

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 5:50 p.m.,
2 with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and electronically via Zoom.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson
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8 Council Members Gina Hirst
9 William Ince
10 George McEwan
11 Robyn Mecham
12 Spencer Summerhays
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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, RDA Executive Director
16 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
17 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
18 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
19 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
20 Bryce King, Recreation Coordinator
21 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
22 Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
23 Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor
24 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director

25 **VISITORS**

26 Cody Pederson, ESI Engineering
27 Interested citizens

28 **PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK DISCUSSION**

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30 City Manager Brant Hanson said staff had received several communications from citizens
31 expressing concern for pedestrian safety at multiple intersections along 400 West. City Engineer
32 Kevin Campbell said the preferred school crossing for Stewart Elementary students on 400 West
33 was at 1200 North, but some students chose to cross east to west at Chase Lane. Councilmember
34 Mecham explained that vehicles were not to enter or pass through a barred crosswalk if
35 pedestrians were anywhere in the crosswalk, and said from experience as a crossing guard she
36 knew not many drivers in Centerville appeared to be aware of that rule. Mr. Campbell explained
37 changes made in Summer 2021 to the 400 West/Chase Lane intersection to improve pedestrian
38 safety, including flashing crosswalk signs on the north side of the intersection. Streets Supervisor
39 Marc Marchant commented that the 400 West/Chase Lane crossings were consistent with UDOT
40 standards. Councilmember Hirst suggested continued resident concerns for pedestrian safety at
41 the 400 West/Chase Lane intersection may be related to use of the crosswalks separate from
42 walking to school. Staff stated a crosswalk could not be striped on the south leg of the intersection
43 without putting up a crosswalk sign, and the existing crosswalk sign locations were identified as
44 the optimal locations for driver visibility.
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46 Mr. Campbell explained that mid-block crossings were discouraged by UDOT, and not
47 recommended by staff. He said statistics showed that mid-block crossings could be dangerous
48 because drivers tended to not expect or watch for mid-block crosswalks, and the marked
49 crosswalks gave a false sense of security to pedestrians. Councilmember Hirst asked if other

options were available to increase pedestrian safety. Mr. Campbell said he believed setting a precedent for mid-block crossings would not be wise.

Mr. Campbell said focus was mainly on school routes when determining placement of crosswalks and crosswalk signs. The Council and staff discussed specific school walking routes and crossings. Cody Pederson with ESI Engineering commented that UDOT viewed every intersection as a pedestrian crossing, marked or unmarked. Mr. Hanson said drivers tended to stop noticing crosswalks if they were marked at every intersection. He emphasized that meaningful placement was important. Mr. Hanson stated citizens could safely cross at unmarked intersections, and suggested an education campaign.

Mr. Pederson said it would be his approach for 400 West that every intersection was a crossing. If a heavily trafficked location were identified, something in addition to a marked crosswalk would be needed. He emphasized that marked crosswalks should not be close to each other. Mr. Campbell said the Chase Lane and Performing Arts Center crossings on 400 West had beacons, and the Porter Lane crossing may need a beacon at some point.

Mr. Hanson suggested the Council discuss intersections and crossings on 400 East at a future work session.

PRESERVING TRAIL ACCESS

At the previous Council meeting, multiple citizens expressed a desire during open session to ensure preservation of trail access on the hillside, and the Council requested a work session discussion. Councilmember Ince asked for an update from staff regarding the status of property on the hillside. Community Development Director Cory Snyder explained that a property must be included on the City Annexation Declaration for utility services to be provided by the City. Services would otherwise fall to the County. He said it had been the pattern during his time working for Centerville that annexation of the hillside was not considered desirable by the community. He said the County had a Hillside Management Plan, with zoning for one unit per 40 acres or resort use.

Councilmember Summerhays asked how to coordinate with the County to ensure Centerville was protected from concerns such as potential erosion, drainage, chemicals, and water-usage. Mr. Snyder responded there were competing interests between the City's General Plan, the County's Hillside Plan, and the U.S. Forest Service Plan. The City would need to annex to have significant influence over an outcome. The Centerville Annexation Declaration Area did not currently include any eastside property, and any future consideration of hillside annexation would be under strict parameters.

Mr. Snyder said the specific area referred to during the last open session was under County jurisdiction, and said it was his understanding the County had been notified and were looking into potential repercussions on their end. He emphasized that Centerville was not obligated to annex, and was currently unable to annex the area because it was not included on the City's Annexation Declaration.

Councilmember Hirst asked how to preserve trail access on private property under County jurisdiction. Mr. Snyder responded the City would need to negotiate with property owners, and with the County in the subject situation, to secure trail access. He said he could not comment on legal jurisdiction over fire break road. Mr. Snyder said negotiation could be part of the annexation process.

1 Councilmember Mecham said she did not want to have to agree to higher density in
2 exchange for trail access for the community. Councilmember Summerhays said the Centerville
3 Trails Master Plan would come into play. Councilmember Mecham responded the County would
4 not necessarily need to follow the City's Trails Master Plan. Mr. Snyder commented that a nexus
5 would need to be established between the needs of both entities. He suggested the City's best
6 avenue at that time was to negotiate with the County with goodwill.

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8 The Council discussed the possibility of Mr. Snyder providing support to the Trails
9 Committee in seeking preservation of trail access. Public Works Director Mike Carlson said the
10 matter was currently with the County Planning Department. Councilmember Mecham expressed
11 appreciation for the matter being brought to the Council's attention.
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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

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15 At 6:59 p.m., Councilmember Mecham **moved** to adjourn the work session.
16 Councilmember Ince seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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20 Jennifer Hansen
21 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder

5-17-2022
Date Approved

