



Members Present:

Bradley J. Frost	Mayor
Staci Carroll	Council Member*
Tim Holley	Council Member
Ernie John	Council Member
Clark Taylor	Council Member

Members Absent:

Ryan Hunter	Council Member
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Staff Present:

Loralee Miller	Executive Administrator Assistant
Stephanie Finau	Deputy Recorder
Patrick O'Brien	Development Services Director
Sam Kelly	Public Works Director
George Schade	IT Director
Melissa Mellor	Legal Counsel
Cameron Paul	Police Chief

Also present: Ken Berg, Kaya Frasier, Kenny Frasier, Parish Pontious, Adam Cannon, Andrew Stalling, Shelby McEwan, James Logan, Wes Baker, David Bean, Reed Miller, and other residents and students that are part of the biking community.

The American Fork City Council held a public hearing in conjunction with a regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, in the American Fork City Hall, 31 North Church Street, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Receiving public comment on the vacation of a public utility easement on Lot 1, North Pointe Business Park Plat "F" subdivision located at 630 East 1300 South.
  - No comments made.

REGULAR SESSION

1. Pledge of Allegiance; Invocation by Council Member Holley; roll call.  
Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those presents recited the Pledge of Allegiance and an invocation was offered by Council Member Holley. Roll call was taken.

*\*7:04 pm Council Member Carroll arrived. \**

2. Twenty-minute public comment period - limited to two minutes per person.  
*Kaya Frasier, 15 years old, commended the Council for creating a centralized area for recreation in the middle of the community. He stated there is disc golf, baseball, soccer, pickleball, and a dog park all in Art Dye Park. He commented that what is missing in the park is a purpose-built bike park that entails a spot of land that is specific to bikes and all*

people of all ages as well as skilled bikers that includes jumps, pump tracks, and skill park/features which could be made out of dirt or wood structures. A bike park will be able to draw a lot of people of different age groups and people from different socio-economic backgrounds. He commented that a bike park would complete the recreational experiences for the members of the community.

*Kenny Frasier* has been a resident for over 25 years and is a licensed clinical social worker. He stated that he works with members of the community who have mental health struggles as well as acute and chronic stress. He commented that one of the most important things he's learned is biking is more than just fun and a hobby. He uses biking to manage his stress in a healthy way and can imagine how helpful it would be for others. He mentioned that one of the downsides of not having a forum in the city, is they have to travel outside city limits in order to access terrain that would allow them to use their bikes effectively as a tool for stress reduction. If there was a bike park in the community, it would always be accessible to residents to help manage stress daily and help morale and boost the overall experience in the community.

*Parish Pontious* advocates for a bike park in community, preferably at Art Dye Park. He's been a resident for almost 40 years and cycling has been a big part of his life. He reported on how he would create dirt jumps growing up and the many hours he spent on his bike that helped shape his life. At the age of 15, he started working at the Bike Peddler, which he now owns and operates. He has 2 boys who share his love for cycling. A bike in American Fork would allow residents and kids to have a place to learn life skills close by and it will drop other people from surrounding cities and business.

*Adam Cannon* discussed the sport of biking and how it is growing. He shared some statistics from the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NAICA) and the Utah High School Cycling League. He stated that 5 of the largest NAICA teams are in northern Utah County: Skyridge HS, Lone Peak HS, American Fork HS, Lehi HS and Pleasant Grove HS. Mr. Cannon commented on research done in 2023 and it said that biking imports in the United States rose in 2021 from \$1.5 billion to nearly \$2.2 billion. Bicycle sales peaked in 2020 with 21 million units sold. He commented that bikers need a safe place to ride, and a bike park will bring people in and improve lives by providing local resources to enjoy the sport.

*Andrew Stallings* is a store manager of Trek Bicycle in American Fork. He also stated that there needs to be a safe place to ride on dirt for bikes and that there is space in Art Dye to do that. He commented that people are looking for outlets to spend their time and biking is one of them. Bike parks will help local businesses and keep revenue in the city and will be a huge benefit to his store and other stores and help local restaurants.

*Shelby McEwan* is the head coach of the Lehi HS bike team. He wanted to show support for the Grassroot initiative for a bike park development. He mentioned he is a trail builder and park builder and partners with a local company SNL that has done work in American Fork and is also one of the larger park builders in the state. He discussed how a bike park can be built and grant programs given for open space development and park building. He offered his support and asked the Council if they can look at all the interest in the sport and options and opportunities it will bring for the city.

*James Logan* is a Trail Advocacy Consultant pro-bono. He's worked with Haley, ID, Salt Lake City, Draper, West Jordan and other cities along the Wasatch front. He agreed with those who spoke before him and was grateful for Ken Frasier being a clinical therapist speaking for the biking community. He added the biking is being used as a catalyst for mental health. He did comment that that bike parks boost property values, and it has been shown to be true in Park City, Salt Lake City and Rose Park. He offered his services in helping however he can by guiding it or helping answer questions and find supportive research.

*Wes Baker* a 20-year resident in the community stated that 10 years ago he volunteered to help the American Fork High School biking team and it has changed his life and the lives of the youth. It started with 36 kids and last year there were 157 kids and 84 kids from the Junior team that are 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. He shared a story of a young man that was struggling with depression and wanted to end his life. He had gotten involved with drugs and through the biking program his coaches changed his life; he's now serving a mission. He reiterated how biking changes the lives of young girls and boys and a bike park will help them to continue their skills that is safe.

*David Bean* lives near Forbes Elementary and wanted to discuss the speed limit on 300 North. Currently it is 30 mph and he felt that it should be 20 mph. Mr. Bean spoke of speed bumps that were put in on 900 East when he was growing up and how that changed the neighborhood, brought everyone together and less traffic. He expressed that since there was a school there, churches and the high school (no businesses) the speed limit should be lowered. He commented that it shouldn't be expensive to put up new signs and paint lanes to narrow the road.

*Reed Miller* commented that he is proud owner of the second bike he bought from Parish's bike store. He expressed appreciation and gratitude to the mayor and the Council for a great town. He reported he goes to the fitness center 6-days a week and hits a bucket of balls at the golf course. He's grateful for the roads that have been fixed, to the staff he recommended keeping up the good work and how the city is a great place to live.

Mayor Frost asked who the leader of the biking group would be, the audience confirmed that the Frasier's would be the point of contact and mayor asked if they could leave their contact information. Mayor stated that there is a lot of competing space with disc golf at Art Dye Park but there are other areas in the city that can be considered. He expressed an interest in learning more along with staff and the Council. He asked the Council if they had any comments.

Council Member Carroll mentioned her son was on the mountain biking team and how her husband went on all the rides with him. She commented that she didn't know about urban biking and wanted some information on how big of a space is needed for a bike park and a vision of what was being shared today.

Council Member Taylor reiterated the same thing that Council Member Carroll stated on wanting to know where it goes and what they could do to help. As a member of the Parks & Recreation committee he would love to have spokesman to come and talk to them about the opportunities that exists. He gave an example of the disc golf community and how they went out and got \$400,000 grant to improve the disc golf course. He stated that they can help but

they would need to talk to the biking community to get more information and how he would love to see a bike facility in American Fork.

Council Member Holley commented that he was impressed with Kaya Frasier for coming in and giving a public comment. He mentioned a class he took at BYU when they were learning about mental health, there was a therapy class and one of things that they do with people who have drug issues is they offer recreational type activities and one of them was mountain biking and how it builds confidence, and it has team building aspects to help you with day-to-day life. He hopes they continue to stay engaged and keep the Council informed.

Mayor Frost thanked everyone for their comments and expressed appreciation to those in attendance.

### 3. Council Reports

Council Member Holley reported on the cemetery committee and stated that he couldn't be in attendance for their meeting due to being out of town but they Memorial Day program is scheduled to be on Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Alpine Tabernacle Building. He stated they are currently working on the program, and they would need 2 new members since 2 are leaving the committee. He commented on the caucus and on a great job Council Member John running our district and precinct caucus and kept it organized. He suggested staying involved with the candidates on both sides of the parties, making sure they are doing their job and along with the residents, they can pick good candidates for the elections coming up.

Council Member John had nothing to report.

Council Member Carroll reminded that the PARC Tax allocation process is going on and have been listening to presentations from people who have applied for that grant. The first day was last week and another day this week. She stated that one of the presentations was a live performance of a musical piece. She reported that in the following week they will have deliberations made by that committee.

Council Member Taylor shared a personal story where last night he and his wife stopped to see a dear old friend, Janice Maine. She is a past City Council member for American Fork and was his eighth-grade teacher. It was fun to sit down and converse with her about the city and she loves the fact that she has three of her previous students on the City Council. Mayor Frost and Council Member Hunter. Years ago, Ms. Maine and her husband were the Grand Marshall of Steel Days and are one of the best humans on earth. He mentioned that she works hard to keep her yard nice and has good things to say and loves being part of the city.

### 4. Mayor's Report

Mayor reported on a couple ribbon cuttings that he was privileged to be a part of. *Scissors & Bones* is a salon they renovated the old Robinsons Sporting Goods and have turned it into a quiet a building. They have renovated it and if you cut your hair ask them to give you a tour of the building. He also attended *Turns Community Services*. They have been in the community for some time. They are a non-profit organization to be a resource to parents and kids that have special needs of whatever it is. He commented that it was the most fulfilling ribbon cutting he's been to. He met Miss Inspirational, and she is everything that word means

and now the mayor will be judging the Miss Inspirational pageant at the SCERA theater in a couple of weeks.

Mayor Frost also reported he spent a lot of time this last week with the CBDG grant program as he sits on that board. He stated he did not discuss any of the public infrastructure, that comes in about another week, but this was the board that that determines allocations for nonprofits. He added that like the PARC tax, you have so many asks, and you can see the pure need and there is only a certain amount of money. He commented on having the basic food and how Tabitha's Way was one of the applicants and programs like them and how it is nice to see that there are resources available and to be a participant in that.

### COMMON CONSENT AGENDA

(*Common Consent* is that class of Council action that requires no further discussion or which is routine in nature. All items on the Common Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless removed from the Common Consent Agenda.)

1. ~~Approval of the February 22/23, 2024, budget workshop minutes.~~
2. ~~Approval of the February 27, 2024, city council minutes.~~
3. Acceptance of a public utility easement at 77 West Main Street.
4. Ratification of city payments (February 21, 2024, to March 5, 2024) and approval of purchase requests over \$50,000.

Mayor reported that the Common Consent Agenda consists of items 3 and 4 only.

**Council Member Taylor moved to approve the common consent agenda of items 3 and 4. Council Member John seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clark Taylor, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ernie John, Council Member
<b>YES:</b>	Carroll, Taylor, Holley, John
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ryan Hunter

### ACTION ITEMS

1. Review and action on an ordinance approving the vacation of a portion of the public utility easement for property at 1260 South 630 East, for a Commercial Site Plan known as North Pointe Business Park, Building F.

**Council Member Taylor moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-03-09 approving the vacation of a portion of the public utility easement at North Point Business Park, Building F located at 1260 South 630 East in American Fork. Council Member Holley seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clark Taylor, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tim Holley, Council Member
<b>YES:</b>	Holley, John, Taylor, Carroll
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ryan Hunter

2. Review and action on an ordinance approving a Code Text Amendment, known as RBD Investments, of the American Fork City Municipal Code. Amending Section 17.4.403, the Code Text Amendment plans to provide personal service establishments, including reception centers, as permitted uses within the CC-2 zone.

Council Member Holley asked if they are looking to build the reception center or are they adding a building? Mr. O’Brien replied that this code amendment would be zone wide and not just for one particular development.

Council Member Holley referred to the planning commission minutes and questioned if they needed to change the verbiage due to the planning commission discussion on removing reception center and like-minded businesses. Mr. O’Brien stated that the challenge is “likeminded establishments” is problematic as it is broad, and everyone has a definition of what that means. Council Member Holley asked if they needed to get rid of that in Section 14 and Mr. O’Brien replied that it can be removed, and it would help staff with that definition and stated that the “reception center” language is specific to that use.

Mayor Frost asked legal counsel on what’s the best scenario. Ms. Mellor replied that it is good to take out “similar establishments” because it is too vague and ambiguous. Council Member Carroll preferred to a definition of what a personal service establishment was because it is in the code.

Mr. O’Brien stated that he had spoken to Ms. Egner about this, and Mr. Bunker brought up a similar concern. He commented that what this is referencing as a personal service establishment and the actual other items of personal service establishments are different but there are strict requirements that are in the in the code that deal with those and per the conversation with Ms. Egner, she did not have an issue with that.

**Council Member Carroll moved to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-03-10 approving the Code Text Amendment amending Section 17.4.403 titled RBD Investments relating to the personal service establishments, establishing reception centers being permitted within the CC2 Zone and providing and effective date for the ordinance, removing “similar establishments”. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clark Taylor, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tim Holley, Council Member
<b>YES:</b>	Carroll, Holley, Taylor, John
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ryan Hunter

3. Review and action on a resolution approving an amendment to the American Fork General Plan, amending the Transportation Master Plan to incorporate updated road classifications, new signals and roundabouts into the plan.

Sam Kelly reported that this is a living document and as more data is available, it can be reevaluated. For now, it is the best plan according to the data we have. He added that it is reevaluated every 5 years so things can be removed, evaluated and even then, when there is a time and need when it is brought up by citizens and taken action by Council then it goes through a large robust process to move this project forward.

Council Member Carroll mentioned that it looks like they were changing a lot of the 1500 South roundabouts to stoplights. Mr. Kelly responded that they were looking at some roundabouts in that area but most likely an intersection upgrade. He also mentioned the Pony Express Parkway will be coming through there also and once it is known where that facility is going to be then 1500 South could likely change.

Council Member Carroll stated that she has had multiple residents on the west end of 1120 North request some sort of crossing, but we do have a hawk that in our in the plans. She wanted to mention it in an open forum to have a look at some crossings that are safe, and it might require a hawk because the road is wide.

Council Member Holley mentioned there are two hawks on the whole Master Plan and there are a lot of roads going from small 2-lane roads to 3-lane roads or Alpine Highway will be 7-lanes roads at some point it will be harder to cross these roads and do we want them to be walkable and bikeable friendly roads and mentioned it's something to look at down the road.

Mr. Kelly stated that in the next work session we will discuss the crosswalk policy that was generated to everyone in the agenda. Mayor Frost suggested that maybe they can look into an island that is a safe harbor.

**Council Member Holley moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-03-07R approving an amendment to the American Fork General Plan, amending the Transportation Master Plan to incorporate new signals and roundabouts into the plan providing an effective date for the ordinance with instructions to the City Recorder to withhold publishing the resolution subject to all conditions identified in the public record associated with the February 21, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. Council Member Taylor seconded the motion. Voting was as follows:**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Tim Holley, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Clark Taylor, Council Member
<b>YES:</b>	John, Taylor, Holley, Carroll
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ryan Hunter

4. Adjournment.

**Council Member John moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Carroll seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Stephanie Finau  
Deputy Recorder