

Minutes of the Centerville City Council work session held Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. with participants present electronically via Zoom and streamed on YouTube due to infectious disease COVID-19.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Clark Wilkinson

Council Members William Ince (joined at 5:40 p.m.)
Stephanie Ivie
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham

MEMBER ABSENT Tamilyn Fillmore

STAFF PRESENT Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Leah Romero, City Recorder
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer
Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director

VISITORS Jon Parry, Weber Basin Water Conservancy District

DETERMINATION

Mayor Wilkinson read aloud a determination regarding electronic meetings without an anchor location due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

WEBER BASIN WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT WATER CONSERVATION DISCUSSION (CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 18, 2020 WORK SESSION)

Jon Parry with Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (Weber Basin) spoke of water conservation efforts, including installation of water meters on Centerville residential water systems. The Council discussed a draft of a Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance provided by Weber Basin. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, explained that revisions would be necessary to tailor the draft ordinance to Centerville.

Councilmember Ivie said the draft ordinance submitted by Weber Basin felt like government overreach, and said she would support a heavy education effort through the City newsletter. Councilmember McEwan said he did not believe that providing options represented government overreach. Councilmember Ivie said she would not want the options to be in the form of an ordinance. Mr. Parry commented that Weber Basin offered classes/webinars regarding local scaping and water conservation options. He mentioned that ordinances in many cities did not provide any option for park strips other than cold-weather turf, and emphasized that an important step for cities would be making sure conservation-friendly options were available to residents.

Councilmember Mecham said she believed park strips contributed to the aesthetics of a city, and commented that park strips with an option other than turf often looked unkempt after the first couple of years. She expressed the opinion that grass park strips were prettier.

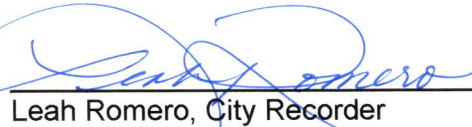
Councilmember McEwan said he felt enough acceptable options could be provided through education to preserve a good aesthetic. He said it would be a gradual process, but emphasized that water issues were not going to go away, and needed to be addressed.

Kevin Campbell, City Engineer, commented that eight-foot concrete/sidewalk had been used in different areas of the City, including Main Street, in place of four-foot landscaped park strips with four-foot sidewalks. He said in some cases removing and replacing landscaping can be as expensive as removing and replacing concrete when maintenance of utility infrastructure is necessary. He pointed out that current City ordinance did not allow hard-surfaced park strips.

Mayor Wilkinson suggested Staff look into ordinance options and community education possibilities. Councilmember McEwan added that current City ordinances should be reviewed to clean up inconsistencies. Councilmember Ince said he felt the issue had some urgency, and asked Mr. Parry to provide the Council with a prioritized list of water conservation steps the City could take.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the work session and move to a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. Councilmember McEwan **seconded the motion**, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).


Leah Romero, City Recorder


Date Approved


Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

