

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 5:30 pm, with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members Robyn Mecham
Brian Plummer
Gina Hirst
Rick Bangerter
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 Carlson, Public Works Director
Mike Eggett, Community Development Director
Dave Walker, Deputy Public Works Director
Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police
Sydney DeWees, Planner

DISCUSSION – CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND PRIORITIES

Mayor Wilkinson opened the work session by explaining that the purpose was to discuss City Council goals and priorities ahead of upcoming budget discussions. He outlined a structured format allowing each councilmember time to present their priorities, with the goal of identifying the top three priorities to guide staff.

Councilmember Plummer:

- Increase transparency and communication with residents
- Provide clearer and more detailed council minutes
- Improve public notice of construction impacts
- Expand public access to city information
- Emphasize police accountability and training
- Support effective planning tools such as tree voucher programs

Councilmember Bangerter:

- Improve transparency and information sharing
- Reform storm drain and impervious surface fees
- Advance cemetery expansion
- If Councilmember Hayman continues to display a pride flag, consider passing legislation to protect the neutrality of the City Council dais and government property by disallowing the display of non-approved flags or other objects
- Increase volunteerism and internships
- Promote economic development
- Update zoning to align with the general plan

- Evaluate the appropriateness of all City department heads attending all City Council meetings
- Consider the creation of a Citizen's Public Relations Committee
- Require public hearings for any fee increases
- Installing "Welcome to Centerville" signs at City entrances

Councilmember Hirst:

- Adopt the general plan in a timely manner
- Secure long-term funding for road maintenance
- Consider a transportation utility fee
- Improve telecommunications policies and franchise agreements
- Water conservation
- Strengthen coordination with city boards
- Enhance city entrance features

Councilmember Hayman:

- Water conservation
- Improve bill payment options and consider credit card processing fees
- Identify sustainable funding for street maintenance
- De-emphasize the flag display issue raised by Councilmember Bangerter in favor of higher priorities

Councilmember Mecham:

- Advance cemetery expansion
- Encourage earlier and more flexible budget discussions
- Complete the general plan
- Prepare for impacts from I-15 expansion
- Water conservation
- Don't overbook work sessions to keep room and flexibility for current issues

Mayor Wilkinson:

- Ensuring committees understand their roles
- Recreation
- Housing
- Cemetery

City Manager Brant Hanson provided feedback on the council's priorities, noting that the general plan is a top priority for staff as well, and mentioned that a compensation study would be included in the budget. He emphasized staff's commitment to improving communication and transparency, while acknowledging budget constraints. Mr. Hanson explained that the coming months would be heavily focused on the general plan and budget processes, with a draft general plan scheduled for presentation at the first meeting in March and the budget retreat planned for March 18–19. There was agreement that while these were priorities, the council would need to remain flexible to address emerging issues.

Further discussion addressed several specific priorities. Councilmember Bangerter emphasized the importance of storm drain fees and their potential budget impact, while others expressed concern about timing due to budget preparation deadlines. Council members generally supported improving city entrance signage, particularly in anticipation of the I-15 expansion.

Cemetery expansion remained a shared priority, though staff noted the financial implications, estimating an annual cost of about \$94 per household for a \$7 million bond over 25 years. Telecommunications franchise agreements were also raised as a concern, with Councilmember Hirst emphasizing the need for greater accountability and possible inspection cost recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:57 pm, Councilmember Hirst **moved** to adjourn the work session which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).

Jennifer Robison
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

02/17/2026
Date Approved

