

Minutes of the Centerville **City Council work session** held Tuesday, February 2, 2021 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 Tamilyn Fillmore
William Ince
Stephanie Ivie
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham

STAFF PRESENT

Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Janet Denison, City Recorder
Bruce Cox, Parks and Recreation Director
Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
Kevin Campbell, City Engineer

VISITOR

Glen Ginsberger

DETERMINATION

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

CEMETERY FUNDING AND BALLOT INITIATIVE DISCUSSION

City Manager Brant Hanson said that, based on discussion at the previous Council work session, there appeared to be two options for developing new cemetery space: the "bowl" area owned by the City on the hillside, or working with property owners in the City to purchase property. Councilmember Mecham suggested the Council visit City-owned property on the hillside south of the bowl area near the Bountiful border with Staff to determine if the slope would be compatible with cemetery use.

Councilmember Mecham said she believed a bond initiative would pass easier if the Council were able to confirm to citizens that they had negotiated purchase of a specific property if a bond were to pass. Councilmember Ivie said she agreed. Councilmember McEwan said he *was in favor of a ballot initiative to find out if the citizens were willing to pay for new cemetery space*. He suggested the City not take the time and effort to negotiate with a property owner until it was known whether citizens were interested in paying for property.

City Engineer Kevin Campbell explained that the slope of City-owned hillside property south of the recreation bowl area did not have the same width as the bowl area. Property to the south would require narrower rows of burial plots. He stated the current hillside drainage project would extend to the south end of City-owned property. Mr. Campbell suggested access to the south hillside property may be possible from the Firebreak Road connection at North Davis Boulevard in Bountiful, and may be less steep than a connection from Twin Hollow Park in

1 Bountiful. The Council and Staff looked at the two possible access points on a map and spoke of
2 discussing possibilities with Bountiful representatives.

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4 Councilmember Fillmore said she agreed with Councilmember McEwan that the Council
5 should wait to negotiate with property owners until they knew if citizens were interested in paying
6 for property for a new cemetery. Mr. Hanson emphasized the need to follow through if the public
7 voted in favor of bonding to pay for cemetery space. He suggested the Council survey and get a
8 better understanding of what the citizens were interested in before jumping through the hoops of
9 a bond initiative. Councilmember McEwan emphasized the need to be clear regarding the
10 Council's intentions with a bond initiative.

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12 Councilmember Ince said he was in favor of Staff putting together preliminary cost
13 estimates to include with voter education efforts. Councilmember McEwan said it was his guess
14 that developing property on the hillside for cemetery space would be the more expensive option.
15 Mr. Hanson commented on challenges related to development and maintenance of a hillside
16 cemetery.

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18 Councilmember Fillmore asked when the Council would want to begin involving the public
19 in the discussion process. City Attorney Lisa Romney spoke of the ballot process. The cemetery
20 issue of whether or not to bond would be a ballot proposition. She suggested a successful ballot
21 proposition would involve more education effort than the required voter information pamphlet. Mr.
22 Hanson said he was in favor of beginning to involve the public with informal surveys very soon.
23 Councilmember Fillmore emphasized that the Council wanted to find out if citizens were interested
24 in paying for new City cemetery space. *The Council as a body did not have an opinion either way,*
25 and would not want survey questions to imply a preference. Mr. Hanson pointed out that the issue
26 involved a lot of information that needed to be shared with the public.

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28 Mayor Wilkinson requested that Staff put together preliminary estimates of the cost of
29 developing a cemetery and cemetery access on City-owned property on the hillside.

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31 **TRUTH IN TAXATION PROPERTY TAX INCREASE DISCUSSION**

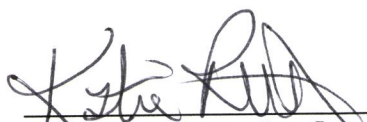
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33 The Council decided to postpone discussion of this issue to a future meeting.

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35 **ADJOURNMENT**

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37 At 6:30 p.m., Councilmember Ince **moved** to adjourn the work session and move to a
38 meeting of the Redevelopment Agency of Centerville. Councilmember Ivie seconded the motion,
39 which passed by unanimous vote (5-0).

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44 Janet Denison, City Recorder

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49 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

