

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm, with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson (arrived at 6:12 pm)
Council Members	Cheylynn Hayman
	Robyn Mecham
	Brian Plummer
	Gina Hirst
	Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
 Sydney DeWees, Planner
 Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
 Mar Marchant, Streets Supervisor
 Haley Turner, Communications Manager
 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director

DISCUSSION – TREES IN THE PARKSTRIPS

City Manager Brant Hanson and City Attorney Lisa Romney recounted a meeting held by City staff to consolidate ideas reflective of public comments and council directions following the previous City Council meeting. Ms. Romney provided a detailed outline, emphasizing the creation of a proactive tree voucher program, directing the distribution of unused tree vouchers, implementing a waiver and liability release, and guidelines about new trees in parkstrips. Ms. Romney elaborated on recommendations to proactively assess trees within park strips during major street projects. The options discussed included:

- Removing trees causing damage at city expense.
- If trees are healthy and do not pose damage, property owners could choose whether to retain them, understanding potential future responsibilities and costs.
- Considerations included allowing, but not obligating, tree removal if such trees posed no immediate threat.

Ms. Romney also presented some alternative measures including sidewalk relocation, and “tree root training”.

The Council considered each proposed item and alternative method and engaged in a thorough discussion regarding the balance between catering to neighborhood aesthetics versus concerns related to infrastructure damage and associated costs. The session concluded with the Council directing staff to continue to refine the existing program and bring the item back for further discussion at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 pm, Councilmember Hayman **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Summerhays seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

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Date Approved

