But low sign-ups and stalled construction have left the network incomplete, serving a small base of customers and languishing in debt.

The vote followed more than an hour of public debate, during which council members and residents voiced their frustrations on the pending deal with Macquarie, the troubled history of UTOPIA, and the perceived lack of alternative options.



Mayor Jeff Acerson opens the floor for comment during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

Resident Dennis Wilson compared the utility fee proposal to being asked to bail out a neighbor for the debt of building an extravagant home.

Wilson said he doesn't have Internet service, and many residents are not in a financial position to purchase it.



Cathy Oldroyd asks a question during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

operating shortfalls.

"When we go out and start imposing, forcing people to pay for something they couldn't afford in the first place, I don't think that's right," he said.

Bruce Armstrong argued that residents are already under an obligation to pay for the network in the form of city sales tax revenue that is currently being used to pay down initial UTOPIA debt and monthly

"The city is subsidizing every connection now," Armstrong said. "Whether it comes out of sales tax or a utility fee, it's money that Lindon residents are paying."

Other residents suggested the partnering cities had erred in their original creation of UTOPIA and questioned whether the network should be accepted as a loss and abandoned.

"It is definitely not the proper role of government. We have no right competing with the private sector," Jeff Wilson said. "It comes a time you say, 'You know what? This is just plain wrong. It's time to walk away.'"



A resident makes a comment during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

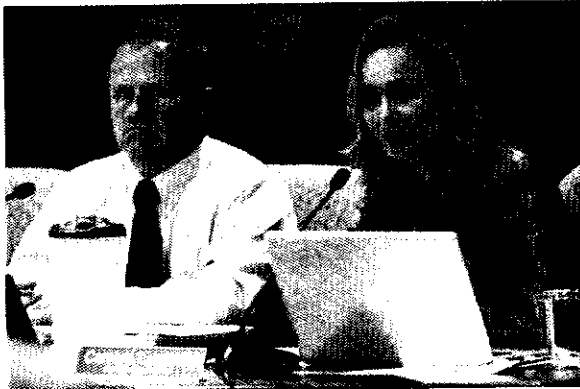
David Shaw, a Lindon resident who has also served as general counsel for UTOPIA, said fiber

connectivity is one of the reasons he lives in his current home, and his family would likely move if the network went dark.

Shaw said he occasionally uses his city's police and fire services, and his children occasionally take advantage of the city's swimming pool and parks. But he said that he uses the city's water, sewer, trash and fiber-optic Internet services on a daily basis.

"There has always been a capital problem on this project," he said. "What Macquarie is proposing is they will bring the capital to finish the network."

Public comment regularly circled back to the utility fee structure, and prior to the vote, city staff presented the results of an unscientific survey showing that 70 percent of respondents were against imposing a mandatory fee.



Councilwoman Carolyn Lundberg, right, and councilman Van Broderick listen to comments during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/ Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

Councilwoman Carolyn Lundberg said the key issue in evaluating the Macquarie deal is the public's willingness to take on a universal utility fee, and the results of the city's survey show broad opposition to that aspect of the deal.

"We owe it to our (residents) to represent them regardless of personal opinion," Lundberg said.

Nearby in Orem, city leaders were similarly

presented Tuesday with the preliminary results of a resident survey showing split support for the Macquarie proposal and 71 percent opposition to a utility fee.

The Orem City Council did not vote on moving forward but discussed the proposal at length during its afternoon work session.

"As I waded through what are the key components, what are the key issues that cause me trouble, it kind of boils down to the mandatory cost for every resident and the 30-year timeframe," Orem City Councilman Mark Seastrand said. "Those are the two big sticking points."



Jim Easton, right, listens during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/ Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

Orem

Mayor Richard Brunst also expressed concern that the city could commit itself to an agreement that could then be challenged through referendums or legal action by residents or legislation at the state level. If that were to happen, he said, the city would still be required to pay the costs associated with pursuing the Macquarie deal.

"Once we're set in stone and we start building, it doesn't matter what happens. We owe that money," Brunst said.

He also commented that most cities in the country that have pursued a fiber optic network have done so as single municipalities with the input of residents.



Jeff Wilson, left, listens as Dirk Crenshaw, center, speaks during a Lindon city council meeting at Lindon City Center, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The council heard public comment on the proposed UTOPIA/ Macquarie Capital public-private partnership that will complete the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure network to every address in the city. (Michelle Tessier, Deseret News)

"It would be wonderful if it was just our city making this decision and the (residents) had the right to vote on it," the mayor said.

Councilman Tom Macdonald said he was concerned that city leaders were being compelled to make a decision by June 27. He anticipated that the council could take the time necessary to explore its options and still be

allowed to move forward if it later chose to do so.

"On June 27 if we're not part of the party going forward and on July 2 we want to be part of the party, I'm sure they would take us and our wallets," Macdonald said. "I'm not positive there's a gun to my head on this June 27 date."

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UTOPIA fees in legislature's crosshairs

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SALT LAKE CITY -- The fee that will be charged to residents in UTOPIA cities, should the proposed Macquire deal move forward, was a main topic of discussion for one state legislative committee on Wednesday.

Lawmakers in the Legislature's Political Subdivision Interim Committee were briefed on what is currently taking place among the 11 UTOPIA cities and the deal that may provide the UTOPIA members a viable option to get the system built out and operating in the black.

West Valley City Mayor, and former state lawmaker, Ron Bigelow justified the potential fee to the committee as he explained the various scenarios the UTOPIA cities face.

Bigelow stated if the cities allow the current system to go dark, the cities would still be saddled with a significant amount of debt and no revenue stream to aid in paying the bonds for the construction of the network. He also explained that the cities are not currently satisfied with the status quo as they want to improve the service and build it out to more residents and businesses within each city.

"We are faced with what to do with this big expensive program we have in the ground," Bigelow said. "It obviously has value to it, but what do we do with it?"

The mayor then explained that was where Macquire and the fee come into play.

Under the proposed deal if the cities assess a fee, which Bigelow said could be as low as \$10 and as high as \$40, Macquire will then fully build out the network in each city and operate the system.

"If someone can build it out in approximately three years from now and can operate it and pay for at least some of the costs, that seems like a significant plus," he said. "If you want to make it work, this seems to be one of the best options to solve that problem."

Bigelow said the Macquire deal would not retire the debt the cities initially incurred when UTOPIA was first created but said the new deal would put the network on a path to viability for the future.

Lawmakers were also briefed from the Utah Taxpayers Association on the deal as the organization argued to the committee there are legal concerns about the deal.

Ray Gifford, outside counsel for the taxpayers association, explained the Macquire deal was unlike any other municipal broadband deal that he has seen over his 20 years of working in the broadband field.

He noted that under the terms of the proposal 50 to 70 percent of the people that will have the fee imposed on them will never take the service and said the fees imposed may not qualify as fees cities have authority to levy.

He also stated the deal in his mind may create a monopoly situation in the broadband market in those cities which could lead to further legal problems down the road.

Lincoln Shurtz, with the Utah League of Cities and Towns, said the cities have done the due diligence in studying the legal ramifications on the matter and said the cities feel comfortable with moving forward with Macquire.

Shurtz compared the proposal to that of city recycling programs.

He said many cities impose a mandatory recycling fee and provide a can for residents to use to recycle but said it was still up to the resident to decide if they want to recycle.

He said it was similar in the UTOPIA situation. Residents will pay a fee and have a hook up to the network brought to their house but it will be up to them to determine if they will use the service.

Not all of the cities are on board with the proposal. Lindon voted down moving forward with Macquire on Tuesday night on a unanimous vote of the city's council. Orem has yet to take a position on the proposal but is expected to by the end of the month.

No action was taken by the legislative committee. Rep. Curt Webb, R-Logan, called for the issue to be discussed before the committee but said it was up to each lawmaker for themselves to determine in the future if they want to address the UTOPIA plan.

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UTOPIA bailout proposal hits roadblock; Lindon rejects deal

Opposition • Member city, taxpayer advocates question investment company's plan for the high-speed network.

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An Australian company's bid to turn around Utah's troubled experiment with publicly run high-speed Internet access has run into opposition in recent days.

Critics of the deal sought Wednesday to sow doubt among state lawmakers on the legality of a plan by Macquarie Capital Group to take over, finish and run the UTOPIA network. And on Tuesday, Lindon became the first city to reject the Sydney-based investment company's proposal.

In both cases, the focus was on a proposed \$20-a-month utility fee Macquarie wants participating cities to levy on all households and businesses to help pay to finish the broadband fiber-optic grid.

"When you start to scratch the surface, the utility fee looks a lot like a tax under Utah law," said Raymond Gifford, a telecommunications lawyer enlisted by the business-backed Utah Taxpayers Association, which opposes the Macquarie deal.

"If it is a tax," the Colorado-based attorney told lawmakers Wednesday on Utah's Capitol Hill, "then there is not authority for the cities to impose it."

But supporters of Macquarie's initial plan urged legislators to stay out of a decision they contend should be up to city officials.

"In their due diligence, the cities certainly feel comfortable with where they are going," said Lincoln Shurtz, lobbyist for the Utah League of Cities and Towns. "We hope you will allow the cities to take their own course."

Added West Valley City mayor and former state Sen. Ron Bigelow: "Unless you see some major problem we've missed, we're certainly going to continue on the path of investigation."

UTOPIA is a consortium of Wasatch Front cities formed in 2004 to build a futuristic network offering residents and business owners Internet speeds hundreds of times faster than commercially available connections, largely in hopes of spurring economic development.

Ten years on, the municipal system remains incomplete, with a relatively small customer base and heavy debt.

Leaders in Midvale, West Valley City and Layton have voted to proceed with an in-depth study by Macquarie on how to finish building the network and fiber-optic connections to all the cities' combined 160,000 potential users, then operate the grid for 30 years under city supervision.

Seven other UTOPIA members – Tremonton, Brigham City, Perry, Centerville, Murray, Orem and Payson – have until June 27 to either pull out or proceed with Macquarie's further exploration, for a final decision on the deal later this year.

Macquarie is a global firm specializing in large infrastructure projects run in public-private partnerships. In UTOPIA's case, its plan calls for a utility fee of between \$18 and \$20 to be charged to all potential customers, whether or not they avail themselves of UTOPIA access.

The fee is essential, Macquarie executives say, to securing affordable financing from lenders in order to pay to finish and upgrade UTOPIA's fragmented network and make it commercially viable.

The company predicts the resulting network will be profitable and ultimately generate enough money to pay off nearly \$500 million in existing bond debt already owed by member cities.

But in light of opposition aired at several public hearings and in an online survey of residents, Lindon City Council members said they felt an obligation to vote against proceeding with Macquarie.

In a nearly three-hour hearing Tuesday, Lindon residents and elected leaders voiced concern over the affordability and fairness of the fee.

Many also questioned the original notion of UTOPIA, saying its founding cities had veered away from the proper role of government a decade ago by seeking to offer services available from companies in the private sector.

Several Lindon officials said their rejection of Macquarie should not be viewed as a repudiation of the fiber-optic network.

"We consider UTOPIA to be an asset to the city," Lindon City Councilman Jake Hoyt said. "This proposal took us in the right direction but it isn't the answer."

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City says 'uNOpia' campaign misleading

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CENTERVILLE — The words may be different, but in the end they mean the same thing.

The uNOpia campaign, which has placed signs in Centerville and Farmington blasting the UTOPIA fiber-optic network, is claiming that the deal with Macquarie includes a large tax increase. According to Centerville officials, however, the deal includes no tax increase of any kind, only the \$18-\$20 monthly utility fee residents would pay to receive service.

"There is a big difference," said Centerville City Assistant Manager Blaine Lutz. "I teach the same thing to third grade classes that come in every year. When you pay a fee, you get a distinct service."

The uNOpia ad campaign is being spearheaded by the Utah Taxpayers Association, which is listed as the point of contact on the uNOpia website. The campaign recently expanded to signs, which were placed in both Centerville and Farmington this past weekend.

When asked about rumors that CenturyLink was paying for the campaign, Royce Van Tassell, the media representative for the Utah Taxpayers Association, said "Like other non-profits, we do not release the names of our donors."

The signs state that the potential deal with Australian company Macquarie would result in a \$1.8 billion tax increase. However, a press release on the issue, posted on utahtaxpayers.org, calls it a "tax or fee," and states that the total fees for each individual person would be \$12,000 "over the life of the project," which is 30 years.

Van Tassell said that his organization is calling the fee a tax because residents won't be able to opt out of paying for it.

"Our attorney took a close look at that," he said. "Utah has fairly robust laws."

Other long-established fees, however, aren't optional. In North Salt Lake, West Bountiful, Woods Cross and other Davis County cities, however, all residents who are connected to the city water system must pay the water utility fee, yet it is not considered a tax.

Tassell said that he does not immediately know of a city where the water fee was optional.

"I'd have to look in different cities, to see whether it's conceivable (that water service is optional)," he said.

Lutz stated that Centerville would decide details about who would be exempt from the UTOPIA fees when and if the city decided to adopt them. There has been previous discussion about creating an exemption for those in financial need.

According to Charlie Roberts, spokesman for the Utah State Tax Commission, the terms "tax" and "fee" are used interchangeably in Utah and that state statutes don't specify a difference.

"In general, taxes are used to generate funds for broad public services, such as property, sales, income, fuel and others," he said. "The amount of tax someone pays is not necessarily related to the value of any particular government services received. Fees, in general, are used to offset expenses for a specific public service."

An e-mail flier sent out by the organization also states that "UTOPIA enforcers will be able to cut off your water" if residents don't pay the proposed utility fee. Both Centerville Mayor Paul Cutler and Lutz have stated that the statement is untrue and has nothing to do with the UTOPIA network. Currently, Centerville City arranges their utility fees so that water goes unpaid if you pay less than the bundled fee, a policy that may change if they decide to adopt the UTOPIA utility fee.

Tassell stands by his organization's claim that UTOPIA would cut off people's water.

"Blaine Lutz and Steve Thacker are representatives on the UTOPIA board," he said. "There is no distinction."

Centerville City Manager Steve Thacker never served as the city's representative to the UTOPIA board. Several years ago, he was an alternate for David Gill and did attend a few meetings.

Lutz said he would welcome discussion about the facts of the issue.

"They're just throwing out scare tactics, which I find unfortunate," he said. "If you want to talk about the issue, let's come and really talk about the issue."

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Cities pass fireworks restrictions

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BOUNTIFUL — In anticipation of the upcoming July 4 and July 24 holidays, several south Davis communities have imposed fireworks restrictions.

“Even in places where they are not restricted, people who discharge fireworks are still responsible for any damage they may cause,” said South Davis Metro Fire Agency Deputy Chief Dave Powers.

“There has to be some discretion on their part with where they’re shooting from and people being around, fields, etc.,” he said. It’s recommended there be someone age 18 or older on hand, along with a fire extinguisher, hose or water source.

“You never know how fast it can change,” Powers said of conditions. A fire broke out near Layton’s Adams Canyon on Friday, causing little damage but believed to be due to dry conditions.

Although there have been no fireworks-related fires yet, there have been some outbreaks, such as in Riverdale, south Weber County last week when kids reportedly accidentally started a brush fire.

“I think we’re in better shape than last year as far as moisture content,” he said.

Here is a breakdown for the cities of Bountiful, Centerville, Farmington, Fruit Heights and North Salt Lake. West Bountiful and Woods Cross have not imposed any restrictions.

City councils have worked with their respective fire departments in setting restrictions. That includes South Davis Metro Fire Agency and the Farmington Fire Department. Kaysville Fire Department also serves Fruit Heights.

- Bountiful: No fireworks are allowed to be set off east of Davis Boulevard for most of the city. Also, east of 400 East north of 400 North.
- Centerville: Fireworks are restricted everywhere east of 400 East. At Chase Lane and north, they’re restricted everywhere east of Main Street.
- Farmington: Fireworks are prohibited along the east perimeter of the city limits and in Woodland Park. Staffing will be doubled during the days fireworks can legally be launched.
- Fruit Heights: Fireworks are prohibited beginning on the city’s south boundary at Mountain Road extending eastward to 400 North. All areas north of 400 North and east of U.S. Highway 89 to the northern boundary of the city. Also included are Nicholls Park and Baer Creek Hollow area, beginning at the west right-

of-way of Highway 89 and extending west to State Road 273, Main Street.

That includes all property north of Nicholls Road and south of Fencepost Road to the Fruit Heights/Kaysville boundary. From there, it shall follow the city boundary and include all property south of the Fruit Heights city border line.

- In North Salt Lake, the council is expected to approve the following restrictions, which mirror last year's: no fireworks generally east of Orchard Drive from the Bountiful line to Salt Lake City line; all areas adjacent to the south curve of Eagle Ridge Drive, plus the Forest Service lands in the city. No homemade or makeshift fire pits are allowed.

The July 3 fireworks will be held as usual.

No restrictions are in place for Kaysville, West Bountiful or Woods Cross, although Gary Uresk, Woods Cross City Manager emphasized, "Just use your head" when dealing with fireworks.

Powers said that anyone within the agency's boundaries can ask to have their landscaping checked to determine ways to minimize fire danger. The district includes Centerville, Bountiful, North Salt Lake, West Bountiful and Woods Cross.

"If people request us to help them to identify better ways to make defensible areas for their yards and wild interface areas, we will be happy to do that."

More information is available on the agency's website, sdmetrofire.org.

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Letter: Likes Centerville baseball park

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Dear Editor,

I like how the Centerville baseball park is so well taken care of.

But the Snack Shack should be open later because when I am done with my baseball games it's closed.

Sincerely,

Skyler Henrie, age 11

Centerville

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Police seeking armed robbery suspect

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CENTERVILLE — Police are on the lookout for a cross-dressed armed robbery suspect who held up a bank Tuesday afternoon.

Police responded to the Zions Bank at 440 W. Parrish Lane, where just before 2:45 p.m. the suspect allegedly handed a note to a teller demanding cash. The teller complied and the person left on foot, heading west, police say.

The suspect is described as a woman between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds. She was wearing a white hoodie with the words "METAL MULISHA" on the back, gloves, dark sun glasses and a baseball cap — and reportedly was trying to pass herself off as a man.

"According to bank employees, the suspect was dressed as a male wearing a fake mustache," reads a new release from the Centerville Police Department.

A still frame from surveillance video shows an elaborate black handlebar mustache as part of the woman's disguise. Dispatchers initially described the suspect as a tall, skinny man, possibly wearing a black ski mask and holding a handgun.

"A customer in the drivethrough saw the suspect and reported seeing the suspect carrying a black handgun," said the police release. "No gun was displayed inside the bank."

Anyone with information on the incident is encouraged to call police at 801-451-4151.