

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

**Amended Agenda
April 15, 2025**

APPROVED Minutes

**4:00 p.m. Work Meeting
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting**

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

Mayor Franco called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

City Council Present: Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood
Council Member Mike Johnston - arrived at 4:04 p.m.
Council Member Sid Ostergaard - arrived at 4:36 p.m.
Council Member Scott Phillips

Staff Present: City Manager Matt Brower
Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Community Development Director Tony Kohler
Planning Manager Jamie Baron
City Engineer Russ Funk
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
City Recorder Trina Cooke

Staff Participating Remotely: Public Works Director Matthew Kennard, Planning Administrator Meshelle Kjianen, IT Director Anthon Beales, Finance Director Sara Jane Nagel, Accounting Technician Wendy Anderson, City Engineer Russ Funk, and Deputy City Recorder Robin Bond.

Also Present: Jon Kwong, Branden Christensen, Kenzie Mangum, Linda L Middleton, Mandy Bonner, Landon Bonner, Tom Selashy, Terry Diehl, Lynn Flora Faytin, R Christ, Clint Neerings, Jonathan Jastram, Barbara Norris, Ken McConnell, Gaylyn Latimer, Sally Sandherr, Caden Lawrence, Morgan Lawrence, Jill Watson, Dallin Koecher, Naomi Kisen, Craig Hancock, Sarah Rigard, Tracy Taylor, Grace Doerfler, Jami Hewlett, Tori Broughton, Willie Horn, Deb Stenger, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

Also Attending Remotely: (names are shown as signed-in online) Jason Glidden, John, TMT, Alli Zundel, B, Bob Brandt, CAMS, Catherine, Clara Hatcher, DM, Grace KPCW, Hadley Sanders, J, Jami Hewlett, Jen, Jenna, John, Julia, Kelli, Kendall Crittenden, Kim Dickerson, Mason H, Mike, Randall Williford, S, Shorty 5, Steven Clark, and Tyson.

1. Utah Valley University (UVU) Marketing and Public Communications Students Class Project: Heber City Moderate-Income Housing Plan Suggestions and Promotion (UVU Students: Mollie Scott, Darby Carroll, Kenzie Mangum, Brandon Christensen, Bronte Brenier, and Jon Kwong) - *30 min*

Utah Valley University (UVU) class facilitator Dr. Farah Sanders clarified for the record that the presenters were Public Relations and Strategic Communications students. She introduced the students present, as listed in the agenda line item, to present their updated affordable housing proposal, implementing the feedback from the Council, as included in the meeting materials. The students alternated reading the presentation.

Mayor Franco asked if the students liked the bungalow-style home proposed as the units were so small. The students all indicated approval for the homes and willingness to own one. Discussion followed regarding affordable housing options and the many obstacles the City faced trying to provide affordable housing for the community as well as the difficulty for new home-owners to purchase a home in the current market.

2. Affordable Housing Survey and Call to Action (Jason Glidden) - *30 min*

City Manager Matt Brower thanked the UVU students for their presentation. He described the affordable housing survey performed by the City the previous fall to determine the housing needs and wishes of the community. He introduced the Mountainlands Community Housing consultant Jason Glidden. Mr. Glidden reviewed the survey results as found in the presentation included in the meeting materials. He noted that single-family units on individual lots were not always attainable based on available household income levels. Council discussion followed.

3. Ordinance 2025-04 Regulating Electric Assisted Bicycles and Mobility Devices on Hard-Surface Multi-Surface Multiuse Paths and Back Country Natural Surface Trails (Parker Sever, Chief of Police, Matt Brower, City Manager) - *30 min*

City Manager Matt Brower provided background for the purpose of the proposed ordinance. He described the available trails throughout the City's trails system and the different types of e-bikes versus e-motorcycles that the public used on the trails. Mr. Brower shared a confrontation that had occurred on one of the trails involving a trail volunteer, a juvenile, and the juvenile's parent. He reviewed the proposed ordinance intended to protect the trails and trail users, as well as establish trail use standards and serve as an enforcement tool for local law enforcement.

Chief of Police Parker Sever reviewed the differences between Heber City's proposed ordinance versus the ordinance that the Town of Midway had recently adopted. Discussion followed regarding electric cycles and scooters, where they were permitted, and whether it was appropriate to require helmets for children under 18.

City Attorney Jeremy Cook explained the intent of the ordinance was to work with Midway and the County to ensure a continuity of restrictions. He felt the ordinance could be refined to encompass a wider range of electric vehicles available to the public and to clarify the restrictions.

II. BREAK - 10 MIN

III. REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Heidi Franco called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present at 6:14 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Mike Johnston, Council Member)

Council Member Mike Johnston led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer/Thought by Invitation (Aaron Cheatwood, Council Member)

Council Member Aaron Cheatwood shared a prayer.

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

There were no conflicts disclosed.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Council Member Johnston moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

1. Approval of March 18, 2025, City Council Meeting Minutes (Trina Cooke, City Recorder)
2. Mayoral Nominations for POSTT (Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Trees) Committee (Heidi Franco, Mayor)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (3 min per person/20 min max)

Randy Christ wished to address Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). He was concerned that the discussion held at a previous County Council meeting had not considered the homeowners that would be affected by the proposed bypass. He was one of the homeowners that would be affected. One of the proposed routes for the bypass would require his home be bulldozed. Another proposed route would leave his property untouched. Mr. Christ expressed concern for his neighbors as well, some of whom were unaware of the impact certain proposed routes could have on their property. He wanted to speak for the WB-3 option that he felt would least impact the surrounding properties. He felt it was the only option that made sense and it would be the safest option. He shared that the Friends of Heber Valley had endorsed the same route. He said he was still having issues with the commercial lighting coming from across the Highway at night and said the construction was leaving debris along the road. He said it was a mess and wanted the construction company to clean it up.

Linda Middleton said that she lived on Southfield road and was frustrated with the perpetual construction trucks driving up and down her road. A sewer line had been crushed resulting in closing the exit from one of the schools. She thought the bypass had been a bad idea for 30 years and it was still bad. She said it would take 20 years to complete if it was anything like Southfield Road. She asked that the City stop giving away the Heber Valley to the State and Federal tax-free entities to turn the Valley into an asphalt parking lot. She felt it was a terrible, terrible idea. Utah was a big State and bypass meant it bypasses us. Ms. Middleton said that the point was that the City had a huge code book and nobody knew what was in it. She said the City could make all the rules it wanted but needed to keep it simple. She felt it was the same problem the City was having with Ranked Choice Voting and the City needed to keep it simple. It was too complex. She proposed the City make the code say: "wear a helmet and don't go more than 15-miles an hour on the sidewalk whether you're a child or an adult." She had an older car that did not have all the cameras. She watched people turn out of Black Rifle Coffee and all those places where you had to look four times to get out on the road. She had seen an electric bicycle, three times, think people were stopping and then the car gets a break and pulls out. She thought it was a disaster waiting to happen and that no one should be riding a bike on the sidewalk of Main Street. She did not know how they got from Envision to people walking and riding bicycles on the sidewalk but it was not safe now. She proposed the ordinance book say and fit in that book, she did not know what the wording would say because, already, nobody could figure it out because there were so many codes. She asked the Council to please not give away any more of the Valley to UDOT, they didn't have the money and had so many more important problems. She thought Main Street should not be more than 30 miles per hour and the police could ticket people who were speeding. The whole point of this was to get those trucks off Main Street. Now UDOT wanted to put the bypass by the new high school, where students were learning to drive, and install a north-facing overpass. She reminded everyone that we live in a place where there was a lot of ice and snow and severe weather, and an earthquake, maybe. She called an overpass by the new high school insane.

Lori Gagan wanted to add to the previous comment. She wished to address the beautiful white house at the end of Southfield Road. She stated that she felt it was very unfair that the realtors did not have to disclose such things as an impending bypass because her daughter had been eyeing that house for a very long time and did not know there would be a bypass there. She felt there should be a law preventing a realtor from not disclosing the possibility of a bypass.

Caden Lawrence felt the need to speak in defense of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and thought it would be a shame to give up the democratic process it provided. He said RCV protected the democracy of an election by enabling voters to choose who they felt would best represent them, rather than who the voter felt was most likely to win, but would be the lesser of two evils. Mr. Lawrence said that if you could count to five, you could fill out the RCV ballot. He did not feel he could express enough how important RCV was to the democratic process by helping reduce polarization, saving taxpayer money by eliminating a primary election, and electing candidates with over a 50% margin of the votes.

Tracy Taylor said she had not seen anything so polarizing as the RCV issue in the community in the past two or three years. She wanted to know why no one from the City Council had acknowledged the statistics from the 2023 election that the Wasatch Taxpayers Association had presented to the Council two meetings prior.

Allison Salisbury referred to the results of an independent survey indicating a majority of the people were against RCV. She said that RCV was being thrown out in Utah in 2026 because it obviously did not work. She claimed it was an experiment that did not work. She said she was at the meeting a month ago and was encouraging the Council to listen to the results.

Jamie Hewlett read the following list of her comments:

- They were constantly told that high-density development was the only solution to our growth and housing challenges but they knew that it really meant more traffic, more strain, more water infrastructure, less small town charm. Don't know why we are always talking about adding density instead of protecting what they already had.
- Why is the bypass going through the north fields instead of expanding the existing freeway?
- She had a problem with whoever was cutting the audio when she was listening from home, that night she had to take one kid to dance, one kid to Miss Wasatch, one kid to this, and it was hard for her when the audio stopped working and she had to come in person in between carpooling. She did not know who was in charge of the audio but wanted to know why it didn't work.
- Ranked Choice voting was being marketed as being modern and fair but what it really did was confuse voters, drag out results, and sometimes elect candidates who did not receive the most votes.

Ms. Hewlett said that was not an upgrade, it was a gimmick. When the system was too complicated for voters to trust, confidence in elections suffered. We should be making elections clearer, not cloudier.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Heber Valley Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Update by Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) (Craig Hancock) - *45 min*

Craig Hancock, Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) Project Manager for the Heber Valley Corridor Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), was present to provide the project update as included in the meeting materials. Naomi Kisen and Sara Rigard were also present to assist with the presentation. Mr. Hancock and Ms. Kisen described the two possible alternative free-flow corridor routes included the draft EIS. They reviewed the purpose and need for the project, preliminary screening results, provided travel times study results during peak operations on Main Street, and travel model updates. Mr. Hancock and Ms. Kisen concluded with a detailed outline of impacts still to be evaluated and the ongoing process that would include a public hearing and comment period in the fall. Council discussion followed.

2. Central Heber Water and Sewer Line Replacement Project (Russ Funk, City Engineer) - *5 min*

City Engineer Russ Funk navigated the City website to share the current status of the ongoing Central Heber Replacements project, showing the public how to access the information. He provided updates for the construction of Coyote Springs Park. Trail paving had begun on both sides of the park and the City was striving to hold a grand opening on Labor Day weekend. Muirfield Park design was ongoing.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS: (Council can discuss; table; continue; or approve items)

1. Resolution 2025-05: Resolution Finding Hazardous Environmental Conditions and Restriction of Fireworks within All/Designated Portions of Heber City (Clint Neerings) - *10 min*

Motion: Council Member Phillips moved to bring item three to the front of the agenda.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

The meeting moved forward to item three on the Action Items agenda.

Wasatch County Fire Marshal Clint Neerings introduced Fire Captain Jonathan Jastram to present the expanded fireworks restriction map that included some of the most hazardous wildfire areas in the County as shown in the meeting materials.

Council Member Phillips felt there was an unintended consequence resulting from the map that made homes in the designated areas un-insurable for fire insurance. He proposed the map be made less restrictive as he had been told that insurance companies used the map to determine insurability. Council Member Barney added her concern. Fire Marshall Clint Neerings explained the Fire District would be meeting with the Red Ledges community to try to navigate the fire insurance struggle. The Fire District did its best to educate homeowners on wildfire mitigation measures that could be taken. He clarified the map being shared that evening was the fireworks restriction map, not the Wildland Urban Interface map. Fire Marshal Neerings strongly hoped to avoid a large-scale fire disaster such as recent wildfires in California. Discussion continued regarding the mountain wildfire risk, the Wildland Urban Interface map, and the firework restriction map boundary proposed.

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood made the motion to approve Resolution 2025-05, as written, with the map portion in Heber City as described. He wished to additionally approve it if the Fire District were to expand the boundary.

Second: Council Member Johnston made the second.

Discussion: Council Member Ostergaard expressed the seriousness of the fire hazard in the Jordannelle Ridge area. Fire Marshal Neerings expressed sympathy for homeowners trying to get fire insurance in the area.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

2. Heber City Sponsorship - Wasatch Back Economic Summit (Dallin Koecher) -
10 min

Motion: Council Member Phillips moved to approve Heber City's support of the Wasatch Back Economic Summit.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Discussion: Executive Director of the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce Dallon Koecher shared the location of the 2025 Wasatch Back Economic Summit at the Grand Hyatt in Park City and thanked the Heber City Council for their support. There would be five tickets available for the Council and Staff that wished to attend.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

3. Resolution 2025-04 to Implement Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) for the 2025 Municipal Election in Heber City and Preliminary Survey Results (Ryan Bunnell, PIO, Trina Cooke, City Recorder) - *45 min*

Council Member Phillips read the following prepared statement regarding Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and asked that it be an official motion:

Motion: "I want to start by acknowledging that we all care deeply about the future of Heber City. Whether we're for or against Ranked Choice Voting, we all want what's best for our community, and that's something we can agree on. Ranked Choice Voting has worked well in the past. It has made elections more civil, and helped people feel more connected to the process. But the conversation around it has gotten clouded by misinformation, and it's creating more division than necessary.

At the end of the day, the results of the election will be the same no matter which voting system we use. The people's choice will be heard, and the candidate who best represents our city will win. That's what really matters. Given the division this issue has caused, I believe it's time to put it to rest. I'm going to vote for traditional voting in the 2025 election—not because I think it's better, but because I believe the fighting needs to stop. We're all on the same team here, and we need to focus on what unites us, not what divides us. So, I make this motion to use traditional voting for the 2025 election. Let's move forward together and keep our focus on what's best for Heber City."

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Discussion: Mayor Franco clarified that Council Member Phillips' Motion was to not approve Resolution 2025-04. She added that the motion prevented her from allowing public comment for the agenda item unless the Council made another motion to allow comments. Council Member Cheatwood thanked the community that had submitted comments regarding the matter, stating that he believed there had never been such a large response to Council's request for public feedback. He shared that, by his count, the response from the community had been approximately 77% against RCV, and approximately 22% in favor. Mayor Franco provided the numbers she had gathered from the time she first asked the community to provide their input regarding RCV. Her count showed three to one against RCV. She also wished to thank the community for their feedback. She stated that she felt it was more beneficial to the voters to hold the Primary Election to allow more time for voters to learn about the candidates and the issues. She said more surveys would be forthcoming for the community. Council Member Barney said she was grateful to the community for speaking up and that the Council had listened to the public feedback.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.

Mayor Franco returned the meeting to item one on the agenda.

4. Valley Hills Drive Pressurized Irrigation (PI) Line Extension (Matt Brower, City Manager) - *30 min*

City Manager Matt Brower shared a map reflecting the City's easement land along the eastern bypass that the City had agreed to lease back to the adjoining homeowners. The question he posed to Council was whether the City should invest approximately \$90,000.00 in the installation of a pressurized irrigation line to support and encourage the homeowners landscaping of the area; to require the homeowners to install the irrigation at their own expense; or to allow the homeowners to extend their existing irrigation lines onto the City property.

Mr. Brower explained the time constraint as the homeowners wished to expand their existing yards that spring and needed the irrigation installed to do so. Council Member Cheatwood felt the irrigation could be delayed until the installation could be done in-house by the City's Public Works Department in order to save taxpayer money. City Engineer Russ Funk reviewed the concerns with the existing power and gas lines at the location. Council discussion continued regarding the City's encroachment agreement with the property owners, the cost of installing irrigation and who should pay for it, the placement location of the irrigation line, and the timeline for installation.

Consensus of Council majority was to return to the discussion at a future meeting when staff could review and provide details in the encroachment agreement; to have the property owners pay for the irrigation as other homeowners were required to do; and to delay the project until it could be completed in-house by City Staff.

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood moved to continue the item to the first meeting in May.

Second: Council Member Phillips made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

5. Ordinance 2025-04 Regulating Electric Assisted Bicycles and Mobility Devices on Hard-Surface Multi-Surface Multiuse Paths and Back Country Natural Surface Trails (Parker Sever, Chief of Police, Matt Brower, City Manager) - 10 min

City Attorney Jeremy Cook shared the updates he had made to the proposed ordinance since the Work Meeting to implement Council's suggestions. He had expanded the title on the Ordinance to include electric scooters and skateboards, clarified which types of trails allowed which types of equipment and where they would be prohibited. Council discussion continued.

Tori Broughton, Manager of the Trek bike store, advised that she did not believe a person could pedal fast enough going down-hill to engage the motor on a class three e-bike. She also did not believe a class three e-bike could access back-country trails. She described the trail erosion and damage that could be caused by level 2 and higher e-bikes.

Russ Funk shared his opinion against restricting e-bikes on the back-country trails, as it would require him to purchase two bikes to access different trail types.

Motion: Council Member Johnston moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-04 with the changes that Jeremy Cook had made, and as had been discussed by Council that night, including "improved surface," changing "riding" to "rider," and adding "equestrian" with "pedestrians," to be given the right-of-way.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

6. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Wasatch County and Heber City 2025 Annexation Issues (Matt Brower, City Manager, Jeremy Cook, City Attorney)
- 15 min

Council Member Barney shared that the annexation subcommittee, including herself, Council Member Ostergaard, and the appointed County Council Members, had agreed to the amended language to the Annexation Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) previously proposed by Heber City Council Member Mike Johnston. Council Member Ostergaard added that there was a change to the language requested by the County regarding the traffic on the east side of the area discussed.

Motion: Council Member Johnston moved to approve the MOU as presented by the County.

Second: Council Member Barney made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

IX. COMMUNICATION:

City Manager Matt Brower shared the proposed activities planned for Unity Week, to be held the first week in June:

- * There were two ribbon cuttings planned: the first would be for the Bandshell on the opening night of Heber Market on Main (HMOM).
- * The plan was for Unity Week to be the same week as the first HMOM of the season. He proposed having clowns, balloons, and possibly an ice cream social to celebrate. He asked the Council to send any additional ideas his way.
- * The dumpsters would be available to the community during Unity Week as well.
- * The second ribbon-cutting would be for the opening of Coyote Springs Park.
- * Main Street clean-up would be held in May. The flower planting would follow in June.

Chief of Police Parker Sever asked Council's permission to purchase a specialized vehicle he had the opportunity to buy at an extreme discount from a department in California. The Police Department had the money needed in its budget. Council majority expressed support for the vehicle purchase.

City Engineer Russ Funk had received a request from the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to do night work for the road widening and installation of a traffic signal located at 1500 South. He explained UDOT was able to get more favorable bids for the contract, and there would be less traffic obstruction with night work. The project would take place during the summer of 2025. The majority of noisy work would be done during daylight hours. Council majority expressed support for the request.

Public Works Director Matthew Kennard invited Council to attend Public Works Week. It would take place Monday, May 19, through Wednesday, May 21. He outlined the list of activities planned for the week. Heber City's Public Works Department was teaming up with Midway and the County for the week's celebration. He informed everyone that the pressurized irrigation was estimated to be turned on between the last week of April and the first week of May.

X. CLOSED MEETING:

Motion: Council Member Phillips made the motion to enter Closed Meeting.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.** The Council entered Closed Meeting at 9:38 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the lease, purchase, or exchange of real property.

City Council Present:

Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood
Council Member Mike Johnston
Council Member Sid Ostergaard
Council Member Scott Phillips

Staff Present:

City Manager Matt Brower - remotely
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
City Recorder Trina Cooke

1. As Needed

The Heber City Council entered a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the lease, purchase, or exchange of real property.

Motion: Council Member Phillips moved to exit the Closed Meeting and adjourn the Regular Meeting.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood seconded the motion.

Voting Yes: Council Members Phillips, Ostergaard, Cheatwood, Barney, and Johnston.

Voting No: None.
The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.





Trina Cooke, City Recorder

From: Michael LaBarge
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 12:16 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) ranked choice voting

Hi, I live in Heber and I wanted to cast my vote to continue to use the ranked voting method for future Heber City elections. I think a ranked voting system allows for a more accurate picture of what the public wants for it's city positions, etc.

If you wish to investigate ranked voting system benefits in more detail, there are ample sources online that can give empirical evidence of the benefits this system provides to communities.

Thanks,

Michael LaBarge

From: Tom Salasky
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 8:42 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Rank choice Voting

I am opposed to rank choice voting

One person, one vote.

I have yet to hear someone make a compelling case as to why it is better than the current system. I have heard theories and possibilities and wishes as to why it could be better, but I have yet to see the reality of them compared to what we currently have. It appears to be a fad ,concocted by the permanent political class to validate their relevance, that should probably be treated as one and ignored for more important matters facing Heber City Council.

It appears to me to be a compromise system of electing government representation rather than a commitment system. It appears that it settles on the least offensive (lesser desired) to all rather than alignment to your beliefs and values.

I prefer to live with a system of a winner who gets the most votes, rather than who gets the most participation points.

I feel that it adds complexity where less is needed. It will be slower to adjudicate the outcome. It appears to be more confusing and costly to implement and execute.

Best,

Tom

From: Alexandra blackburn
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 7:09 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked Choice Voting

I support Ranked Choice Voting because I believe it gives each individual vote more impact and better reflects the true desires of the public.

From: Heather Whitney
Sent: Monday, April 7, 2025 7:18 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked choice voting - yes!

Good morning,

We are in favor of using ranked choice voting for the mayor and council races this year.

Thank you,

Heather Whitne

From: roxanne mula
Sent: Saturday, April 5, 2025 4:49 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked Choice Voting Feedback

Hello!

I am a local here in Heber and am responding to the Mayor's Minute about feedback on ranked choice voting. I think this is a good idea in theory, however, I do not believe enough people understand how it fully works and therefore should not be utilized. For the people who just fill in their first choice, if that person is not elected, it gets thrown away due to not having any other options. I know how hard it is to get people to vote in the first place and people just want it to be easy. I think ranked choice will not be fair to the underdogs or newer people running for offices because honestly, not enough citizens are involved or understand who or what they are actually voting for. I hope this will change and I know I am trying to do my part by getting involved and having open conversations with friends and asking a lot of questions. Thanks for your time.

Kindly,

Roxanne Mula

From: Cristina Aguirre
Sent: Saturday, April 5, 2025 4:30 PM

To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Opinion on Rank Choice Voting

Dear Mayor Franco and City Council Members,

My name is Cristina Aguirre. I reside on [REDACTED] in Heber City.

As I have noted before, I strongly oppose rank-choice voting.

I would like to continue to see a voting system of one citizen/one vote.

Please KEEP one citizen/one vote and DO NOT move to Rank Choice Voting.

Thank you.

Cristina Aguirre

From: Jason Moore
Sent: Saturday, April 5, 2025 10:01 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Rank Choice Voting

YES, in favor of rank choice voting.

From: marianne meek
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 2:50 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked Choice Voting

Good afternoon, City Council members.

I personally feel that ranked choice voting saves time and money.

Please continue to use ranked choice voting in the future.

Thank you all for your dedication and time; you are doing great.

Kind regards,

Marianne Meek

[REDACTED] Heber City,

-- Smile, Life is Good!

From: Mattie Kirby
Sent: Friday, April 4, 2025 10:13 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked choice voting NO

Please vote NO on ranked choice Voting. Please consider how fewer folks are voting, the additional cost associated with this direction, and how one cannot determine if their vote was counted or thrown out. In addition, we want to vote for the one individual we have researched and not have a second choice. Vote NO on RCV. Thank you. Mattie kirby

From: don't believe everything you think
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:45 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) ranked choice voting

My thoughts come from a quote attributed to Confucius.

"life should be simple, Humans insist on complicating it"

This is my theory. The more complicated something is, the easier it is to manipulate it.

It only benefits the one that did the complicating. There are just too many ways for this

Ranked Choice Voting to allow the least popular candidates get into office.

Voting was always meant to be a "Yes or No" question.

SOMETHINGS SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED

R Woolley

Heber City.

PS while I am here, I am sick of all the unnecessary growth. seems that the local Governments (county, city)

are beholden to the STATE and the developers. What are you going to tell the citizens when there is no more water?

That is not that far in the distance. The developers will be gone, the only people that suffer are the local citizens.

Please remember what I have said the next time you vote about some new sub-division or some other unnecessary improvement.

From: Gaylyn Latimer
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 2:23 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Stop RCV

I do NOT want the City to use ranked choice voting for the mayor and two council races this year! It's frustrating, time consuming, and depends on a machine to "talbulate" each round which can not be audited. The truth of the matter is that we will lose voters. One of your recommendations was "to create a comprehensive information campaign catered to its citizens to teach how RCV works and how to complete a ballot". Are you serious? A comprehensive campaign to teach us how to vote! Stop the insanity. I say NO to RCV! Respectfully, Gaylyn Latimer


From: Allen Thronson
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 1:19 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) RCV

Ranked choice voting is about as udemocratic as you can get. Please put it to bed permanently.

Allen Thronson


From: clongo@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 8:47 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Rank Voting

I am NOT in favor of rank voting.

Regards,
Cynthia Longo


-----Original Message-----

From: Tenie Theobald

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 6:06 AM

To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>

Subject: (EXTERNAL) Ranked Voting

Please NO on ranked voting!

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From: Ron Clarkson

Sent: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 5:47 AM

To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>

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NO to rank choice voting.

Thank you,

Ann & Ron Clarkson
