

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:45 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Council Members Gina Hirst, Mayor Pro Tem
William Ince (arrived at 5:50 p.m.)
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham
Spencer Summerhays

MEMBER ABSENT

Clark Wilkinson, Mayor

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Lisa Bednarz, IT Manager
Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director

VISITORS

Jason Glines, TecServ
Jacob Jenkins, TecServ

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:49 p.m., Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to go into a closed session in Council Chambers for the purpose of discussing deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems, with no recording as allowed by State law. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0). Councilmember Ince arrived at 5:50 p.m., after the vote to go into closed session. Those in attendance at the closed session: Councilmembers Hirst, Ince, McEwan, Mecham, and Summerhays; City Manager Brant Hanson; City Attorney Lisa Romney; City Recorder Jennifer Robison; IT Manager Lisa Bednarz; Jason Glines and Jacob Jenkins with TecServ.

The Council returned to open work session at 6:30 p.m., joined by Police Chief Paul Child, Lt. Allen Ackerson, Public Works Director Mike Carlson, Finance Director Nate Plaizier, and Administrative Services Director Bryce King.

FILMING AGREEMENT WITH FABIOLA-THE GERMINATOR TV

Police Chief Paul Child discussed with the Council an opportunity to participate with filming of a police documentary produced by a company in Germany called Fabiola. The documentary would be aired on the German Discovery Channel, and would showcase law enforcement in Utah as part of a series about law enforcement agencies in the United States. Chief Child showed a portion of a documentary filmed in Texas, and said references he contacted with departments in other states indicated the experience had been positive. He expressed support for the opportunity, and said his officers were positive about the idea.

The Chief expressed the opinion that Centerville had an outstanding Police Department that did things right, and it would be nice to showcase the quality of service provided. Filming

1 would take place over a ten-day period in April/May or July/August in 2024. Chief Child said
2 releases would be obtained from any citizens involved before footage would be used. Responding
3 to a comment regarding possible stress placed on officers by the cameras, Chief Child said the
4 officers were already aware that they were recorded by body cameras every time they did
5 anything. He clarified no compensation was involved.
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7 The Council discussed possible scenarios that could take place during filming. City
8 Manager Brant Hanson said he and the Chief had a great meeting with a Fabiola representative,
9 and the intent for a positive representation was apparent. Mr. Hanson said there were some
10 concerns, but it could be a lot of fun, and staff could do everything possible to protect the City.
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12 Mr. Hanson suggested staff explore the proposed agreement and bring back further
13 information. Councilmember McEwan acknowledged there would be risk involved, but said he
14 believed it could be a good experience from a morale standpoint. Councilmember Mecham
15 expressed concern that some citizens may be upset with the idea of residents being filmed. Chief
16 Child said he shared her concerns about privacy.
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18 **ADJOURNMENT**
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20 At 7:00 p.m., Councilmember McEwan **moved** to adjourn the work session.
21 Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).
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24 Jennifer Robison
25 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
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12-5-2023
Date Approved

