

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm, with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members Cheylynn Hayman
Robyn Mecham
Brian Plummer
Gina Hirst

MEMBER ABSENT

Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
Paul Child, Centerville Police Chief
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
Cameron Woodbury, Drainage Supervisor
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director

Mayor Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

DRAINAGE RATE INCREASE

City Manager Brant Hanson highlighted the discussions on varying proposed drainage rate percentage increases, initially considering doubling the rates and then proposing a 50% increase. The current budget reflects this 50% increase, and he emphasized the need to finalize the percentage and the effective date. Mr. Hanson discussed the importance of informing residents about the potential changes through open houses before the effective date.

Finance Director Nate Plaizier provided further context on why the rate increases were necessary, citing a need for an additional \$1.3 million for capital projects as per the capital facilities plan. The proposed \$13 per ESU increase would allow for short-term needs and hiring within the drainage department, acknowledging it as a short-term solution necessitating reevaluation in a few years.

Councilmember Mecham raised concerns about the timing of public hearings relative to final vote decisions. Mr. Hanson clarified the plan for informational open houses instead of formal public hearings after council approval, allowing residents to voice opinions and stay informed.

The council discussed the implications of rate increases, effective dates, and long-term plans for gradual increases versus immediate large jumps. Councilmember Hayman recommended feathering the increase into future years to avoid drastic rate changes.

It was agreed to implement a 50% increase and set the effective date of October 1, 2024, allowing sufficient time to communicate with residents.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 6:58 pm, Councilmember Hirst **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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Jennifer Robison

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Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

Date Approved

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