Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Special Budget Meeting** held Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor	Clark Wilkinson
Council Members	Cheylynn Hayman
	Gina Hirst
	Robyn Mecham
	Brian Plummer
	Spencer Summerhays

STAFF PRESENT	Brant Hanson, City Manager
	Lisa Romney, City Attorney
	Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
	Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
	Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
	Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
	Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
	Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
	Steve Hunt, Water Supervisor
	Haley Turner, Community Services Manager
	Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police
	Lt. Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department
	Sydney DeWees, Planner

FY2026 TENTATIVE BUDGET REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Police

Chief Allen Ackerson and Lieutenant Will Barnes outlined several adjustments to the budget, including a $4,000 reduction in vehicle maintenance due to a healthy fleet rotation, a new $5,000 allocation for drone maintenance, a reduction in fuel costs based on actual usage, and a $16,000 decrease in education and training expenses due to the absence of a one-time leadership training expense. A small increase was added for radar maintenance certification.

Councilwoman Hayman raised concerns regarding the $88,000 budgeted for overtime pay. Chief Ackerson clarified that the amount supports minimum staffing requirements, special patrols, and callouts, and while not solely indicative of understaffing, it is a contributing factor. For capital equipment, the department requested four new vehicles (two pickup trucks and two interceptor utilities), computer replacements, updated patrol rifles, and a new Motorola body and dash camera system. The body camera system prompted extensive discussion regarding its cost structure and benefits. The council also reviewed the budgets for the canine and DARE programs, with no major changes proposed in those areas.

Parks

Parks and Recreation Director Bruce Cox outlined a $60,000 increase for playground surface conditioning at Porter Walton Park and $7,000 for a new cemetery software system. Capital requests included court resurfacing, a new restroom at Community Park, and ballfield fencing improvements, along with equipment replacements for mowers and a parks truck. Discussion focused on a proposed new full-time Facilities Maintenance Supervisor position, with some council members hesitant about adding a full-time role; further research on alternatives like contracting services or part-time options was agreed upon.

Community Services & Recreation

Community Services Director Haley Turner highlighted the removal of concessions revenue and expenses, which were transferred to a youth football group. She discussed various recreation programs, including baseball, summer camps, and archery, and made a capital request for new pitching machines. Ms. Turner also outlined future plans for equipment replacement and new program offerings. The council discussed the possibility of budgeting small amounts annually for equipment replacement instead of making large one-time purchases.

Community Development

Community Development Director Mike Eggett presented the department's budget, which included a request for a part-time code enforcement officer position. There was extensive debate regarding the merits and concerns of adding this role. Mr. Eggett also requested $38,800 for new permitting and licensing software, explaining the limitations of current manual processes and the benefits of the new system. The council requested additional information on both proposals before making any decisions.

Water, Sanitation, Drainage

Deputy Public Works Director Dave Walker and Water Supervisor Steve Hunt discussed an increase in impact fees and Weber Basin water purchases, as well as plans to maintain fluoridation equipment for future needs. The Oakridge Tank and Peachtree Drive waterline projects were also covered, with allocations set for completion in the coming year. The sanitation department reported a successful spring cleanup and ongoing glass recycling program, although a potential need for new garbage cans was acknowledged. The discussion concluded with a review of drainage system maintenance and equipment purchases, with an emphasis on new vehicles for the team due to increasing demands.

Personnel

City Manager Brant Hanson proposed a 4.5% total compensation increase, consisting of a 2.5% cost of living adjustment and a 2% merit increase. The council discussed the proposal but requested additional information regarding total compensation packages and training budgets before making a final decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Hayman **moved** to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm, which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

May 6, 2025
Date Approved