

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:30 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
Spencer Summerhays

Tree Board Members Sara Stettler, Chair
Linda Porter
Heather Taylor
Scott Zeidler
Gary Woodward

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Marc Marchant, Streets Supervisor
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
Lt. Allen Ackerson, Centerville Police Department
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director

DISCUSSION – JOINT DISCUSSION WITH TREE BOARD REGARDING TREES IN THE PARKSTRIPS

The Council and the Centerville Tree Board met together to discuss the proposed amendments relating to the maintenance and planting of trees in park strips. The Tree Board had made a recommendation to prohibit trees in park strips less than 6 feet.

City Attorney Lisa Romney presented the City's history with park strip trees, noting the significant impact on infrastructure caused by roots, leading to increased maintenance costs. Ms. Romney provided an overview of the sidewalk replacement program and its correlation to park strip trees. Streets Supervisor Marc Marchant shared experiences and strategies regarding tree removal during road projects, highlighting minimal resident pushback. Councilmembers and Tree Board members expressed their views on balancing the aesthetic and environmental benefits of trees with practical concerns like infrastructure damage and resident safety.

There was a detailed discussion on the practicality and health of trees planted in narrow park strips, considering root growth, water needs, and tree stability. Expert opinions from city arborists were also considered.

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1 Multiple solutions and suggestions were discussed, including public education on
2 appropriate tree species, encouraging planting on private property adjacent to sidewalks, and
3 possibly enhancing the tree voucher program. The conversation also touched on broader
4 environmental impacts, such as heat reduction and urban aesthetics.

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6 The Council requested more time to review the ordinance, and directed staff to bring it
7 back for further discussion at the next meeting.

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9 **DISCUSSION – TRAFFIC CALMING**

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11 This item was postponed to a future meeting

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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

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15 At 6:52 pm, Councilmember Hayman **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember
16 Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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20 Jennifer Robison
21 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

8/8/2024 | 12:32 PM MDT

Date Approved

