

**HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, UT 84032
Heber City Council Meeting
March 17, 2026**

APPROVED Minutes

4:00 p.m. Work Meeting - REINSTATED

I. WORK MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Franco called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

City Council Present: Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood - remotely
Council Member Mike Johnston
Council Member Morgan Murdock
Council Member Sid Ostergaard - Departed at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Present: City Manager Matt Brower
Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Community Development Director Tony Kohler
City Engineer Russ Funk
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
City Recorder Trina Cooke
Deputy City Recorder Andrew Conley
Finance Director Sara Jane Nagel

Staff Participating Remotely: Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley, IT Director Anthon Beales, Human Resources Director Cherie Ashe, Engineering Technician Desiree Muheim, Planner Jacob Roberts, Engineer Kyle Turnbow, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Laine Meyers, Public Works Director Matthew Kennard, Public Works Foreman Rilley Fairbourn, Deputy City Recorder Robin Raines Bond, Engineer Ross Hansen, City Engineer Russell Funk, Finance Director Sara Jane Nagel, and Accounting Technician Wendy Anderson.

Also Present: Troy Turner, Rachel Kahler, Dallin Koecher, Jessica Broadhead, Grace Doerfler, Braxton Turner, Jason Gliddon, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

Also Attending Remotely: (names are listed as signed-in online) A, Andrew, Angela M, B, Bryanna, Cannon Taylor, Catharine Williamson, Catherine, Cody W, Grace Doerfler kpcw, Jen, Lila Jayne, Michael, Mike, S, Scott Phillips, SRH, Stephen, and w.

1. Dogs in Parks Policy Discussion (Morgan Murdock, Council Member) - 15 min

Council Member Murdock distributed a draft dog policy proposal as included in the meeting materials. He described his dog boarding, sitting, and walking business, but stated there was no conflict of interest as he had nothing to gain financially by the proposed policy. Council Member Murdock suggested a dog license booth at the upcoming Dogs in Parks Event, as well as possibly offering free leashes to people who needed a leash, and handing out swag. He detailed the proposed regulations and safety measures included in the draft Dogs in Parks Policy.

2. Tourism and Economic Development (Dallin Koecher) - 30 min

Dallin Koecher and Jessica Broadhead, with Heber Valley Tourism and Economic Development, presented the annual reports as shown in the attached meeting materials. They provided details of their economic report. Ms. Broadhead reviewed details of revenue produced by tourism in Wasatch County. They reviewed the benefits provided to local businesses, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

Council Member Cheatwood asked for details regarding what was being done to assist local businesses and to attract new businesses. Council discussed opportunities to support local businesses and workers, as well as possible student volunteer opportunities.

Mr. Koecher asked the City to once again sponsor the upcoming annual Wasatch Back Economic Summit. He thanked the City for its past and ongoing support.

3. Red White and Blue Festival Board Update (Kelleen Potter and Rachel Kahler) - 15 min

Rachel Kahler was representing the Red, White, and Blue (RW&B) Festival event. She shared a brief slide show including a short video. She stated that it was the 7th annual RW&B Festival that would coincide with the America250 celebration. She listed the planned activities as outlined in the presentation, including a Toby Keith tribute band offering a free concert.

4. Discuss potential development agreement amendment for (Mayflower Lofts) at the corner of Old Highway 40 and Highway 32 (Braxton Turner) - 30 min

Troy and Braxton Turner represented Build-It Homes. Community Developer Director Tony Kohler provided an overview of the proposed mixed-use development. Troy Turner further explained their proposed project. The petitioners hoped Council would consider allowing alternate uses. Council discussed the potential access to the property, size of the area, grading, and trails. Mayor Franco expressed concern with the City continuing to give up commercial space for residential. Council Member Johnston agreed with the Mayor and advised reserving commercial development space.

Jason Glidden with Mountainlands affordable housing was willing to have discussions with the petitioners to negotiate additional affordable housing within the project.

5. MOU with Headwaters (Russ Funk, City Engineer) - *10 min*

City Engineer Russ Funk described the past flooding concern of 2023 due to the snow pack that year. The City Council had expressed a desire to perform a study to help predict future flooding in order for the City to better prepare. Mr. Funk said the Division of Emergency Management at the State had been working to update the Valley's flood-mapping. He explained there was a private entity called Headwaters that joined with communities to address and try to correct flooding concerns. Headwaters was offering to complete an alternatives analysis to look for ideas to solve the issue and forward a recommendation to the City. Mr. Funk and the City Attorney Jeremy Cook had reviewed the proposed MOU (memorandum of understanding) and had not found any concerns as the agreement did not obligate the City to anything. Mr. Funk advised that he was not seeking Council approval and the item was intended to be informational only.

6. Underdrain Discharge Change Order (Russ Funk, City Engineer, Matthew Kennard, Public Works Director) - *10 min*

City Engineer Russ Funk explained that there was a underground drain that ran through a large part of the City. He shared images of the under-drain located at 600 west and 300 South and described the excess ground water in the location. He shared the ongoing projects in the area that would necessitate the relocation of the underground drain. He said it had become an emergency relocation project. Public Works Director Matthew Kennard had met with the Finance Department Director Sara Nagel and found that the City could provide funding for the project without reaching into its reserves. Public Works Foreman Rance Echols further described the project details. There would need to be a budget amendment but he impressed the need to begin work on the project prior to the next City Council meeting scheduled for April 7, 2026.

II. COMMUNICATION ITEMS:

Mayor Franco noted that she had forwarded a few emails to Council earlier that day regarding concerns with the proposed location of the Atlas cell tower. She questioned whether the Council should consider alternate locations. She had also received a letter from Maddox that was concerning and she hoped staff would be able to discuss details in the future.

III. CLOSED MEETING:

Motion: Council Member Barney made the motion to enter a Closed Meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

Second: Council Member Johnston made the second.
Voting Yes: Council Members Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.
Voting No: None.
Council Member Ostergaard was absent.
The **Motion Passed 4-0.**
The Heber City Council entered Closed Meeting at 5:42 p.m.

1. Discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual

Motion: Council Member Barney made the motion to end the Closed Meeting and to adjourn the Work Meeting.
Second: Council Member Murdock made the second.
Voting Yes: Council Members Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.
Voting No: None.
Council Member Ostergaard was absent.
The **Motion Passed 4-0.**
The Closed Meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Council Member Barney made the motion to end the Closed Meeting and to adjourn the Work Meeting.
Second: Council Member Murdock made the second.
Voting Yes: Council Members Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.
Voting No: None.
Council Member Ostergaard was absent.
The Meeting **adjourned** at 6:15 p.m.





Trina Cooke, City Recorder