

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Special Meeting** held Thursday, March 23, 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
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer

FY2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Finance Director Nate Plaizier explained the Capital Projects Fund was funded by the General Fund each year through both a scheduled transfer, and a transfer of excess net income at the end of the fiscal year. Councilmember Hirst suggested keeping more than the usual 25% of General Fund revenue in reserve as a precaution against a potential recession.

Administrative Services Director Jacob Smith reported the cost for medical insurance premiums would increase 3% in FY2024, with no change in coverage. He said staff had initially anticipated an 8% increase, and expressed the opinion that a 3% increase was a good deal. Mr. Smith reviewed employee benefit costs included in the FY2024 Tentative Budget. He presented comparative compensation data updated with FY2023 numbers, and answered questions from the Council regarding compensation ranges. The Council and staff discussed compensation, employee retention, desired service level, and employee experience/education level. City Manager Brant Hanson explained recommended FY2024 employee compensation increases. Mr. Hanson summarized that staff would look at comparable cities and prepare a compensation study, possibly using different comparable data.

Community Development Director Cory Snyder presented the FY2024 Tentative Community Development Budget, and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Snyder spoke of the annual Moderate Income Housing Report, and the need for west side planning and a General Plan update. Mr. Snyder and the Council discussed his eventual retirement, the inevitability of change and growth, and the importance of maintaining retail and keeping a viable business community in Centerville. A majority of the Council appeared to support including \$80,000 in the FY2024 Budget for a General Plan update.

Public Works Director Mike Carlson spoke of the need to share with employees the vision management had for them. He reported on the recent sale of fixed assets, and presented the FY2024 Tentative Public Works Budgets to the Council and answered questions. The Council discussed potential locations for additional traffic signs. Mr. Carlson explained the possibility of contracting for street light maintenance, and said he would like to try it for a year. Mr. Hanson commented that many cities passed street light costs on to citizens, and estimated the cost would be \$1.75 per household per month. Responding to a question from the Council, Mr. Hanson said he would prefer not to tie up funds in the FY2024 Budget for potential cemetery construction since it was unknown if the project would move ahead in the next fiscal year.

The Council and staff discussed the FY2024 Tentative Streets Budget, and the Council requested a work session for further discussion of streets/transportation projects. Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker presented the FY2024 Tentative Water Fund, Sanitation, and Drainage Utility Budgets, and answered questions from the Council. Mr. Carlson answered questions about the Public Works vehicle rotation plan. Mr. Hanson spoke of increased Ace Disposal service costs, and suggested an increase in the waste collection fee charged by the City.

Mr. Hanson said the cost to put an awning over the City decant station was not included in the Tentative Capital Projects Fund Budget (\$17,000), but recommended that an awning would be a valuable safety addition. A majority of the Council appeared to support including the \$17,000 expense in the FY2024 General Fund Budget.

Councilmember McEwan expressed a desire to include the 360 camera for the Police Department discussed at the March 21, 2023 Special Meeting in the FY2024 Budget.

Staff and the Council reviewed the FY2024 Tentative UTOPIA Capital Projects Budget. Mr. Hanson said he questioned the UTOPIA dividend allocation calculation, and would let the Council know what he learned. Mr. Smith answered questions from the Council regarding the FY2024 Tentative RDA Budget. Mr. Hanson spoke of possible costs related to recent Legislation that may need to be added to the budget. Mr. Plaizier reviewed the budget meeting schedule with the Council.

ADJOURN

At 8:43 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).


Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

4-4-2023
Date Approved

