

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council** meeting held Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with participants present at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members Robyn Mecham
Brian Plummer
Gina Hirst
Spencer Summerhays

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cheylynn Hayman

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder
Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
Bryce King, Administrative Services Director
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Mike Carlson, Public Works Director
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police
Louisa McDonald, Centerville Police Department
Steve Hunt, Public Works Department

VISITORS

Interested citizens

PRAYER OR THOUGHT

Mayor Wilkinson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN SESSION

No comments.

NOTICE – MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT-DAVIS – PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

City Attorney Lisa Romney provided notice of the Mosquito Abatement District's proposed 26.18 percent tax increase, noting that state law requires the city to include the notice on its meeting agenda. She explained that the increase would generate about \$1 million annually and raise the tax on an average \$600,000 home by approximately \$7.92 per year, with commercial properties also affected. The additional revenue would fund new pesticide storage, expanded mosquito surveillance and lab capacity, and potential new adulticide products. It was emphasized that this is a district tax, not a city tax, and will be listed separately on property tax bills.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PRESENTATION OF RAP TAX ARGUMENTS

City Recorder Jennifer Robison explained that as part of the RAP (Recreation, Arts, and Parks) tax renewal process, the city had solicited arguments for or against the tax from voters. An argument in favor was submitted by Mayor Wilkinson and Councilmember Summerhays, while no arguments against were received. Councilmember Summerhays read the full argument in

1 favor, highlighting that the 1/10th of 1% local sales tax funds community amenities such as parks,
2 trails, arts facilities, and historic preservation, with prior projects including CenterPoint Legacy
3 Theater, Island View Park renovations, playground replacements, pickleball courts, trail
4 improvements, and Whitaker Museum upgrades. The council noted that RAP tax funds are
5 restricted to capital improvements, often leveraged with grants, and also contributed by non-
6 resident shoppers. Following the presentation, no public comment was made, Councilmembers
7 expressed support, citing prior approval and noting that all five South Davis cities impose the RAP
8 tax.

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10 **PERSONNEL POLICIES AMENDMENTS – POSTPARTUM RECOVERY LEAVE AND**
11 **PARENTAL LEAVE – CPP 5.130**
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13 Mayor Wilkinson introduced the discussion on the proposed leave policy, noting it had
14 been reviewed in three prior work sessions and emphasizing that while flexibility with employee
15 leave is ideal, formal policies are necessary in the public sector. Councilmember Plummer
16 expressed concerns about the speed of implementation, the employee-driven nature of the
17 initiative, and fiscal impacts, suggesting existing leave policies could suffice.

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19 Councilmember Hirst acknowledged these concerns but noted the issue had been
20 thoroughly discussed, emphasized the need to retain staff, and highlighted that similar policies
21 are common in other government agencies. She supported three weeks of maternity leave but
22 had reservations about parental leave unless accrued sick leave was used.

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24 Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to approve Resolution No. 2025-15 enacting
25 Section 5.130 of the Centerville Personnel Policies regarding Postpartum Recovery Leave and
26 Parental Leave and amending Section 5.070 regarding Long-Term Sick Leave. Councilmember
27 Mecham seconded the motion which passed (3-1) with Councilmember Plummer dissenting.

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29 **MINUTES REVIEW AND APPROVAL**
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31 Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Work Session, City Council, and Closed Session
32 meetings were reviewed. Councilmember Plummer **moved** to approve all sets of minutes with
33 suggested changes. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously
34 (4-0).

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36 **FINANCIAL REPORT**
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38 A financial report for the month of August 2025 was provided with the agenda for review.
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40 **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**
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- 43 • Councilmember Summerhays reported that the South Davis Recreation District is
44 reviewing its budget, including a proposed 5% tax increase, with a public hearing
45 scheduled for November 17.
 - 46 • Councilmember Summerhays noted the trail maintenance day planned by the Trails
47 Committee was postponed due to rain.
 - 48 • Councilmember Hirst shared that the Parks and Recreation Committee is developing a
49 community survey to be conducted at the Fall Festival on October 13 to solicit feedback
50 regarding the Parks Master Plan.

51 **MAYOR REPORT**
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- Mayor Wilkinson reported on recent events, including the ribbon cutting for Paul Davis Restoration and Reading Elementary School's 40th anniversary celebration with a movie on the lawn.
- Mayor Wilkinson reported on his League of City and Towns meetings, highlighting sessions on running more effective meetings as particularly useful.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- City Manager Brant Hanson reported on League meetings, recommending reduced base water charges and equitable top-tier rates to encourage conservation.
- City Manager Brant Hanson shared affordable housing insights, including Farmington's accessory dwelling unit approach.
- City Manager Brant Hanson noted the need for a council volunteer on the South Davis Greenway Trails study; Councilmember Hirst volunteered, with meetings on October 21 and November 10.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 pm, Councilmember Summerhays **moved** to enter adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Plummer seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4-0).



Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

10/21/2025

Date Approved

