

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 5:30
2 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Council Members Gina Hirst, Mayor Pro Tem
7 William Ince
8 George McEwan
9 Robyn Mecham
10 Spencer Summerhays

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12 **MEMBER ABSENT**

13 Clark Wilkinson, Mayor

14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
17 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
18 Bryce King, Community Services Manager
19 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
20 Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
21 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer

22 **VISITORS**

23 Senator Stuart Adams
24 Representative Paul Cutler
25 Senator Todd Weiler

26 Mayor Pro Tem Hirst called the work session to order at 5:47 p.m.

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28 **DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS**

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30 Mayor Pro Tem Hirst welcomed State Legislators and asked them to share topics that
31 would be important to them during the upcoming Legislative Session. Representative Paul Cutler
32 said the number one priority for him in making Legislative decisions would be supporting and
33 helping families. He mentioned water, education, law enforcement, affordable housing, and
34 transportation planning as topics that would be important during the upcoming Session.

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36 Senator Stuart Adams talked about the current economy in Utah, and listed water
37 development and conservation, tax cuts, transportation efficiency planning, and infrastructure
38 spending as important topics during the upcoming Session. Senator Todd Weiler said he believed
39 transgender issues would be prominent at the start of the Session.

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41 Legislators answered questions from the Council regarding school district administration
42 and education funding, long-term infrastructure planning, workforce issues and immigration, and
43 housing issues. Councilmember Mecham said she did not believe the State's Moderate Income
44 Housing Report requirements would solve the current housing problem. Senator Adams
45 responded that if the requirements were causing frustration, he believed more dialog was needed.
46 He said he was concerned that Utah was losing its middle class. Councilmember Summerhays
47 said he believed a range of housing types was needed in Centerville.

Councilmember McEwan mentioned the need for affordable power generation, and asked when Utah would get a Gen IV nuclear reactor that cities could invest in and buy power from. The Legislators and Council talked about future possibilities.

Councilmember Mecham said she had done a lot of research regarding drought-tolerant landscaping and "flipping the strip". She said she had recently spoken with a resident of a neighboring state who said his neighborhood had been incentivized to flip their park strips, and were now being incentivized to flip them back because the temperature in the neighborhood had gone up significantly. Councilmember Mecham expressed concern with potentially putting band aids on situations that would be regretted over time. Senator Weiler commented that Utah used more water per capita than neighboring states, and said he believed it was good for Utah residents to be thinking about water use and conservation. Councilmember McEwan suggested the State legalize additives for drip-irrigation systems.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Hirst adjourned the work session at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

1-17-2023

Date Approved

