

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.,
2 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 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
18 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
19 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
20 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
21 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
22 Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief

23 **VISITOR**

Dane Stone, South Davis Metro Fire Chief

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25 Mayor Wilkinson called the work session to order at 6:27 p.m.

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27 **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY – CONTINUED DISCUSSION**

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29 On February 21, 2023, the Council and staff began a review and discussion of a Social
30 Media Policy drafted by staff. City Attorney Lisa Romney said staff believed social media posts
31 allowing two-way communication and dialog were limited public forums, and the City could restrict
32 public comment to a specific stated topic. Ms. Romney said a non-public forum that would involve
33 posting government speech for information purposes, with no public comment or dialog, would
34 also be possible. She cautioned that a limited public forum, once open on social media, should
35 not be taken down or turned off once started. The responsibility would be on the City to decide up
36 front whether or not to open a limited public forum with a post.

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38 The Council and staff discussed public forum situations. Staff explained that a social
39 media public forum could not be restricted to include only Centerville residents. Ms. Romney
40 asked the Council to consider which social media platforms they wanted to have open to public
41 comment, and said any platform open to public comment would involve creation of public record.
42 City Manager Brant Hanson said he believed, for the most part, social media posts should be
43 open to public comment. He added that comments were an important interactive component of
44 social media. Councilmember Summerhays said he tended to agree.

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46 Councilmember McEwan spoke of situations he knew had occurred in which important
47 public messages had been hijacked and lost in off-topic comments. He said he did not necessarily
48 believe important public messages should be open to public comment. Ms. Romney emphasized
49 the importance of making the rules of public engagement clear from the beginning.

1 Ms. Romney explained the possibility of the City providing individual social media
2 accounts to elected officials, managed and maintained by the City. The Council and staff
3 discussed situations in which personal social media accounts could become subject to GRAMA
4 requests. Ms. Romney explained that ArchiveSocial would automatically retain content from City
5 elected official social media accounts, making retaining records and responding to GRAMA and
6 discovery requests easier for City staff.

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8 The Council agreed to continue the discussion at a future work session.
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10 **FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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12 Due to lack of time, the Finance Department Report was postponed to a future meeting.
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14 **ADJOURNMENT**

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16 At 7:09 p.m., Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to adjourn the work session.
17 Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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21 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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4-4-2023
Date Approved

