

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Special Meeting** held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members
Gina Hirst
William Ince
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham
Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
Bryce King, Community Services Manager
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Mike Higgins, Parks Supervisor

FY2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

City Manager Brant Hanson and Finance Director Nate Plaizier said the balanced FY2024 Tentative Budget presented that evening was a team effort, and expressed appreciation to department heads. Mr. Plaizier reviewed a proposed calendar for the budget process with the Council.

Mr. Plaizier, Administrative Services Director Jacob Smith, City Attorney Lisa Romney, and Community Services Manager Bryce King presented FY2024 Tentative Department Budgets to the Council, and answered questions. Mr. Plaizier said the deadline for Davis County to provide the FY2024 tax rate was June 8. Councilmember McEwan referred to the bicycle licensing line item, and questioned whether Centerville needed to include bicycle licensing. Police Chief Paul Child said bicycle licensing was meant as a service to the community, but had not really been done for years. Mr. Hanson said staff would look into it.

The Council and staff discussed the Centerville Justice Court, the City's relationship with The Ferguson Group, employee recognition efforts, the City newsletter and alternate community communication options, and election costs. Councilmember McEwan suggested looking into election costs available through other counties.

The Council and staff discussed the Youth Council. Councilmember McEwan expressed the opinion that collecting fees from Youth Council members would disenfranchise students in the community unable to afford participation, and expressed the opinion that participation fees should not be charged. Councilmember Mecham said years ago the idea of asking for help from Youth Council members for Trails Committee or Parks Committee projects was discussed, and the Council was told Youth Council members did not have time with all they were involved with at school. She suggested that students who were already heavily involved at school were not necessarily the students who would benefit most from participation on the Youth Council, and

1 suggested potential Youth Council members should be willing and able to donate a certain
2 amount of time to the City. Bryce King explained current expectations of Youth Council members,
3 which included a certain amount of community service.
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5 The Council reviewed the Whitaker Home Budget. Mr. King spoke of having a 3D tour of
6 the Whitaker Home created. Councilmember McEwan suggested reaching out to universities in
7 the area for possible partnership. Councilmembers Summerhays and Hirst expressed interest in
8 the Council receiving regular utilization reports regarding the Whitaker Home.
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10 The Council took a break at 7:25 p.m., and returned at 7:35 p.m.
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12 Mr. Hanson explained the FY2024 Tentative Budget included a 5% increase in the annual
13 South Davis Metro Fire assessment. The exact assessment for FY2024 was not yet known. Police
14 Chief Paul Child and Lt. Allen Ackerson answered questions regarding FY2024 Tentative Police
15 Department Budgets, and reported on the progress of setup for the Flock Safety camera pilot
16 program. Councilmember McEwan requested a justification memo and specification data for a
17 camera requested by Police Department detectives, but not included in the FY2024 Tentative
18 Budget.
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20 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox answered questions from the Council regarding
21 the FY2024 Tentative Parks Budgets. The Council requested an inventory of curb and gutter
22 repair. The Council and staff discussed pros and cons of one full-time position versus two part-
23 time positions. Mr. Plaizier explained the recommendation to transfer the 5% Rap Tax Revenue
24 contingency to the Parks Budget to help with FY2024 park projects. Councilmembers McEwan
25 and Ince expressed interest in scheduling further discussion regarding the Rap Tax Revenue
26 distribution formula. Mr. Cox explained the need to replace the existing playground at Community
27 Park. The Council discussed the possibility of adding playground equipment near the planned
28 pickleball courts at Community Park. Mr. Cox spoke of grant applications on which he was
29 working. The Council and staff discussed the need for additional lighting at Community Park, and
30 a majority of the Council appeared to support moving forward with plans to obtain additional
31 lighting for Community Park. Councilmember McEwan suggested reaching out to local
32 construction companies for possible partnership/donation of a concrete pad for the planned
33 batting cage.
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35 The Council and staff discussed the FY2024 Tentative Community Services Budget and
36 Recreation Budget. Responding to a question from Councilmember McEwan, Mr. King said the
37 City followed the school district's model for reduced fees. Mr. King said it would be possible to put
38 together a scholarship program if desired. Mr. Hanson asked how the Council would want to cover
39 the reduced fee cost. The Council discussed increasing participation fees versus the City
40 subsidizing the reduced fees from the General Fund. Councilmember Summerhays said he would
41 not be in favor of requiring other families participating to cover the cost of reduced fees, and
42 expressed support for subsidizing from the General Fund. Councilmember Mecham suggested
43 providing an option for community members to donate to help support reduced participation fees
44 for those who qualified. The Council discussed limiting the number of reduced fees available, and
45 discussed which recreation programs for which they would want to offer sponsorship.
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47 Mr. Hanson answered questions from the Council regarding the FY2024 Tentative Fund
48 Budget.

ADJOURN

At 10:17 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the Special Meeting. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

4-4-2023
Date Approved

