

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, June 6, 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 Cory Snyder, Community Development Director
19 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
20 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
21 Bryce King, Community Services Manager
22 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
23 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director

24 **SOUTH DAVIS RECREATION UPDATE**

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26 Councilmember Summerhays shared information explaining a widening gap between the
27 South Davis Recreation Center operating expenses and revenues over time. He explained his
28 recommendation for increasing the subsidy levy to adjust for inflation (62.5% increase), plus trying
29 to account for what was lost over time (20-year back amortization), for a total recommended
30 increase of 72.19%. He recommended an increase for annual pass rates and daily admission
31 rates, and recommended an increase in competition swim team fees to pay for a competition
32 swim coach. Councilmember Summerhays said he would provide information to the Council for
33 further review. The Council discussed Recreation Center programs and fees. Mayor Wilkinson
34 expressed the opinion that programs should financially support themselves. Councilmember
35 McEwan expressed agreement.

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37 **PLACEMENT OF HEADSTONES IN CEMETERY PRE-NEED**

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39 Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox spoke of increased costs associated with the
40 cemetery, particularly maintenance and liability costs associated with headstones placed in the
41 cemetery pre-need before pre-need placement was prohibited in 2018. The topic had been raised
42 because of a specific resident request. Mr. Cox said he knew of a monument company that
43 allowed individuals to select, pre-order and pay for a desired headstone at current prices, with the
44 order kept on file without making the headstone until time of need. Councilmember Hirst
45 mentioned the risk that the monument company could go out of business before time of need
46 without obligation to fulfill the pre-order. Mr. Cox said he knew of monument companies that
47 charged an extra amount to place a headstone pre-need to compensate for the cost of removing,
48 engraving, and replacing the headstone at time of need.

1 Councilmember Hirst asked if the City could charge a premium amount to allow placement
2 of headstones pre-need to cover the costs of potential damage to other headstones during
3 delivery and retrieval. Mr. Cox responded that without full-time cemetery staff, the City had no
4 way of knowing when specific damage occurred. He added that costs of different headstones
5 varied widely. Mr. Cox spoke of the difficulty, risk, and inconvenience involved in placement,
6 retrieval, and replacement of pre-need headstones. Councilmember Hirst discussed a specific
7 situation in which a pre-need headstone was desired and considered compassion for residents
8 who may need pre-need service. Mr. Cox suggested the City could expand services and offer
9 headstone storage with an associated cost to cover additional staff that would be needed.

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11 Councilmember Summerhays said he believed it is bad policy to create policy around
12 exceptions, because there would be exceptions for everything. The Council and staff discussed
13 potential scenarios. The Council did not direct staff to make any changes to the prohibition of
14 headstones pre-need.

15 FREEWAY/FRONTAGE SIGN ORDINANCE

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18 City Manager Brant Hanson explained a potential request from Young Powersports to
19 allow a sign/water tower along their Frontage Road property at a height exceeding the existing
20 maximum height limit (25 feet). Councilmember McEwan said he would be inclined to allow an
21 increased height for any type of architectural feature or sign except a pole sign. Councilmember
22 Summerhays said he agreed. A majority of the Council appeared to be comfortable with the water
23 tower concept. The Council and staff discussed the definition of "pole sign", and Councilmembers
24 requested further discussion at a future meeting. City Attorney Lisa Romney asked if the Council
25 would be opposed to a standard maximum sign height rather than the graduated heights that
26 depended on distance from Parrish Lane. Councilmember Summerhays asked about sign
27 ordinances in other cities. Mr. Hanson said he anticipated bringing the subject back at the next
28 Council Work Session.

29 ADJOURNMENT

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32 At 7:03 p.m., Councilmember McEwan **moved** to adjourn the Work Session.
33 Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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37 Jennifer Robinson
38 Jennifer Robinson, City Recorder

6-20-2023
Date Approved

