

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council Work Session** held Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 5:30 pm,  
2 with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson

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8 Council Members Robyn Mecham  
9 Brian Plummer  
10 Gina Hirst  
11 Rick Bangerter  
12 Cheylynn Hayman

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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager  
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney  
17 Jennifer Robison, City Recorder  
18 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director  
19 Bryce King, Administrative Services Director  
20 Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director  
21 Mike Carlson, Public Works Director  
22 Mike Eggett, Community Development Director  
23 Allen Ackerson, Chief of Police  
24 Will Barnes, Centerville Police Department

25 **FY2027 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

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27 Finance Director Nate Plaizier opened the budget discussion by identifying two key items  
28 requiring council direction: mayor and city council compensation, and whether to proceed with a  
29 property tax increase through truth in taxation proceedings.

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31 *Truth in Taxation and Property Tax Increase*

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33 Councilmember Plummer raised questions about new legislation requiring property tax  
34 increases to be tied to specific line items, and Finance Director Nate Plaizier confirmed the city  
35 must issue a property tax impact statement reflecting an estimated 15% increase tied to a new  
36 police officer, fire assessment increases, and inflationary costs. City Manager Brant Hanson  
37 explained the law also prevents cities from spending those funds until approved through the truth  
38 in taxation process, improving transparency.

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40 The council discussed concerns about linking the increase to South Davis Fire Department  
41 assessments, with Councilmember Plummer wary of potential “double taxation” if the district also  
42 raises taxes. Councilmembers Mecham and Hirst supported the transparency of the impact  
43 statement so residents understand the reasons for the increase. Mr. Hanson explained how  
44 assessments are calculated, and noted Centerville’s increases are lower than neighboring cities.

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46 Mr. Plaizier reserved August 25th as the scheduled truth in taxation hearing date, which  
47 the council approved.

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49 *Police Department Budget*

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1 Police Chief Allen Ackerson confirmed the department had already reduced its budget as  
2 requested, noting minor concerns about fuel costs but expressing confidence the budget would  
3 be sufficient if prices remain stable. Significant discussion focused on a \$16,100 training program  
4 in Florida, with some councilmembers initially questioning the timing alongside hiring a new  
5 officer. Chief Ackerson explained the training was scheduled for 2027 and aligned with long-term  
6 leadership development, while Lieutenant Barnes, who previously attended, emphasized its value  
7 as a cost-effective and impactful alternative to other national programs. The Mayor supported the  
8 investment, describing it as beneficial for retaining and developing key personnel.  
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10 The council also discussed vehicle replacements, with Chief Ackerson noting the  
11 department typically replaces four vehicles annually but had reduced the request to three,  
12 including one for the new officer. Councilmember Bangerter suggested potentially delaying one  
13 replacement to save approximately \$60,000, and the chief indicated this could be feasible given  
14 the current fleet's condition.  
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16 Storm Drain Fund and City Footprint Payment  
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18 Councilmember Bangerter presented his research comparing Centerville to neighboring  
19 cities, finding that several municipalities fund their own storm drain impact through the general  
20 fund rather than utility fees. He noted Centerville's combined storm and sub-drain fee is  
21 significantly higher than nearby averages and argued the city should pay its share - \$44,241  
22 annually for storm drain and \$39,379 for water - to improve transparency and fairness.  
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24 City Manager Brant Hanson agreed the approach had merit but explained it would require  
25 a property tax increase to sustain the ongoing cost. He shared analysis showing that shifting costs  
26 through a modest tax increase and slight fee reduction would have minimal impact on residents  
27 but mixed effects for businesses, resulting in both savings and increases depending on property  
28 type.  
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30 Budget Reduction Proposals and Revenue Projections  
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32 Councilmember Bangerter proposed roughly \$170,000 in potential budget reductions,  
33 including delaying replacement of garage door openers, parks equipment, and one police vehicle,  
34 and questioning increased spending on training, travel, and council meeting meals. City Manager  
35 Brant Hanson responded that one-time reductions would not solve ongoing cost pressures,  
36 stressing the need for sustainable funding sources, while the Mayor underscored the long-term  
37 value of training and networking for securing grants. Councilmember Mecham supported  
38 maintaining the meal budget, noting its role in fostering collaboration among council and staff.  
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40 The council also discussed revenue assumptions and compensation. Councilmember  
41 Bangerter suggested the budget may underestimate sales tax revenue from new businesses such  
42 as Hoskins Trucks and QuikTrip, but staff and councilmembers preferred conservative projections  
43 based on historical trends. Councilmember Hirst expressed concern about relying on a \$1.2  
44 million fund balance transfer and hesitated to offset it with uncertain future revenues. A brief  
45 discussion on mayor and council compensation resulted in general agreement to keep wages  
46 unchanged for now, balancing fiscal caution with maintaining key operational priorities.  
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48 Mr. Hanson indicated another work session would be needed to complete budget  
49 discussions before preparing the tentative budget for the May meeting.  
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51 DISCUSSION – GENERAL PLAN – COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE

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This item was postponed due to lack of time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:05 pm, Councilmember Plummer **moved** to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Hirst seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous vote (5-0).

*Jennifer Robison*  
Jennifer Robison, City Recorder

04/21/2026  
Date Approved

