Minutes of the Centerville City Council work session held Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Centerville City Hall, 250 North Main Street, Centerville, Utah.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor
Clark Wilkinson

Council Members
William Ince
Stephanie Ivie
George McEwan
Robyn Mecham

**MEMBER ABSENT**
Tamilyn Fillmore

**STAFF PRESENT**
Brant Hanson, City Manager
Lisa Romney, City Attorney
Jacob Smith, Management Services Director
Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder
Katie Rust, Recording Secretary

**BUDGET FY 2020 DISCUSSION**

Jacob Smith, Management Services Director, explained changes/additions that will need to be made to the proposed FY 2020 Budget to be presented at the Council meeting later in the evening. The Council reviewed employee health insurance costs and discussed converting two City positions from hourly to exempt.

At a previous Budget Work Session, Mr. Hanson said he would like to increase Police Department pay range minimums by another 5%, above the amount currently included in the proposed FY 2020 Budget. The Council and staff discussed the suggestion and where the funds would come from. One option would be to reduce the amount of property tax revenue transferred to the Transportation Fund. Maintaining a quality police force was one of the goals specified with the most recent property tax increase, along with streets maintenance. Council members expressed concern with reducing the amount provided for streets maintenance. However, a majority of the Council agreed that they would prioritize police services over streets maintenance, as long as City streets are drivable. Mr. Hanson said he would prefer to keep the funds allocated to the Transportation Fund.

Councilmember Ince commented that Municipal Court revenues have declined. Lisa Romney, City Attorney, said she is under the impression other cities are experiencing the same thing. The Council and staff discussed factors that might contribute to reduced Court revenues. Mr. Hanson said that as much as he would like to be able to increase the Police Department pay range minimums by 5%, he believes for now the additional officer and the compensation increases already included in the proposed FY 2020 Budget will significantly help the Department.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Ince, Mr. Hanson agreed it would be a good idea to evaluate Enterprise Fund compensation to the General Fund. Councilmember Ivie asked what the impact to the Budget would be with a 2%-3% additional increase for the Police Department. She said she would like an update on City roads, and would like to better understand what qualifies a road as "dead". Councilmember McEwan said he would like to know
what a reduction in property tax allocation would do to the long-term streets plan. Mayor Wilkinson said he would choose to put the funds toward streets maintenance first. He said he receives a lot of emails from residents about needed streets maintenance. Councilmember Ince asked if it would be helpful to lobby the County for more Proposition 1 transportation funding. The Council and staff discussed Proposition 1 funds and grants. Mr. Hanson emphasized the need to make sure the City pursues grants that suit existing projects.

Councilmember Ince requested an update on the sidewalks project. The Council talked about looking into the possibility of saving money by leveraging the construction season across multiple fiscal years. Councilmember McEwan asked if the additional increase to police compensation is expected within the Police Department. He suggested if the expectation is not there, the Council does not need to try to meet it this year. Mayor Wilkinson agreed. Councilmember McEwan commented that willingness and ability do not always match up.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:55 p.m., Councilmember Ince made a motion to adjourn the work session. Councilmember Mecham seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote (4-0).

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Mackenzie Wood, City Recorder

May 21, 2019

Date Approved

Katie Rust, Recording Secretary