

1 Minutes of the Centerville **City Council work session** held Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 5:35
2 p.m., with participants present at City Hall, 250 North Main Street, and via Zoom.

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4 **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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6 Mayor Clark Wilkinson
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8 Council Members Gina Hirst
9 William Ince
10 George McEwan
11 Robyn Mecham
12 Spencer Summerhays
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14 **STAFF PRESENT**

15 Brant Hanson, City Manager
16 Lisa Romney, City Attorney
17 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
18 Jacob Smith, Administrative Services Director
19 Nate Plaizier, Finance Director
20 Bryce King, Recreation Coordinator

21 **VISITORS**

22 Senator Todd Weiler
23 Senator Stuart Adams
24 Representative Tim Hawkes

25 **DISCUSSION WITH STATE LEGISLATORS**

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27 Senator Todd Weiler said he anticipated the current drought situation, affordable housing,
28 election versus appointment of the State School Board, and voting laws would be significant
29 issues during the 2022 Legislative Session. Senator Weiler expressed the opinion that public
30 education was an important factor in water conservation. Senator Stuart Adams spoke of
31 incentivizing developers to xeriscape front yards. He suggested water conservation was an issue
32 that would be best regulated on a city-level. Representative Tim Hawkes said he agreed that
33 incentives would be a good approach.
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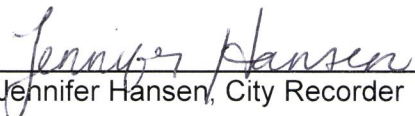
35 The Legislators and City Council discussed economic development and the current labor
36 shortage. Councilmember Mecham commented that some Centerville businesses were struggling
37 to find enough workers. She referred to comments about density and affordable housing, and said
38 she had found that rental units in the densest areas of the City were more expensive than rental
39 units in the less dense areas. She stated density did not equal affordable housing.
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41 The Legislators commented on continuing population growth in Utah. Representative
42 Hawkes said the State had sufficient drinking water for the population growth, but did not have
43 sufficient secondary water to support an increase in half-acre lots with grass. Senator Adams
44 commented that interest rates were expected to go up, and when interest rates went up, the
45 demand for housing tended to go down. He said he expected there would be pressure for smaller,
46 denser homes. Councilmember Summerhays commented there were many young families and
47 retirees/empty nesters who did not want a yard they needed to care for. He suggested density
48 was a natural reflection of what people actually wanted.

1 Mayor Wilkinson said at least one Councilmember had expressed a desire for the
2 Legislators to address the current jail system. Senator Weiler spoke of the 2015 Justice
3 Reinvestment Initiative and some of the adjustments currently discussed.
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5 **ADJOURNMENT**

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7 The Legislators shared contact information. Mayor Wilkinson thanked the Legislators for
8 their time. The work session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.
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13 Jennifer Hansen, City Recorder
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Date Approved

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18 Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

