

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, February 7, 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 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, City Manager
16 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
17 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
18 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
19 Bryce King, Community Services Manager
20 Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
21 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
22 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
23 Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief

24 **VISITORS**

25 Dane Stone, South Davis Metro Fire Chief
26 Mike Wonenberg, G Brown Design
27 Cody Pedersen, ESI Engineering

28 **PICKLEBALL COURT DISCUSSION**

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30 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox introduced Mike Wonenberg with G Brown
31 Design. Mr. Wonenberg spoke of his experience designing pickleball courts, and spoke of
32 collaborating with City staff and ESI Engineering. He presented the scope of work and proposed
33 services to be provided.
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35 Councilmember Hirst said the Council had not yet determined funding for the pickleball
36 courts, and said she would not want to fund designing a plan without the ability to fund the project.
37 City Manager Brant Hanson said it would be easier for the City to pursue grants with the design
38 completed, and spoke of grant and fundraising possibilities. He showed the Council a list of
39 proposed fees from G Brown Design (\$19,580) for the project. City Engineer Kevin Campbell
40 explained the planned collaboration between G Brown Design and ESI Engineering. Mr. Campbell
41 said ESI could put together a summary of costs for their portion of the project (civil, geotechnical,
42 and electrical engineers). He estimated around \$10,000-\$15,000 for the ESI scope of work.
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44 Councilmember Summerhays mentioned that final designs were not yet available for the
45 UDOT I-15 widening project, and said he would not want to pay to put together a design for
46 pickleball courts that ultimately conflicted with the I-15 project. Councilmember Mecham said she
47 had the same concern. She said staff expressed to her the opinion that the proposed location for
48 pickleball courts was far enough away from I-15 to not be a problem. Mr. Campbell said the most
49 the City had been told that the I-15 project would take was 50 feet, and staff increased that
50 estimate to 60 feet just to be sure. He said the conceptual design for the parking lot was shifted,

1 and he believed there was room to shift the pickleball courts without interfering with existing
2 soccer fields. Councilmember McEwan asked if UDOT would provide a letter confirming the
3 design would not be a conflict. Mr. Campbell said he could talk to UDOT to verify the conceptual
4 pickleball court design with the latest UDOT plans.
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6 Councilmember Summerhays said he was concerned about hardscaping green space at
7 Community Park when Community Park had an irrigation system that allowed the City to keep
8 that park green. He said he had always been more in favor of putting pickleball courts at Porter-
9 Walton or Smith Parks. Councilmember Hirst said she agreed with the concern. Mr. Campbell
10 said he agreed that the location of the pickleball courts was the first aspect to solidify.
11 Councilmember McEwan said the location was already solidified by a majority of the Council. Mr.
12 Cox confirmed that the City had sufficient water to irrigate all of Community Park using only
13 subsurface drain water in 2022. Councilmember McEwan pointed out it would be possible to put
14 pickleball courts at the other parks in the future if desired. Councilmember Summerhays
15 expressed the opinion that the proposed location at Community Park was already highly used
16 and in heavy demand.
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18 Councilmember McEwan said he spent a lot of time at Community Park at different times
19 of day throughout the summer, and although the space did get used, he estimated two out of
20 three times he was there the space was empty. Mr. Cox said there were many times when
21 Community Park was full, and there were probably more times when the space proposed for
22 pickleball courts was not used. He reminded the Council that park impacts fees could be used to
23 construct pickleball courts, wherever they were built, and added that RAP Tax revenue had also
24 performed well in the last year.
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26 Councilmember Hirst said the current Legislative discussion regarding water use had
27 strengthened her opinion that the City should not be planning to remove existing grass that the
28 City could water despite the drought.
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30 Councilmember Ince said when Island View Park (designed by G Brown Design) was
31 opened, a lot of concern was expressed about the slope and use of bark. He said the concerns
32 had colored his view of G Brown Design. Mr. Cox said to his knowledge there had not been an
33 issue with bark at Island View Park. He said there had been a drainage issue that would be
34 resolved with a fix to the City's storm drain system. Councilmember Mecham said she knew there
35 had been a problem at one point with bark having moved all the way across the street to the
36 Cemetery. Mr. Cox said the bark had been moved by heavy wind in that situation, unrelated to
37 the slope of the park.
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39 Responding to a question from Councilmember Ince regarding the proposed pickleball
40 court location at Community Park, Mr. Wonenberg said the site was fairly straight forward. He
41 said the area would need to be reworked to add paths to the pickleball courts if the roadway and
42 parking lot improvements were not going to be completed for several years. He said some
43 structural fill would be needed for grading. Mr. Wonenberg said a geotechnical engineer would be
44 able to provide those recommendations. He added that sound was always a factor with pickleball
45 courts. He said he knew Provo City had received pushback from citizens regarding the noise from
46 pickleball courts, and had gone to the expense of installing sound mats and bigger posts.
47 Councilmember McEwan said there was no expectation of quiet at Community Park, and said he
48 believed Community Park was the ideal location for pickleball courts for that reason.
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50 The Mayor thanked Mr. Wonenberg for his presentation. Councilmember McEwan added
51 that Island View Park was well loved by the community.

1 **SOUTH DAVIS METRO FIRE REPORT**

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3 South Davis Metro Fire Chief Dane Stone presented a 2022 Annual Report, and answered
4 questions from the Council. Responding to a question from Councilmember Summerhays, he
5 explained property tax and city assessment funding sources. Chief Stone expressed appreciation
6 for support of the Council and community. Councilmember Mecham thanked Chief Stone for his
7 service.

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9 **FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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11 The Finance Department report was delayed to a future meeting.

12 **ADJOURNMENT**

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15 At 6:51 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember
16 Hirst seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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19 *Jennifer Robison*
20 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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Date Approved

