

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and electronically.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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| Mayor           | Clark Wilkinson                                                                   |
| Council Members | Gina Hirst<br>William Ince<br>George McEwan<br>Robyn Mecham<br>Spencer Summerhays |

**STAFF PRESENT**

Brant Hanson, City Manager  
Lisa Romney, City Attorney  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder  
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director  
Bryce King, Community Services Manager  
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer  
Cory Snyder, Community Development Director  
Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director  
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director  
Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief  
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department  
Officer Jeremy Brown, Centerville Police Department

**FOURTH OF JULY PLANNING**

Mayor Wilkinson expressed the opinion that the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration should continue to be planned by citizens. He listed possible chair positions: past chair, current chair, vice chair, parade chair, arts and craft chair, marketing chair, children's parade chair, vendors and food chair, family fun chair. He said he had discussed with the City Manager and Community Development Director the possibility of the big celebration at the park always occurring on a Friday and Saturday, with the parade occurring on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Wilkinson suggested the City be responsible for treasurer responsibilities. City Manager Brant Hanson suggested the planning remain with citizens, with the City taking care of finances at the back end.

Community Services Manager Bryce King said an option would be to always hold the children's parade on a Friday evening ending at the park, with the big parade on Saturday morning leading to activities at the park. Officer Jeremy Brown said the Police Department preference would be to hold festivities at the park on a Saturday, with the big parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilmember Mecham said she had been against the change from Smith Park to Community Park for the festivities. She said she believed the festivities at Community Park served more people, but probably not the same people. Councilmember Mecham said she did not think the community would want the festivities to always be on Friday/Saturday with the parade on the 4<sup>th</sup>, although she recognized that putting the parade on the same day put more pressure on the Police Department. She commented that a lot of the traditional festivities had already been changed, and said she was adamantly against always holding the festivities on the weekend. Councilmember Mecham suggested all of the Councilmembers talk to citizens for feedback.

1 Councilmember Hirst said she knew many former residents returned to Centerville for  
2 the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festivities, and said she believed many would be disappointed with  
3 the need to choose between the parade on one day and the festivities on another. She  
4 recognized that holding the parade and festivities on the same day was a strain on the Police  
5 Department.  
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7 Police Chief Child said he was a fan of holding festivities at Community Park, although the  
8 required man power for the Police Department was double, with a higher impact on the Police  
9 Department budget for overtime. Mr. Hanson expressed support for all festivities, including the  
10 big parade, on Friday and Saturday every year. Councilmember Mecham expressed support for  
11 the Police Department, but said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was really the only  
12 traditional thing Centerville had left, and she would not want to take away that tradition. She said  
13 she believed citizens would be willing to pay more to keep the tradition.  
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15 Mayor Wilkinson summarized that the Council did not seem interested in always holding  
16 the festivities on Friday/Saturday. He asked if, for 2023, the Council would be interested in  
17 festivities beginning on Monday evening, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and extending all day Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. The  
18 Council and staff discussed the parade route. Councilmember Mecham said she would not want  
19 to move the parade from Main Street.  
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21 Councilmember Ince said he was aware of a movement to change observation of all  
22 national holidays to a Monday or a Friday to make things easier for financial markets and  
23 institutions. He said he personally disliked the idea. Councilmember Ince expressed the opinion  
24 that celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July on Friday and Saturday when the 4<sup>th</sup> of July was on Tuesday would  
25 lose something. Councilmembers Hirst and Summerhays said they had the same concern.  
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27 A majority of the Council appeared to be in favor of holding 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities on July  
28 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> when possible. The Council and staff discussed possible order and schedule of  
29 festivities. Chief Child said holding only the children's parade on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> would  
30 relieve a lot of pressure from the Police Department. Councilmember Ince commented that the  
31 quilt show had traditionally spanned both days. He suggested an art exhibit may also be possible.  
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33 Chief Child commented that the former, traditional route of the children's parade had more  
34 shade from trees and possibly worked better. Mayor Wilkinson commented that traditionally very  
35 few people were at the park on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> after the parade. Councilmembers Mecham  
36 and Summerhays expressed support for holding the fireworks show on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
37 Mayor Wilkinson said an important step would be to check availability of outside resources on  
38 Monday and Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.  
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#### 40 **I-15 DISCUSSION**

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42 City Engineer Kevin Campbell said the alternatives development phase of the UDOT I-15  
43 project was coming to an end, and UDOT was moving into preparing a draft environmental impact  
44 study (EIS). He said the City would still have some opportunity for input, and said he wanted to  
45 make sure staff and the Council were on the same page. Mr. Campbell and the Council discussed  
46 the proposed diamond-shape Parrish Lane interchange option (Option A). Responding to a  
47 question from Councilmember Hirst, Mr. Campbell said he believed UDOT was required to set  
48 aside funds for aesthetics with each interchange project. Mr. Snyder said the type of betterments  
49 desired by the City would determine how much the City would need to contribute financially. Mr.  
50 Campbell said he suspected conversations with UDOT about specific betterments were one or  
51 two years away.

1 Mr. Campbell expressed the opinion from an engineering point of view that the City should  
2 pick the option that would work best for the City regarding traffic mobility, rather than an option  
3 that would save a few homes. He expressed a preference for Option A, and said he suspected  
4 UDOT leaned toward Option A. The Council reviewed both options provided by UDOT, and  
5 discussed approving a resolution indicating unanimous support of the Council for Option A. Mr.  
6 Campbell pointed out that Option A included a separate pedestrian bridge at Porter Lane, and  
7 both options included a pedestrian bridge at 1275 North (Community Park).  
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9 **ADJOURNMENT**

10 At 6:50 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember  
11 Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).  
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17 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

2-7-2023  
Date Approved

