

**HEBER CITY CORPORATION
301 South Main Street
Heber City, UT 84032
Heber City Council Meeting
January 24, 2026**

APPROVED Minutes

**8:00 a.m. Special Meeting
2026 Annual City Council Retreat - Day 2**

- I. 7:55 a.m. Breakfast - Working Continental Breakfast
- II. 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Recap of Day 1 | 5min (Mayor Heidi Franco) - 5 min

Mayor Heidi Franco called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone present.

City Council Present:

Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood
Council Member Mike Johnston
Council Member Morgan Murdock
Council Member Sid Ostergaard

Staff Present:

City Manager Matt Brower
Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Community Development Director Tony Kohler
Planning Manager Jamie Baron
City Engineer Russ Funk
Finance Manager Sara Jane Nagel
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
City Recorder Trina Cooke
Chief of Police Parker Sever
Building Department Director Curt Davis
Heber Valley Airport Manager Travis Biggs
IT Director Anthon Beales
Human Resource Director Cherie Ashe

Also Present: Bob McKinley, Mia Yue, Hailey Wall, Dave Richards, Keri Smith, Dallin Koecher, Cannon Taylor, Marissa Stanger, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

Also Attending Remotely: (Names are shown as signed-in online.) Emily Seang, Rachel Kahler, and Shortcake5.

III. 8:05 a.m. Public Comments

Mayor Franco opened the meeting for public comments. With no one coming forward to comment, the public comment period was closed.

IV. 8:10 a.m. Strategic Topics -- Presentations and Discussions

City Manager Matt Brower reviewed the day's agenda and meeting ground rules.

1. Envision Central Heber

A. Trailhead Plaza - Terracon

1. Overview | 5 min
2. Icebreaker | 10 min
3. Schedule and Project Approach | 10 min
4. Vision, Values, and Touchstones | 10 min
5. Public Outreach Plan - Community Conversations | 15 min
6. Rose, Bud, Thorn Exercise Breakout | 10 min

TVI (Treasure Valley Idaho) Planning Consultant Keri Smith described the vision for downtown Heber to be a thriving destination with the proposed Trailhead Plaza as the epicenter. She suggested that Heber guide its destiny for activation of the downtown with intentional activity programming. She introduced Lars Erickson with Terracon. Heber City had contracted Terracon to assist with the refinement for the downtown Main Street Park and Trailhead Plaza design. Mr. Erickson reviewed the goals and objectives of the plan, including public outreach, and provided a project timeline. Terracon representatives shared a presentation of the project plan as attached in the meeting materials. The project vision statement was intended to build a common foundation for a vibrant downtown and a community gathering space. Attendees shared ideas for achieving the vibrancy goal.

V. 9:10 a.m. Break | 10 min (Breakouts can Continue) - Keri/Dave/Lars/Ryan

1. 7. Rose, Bud, Thorn Report Back | 20 min
8. Master Plan Diagrams | 40 min
9. Next Steps and Wrap-Up | 15 min
10. Council Comments and Questions | 15 min

B. Heber City "C" Street (Downtown) | 30 min - Dave/Lars

1. Brownfield Planning Scope of Work
2. Goals and Objectives

Terracon facilitated an activity in which the participants identified parts of the plan which they felt was the "Rose" (star), "Thorn" (things to do away with), and "Bud" (possibilities).

Keri Smith and the Terracon group continued to detail the future steps needed to accomplish the "Trailhead Plaza" project plan. They referenced other community's gathering places as examples for what could be accomplished.

VI. 11:20 a.m. Break | 10 min

VII. 11:30 a.m.

1. 3. Downtown Parking Discussion | 30 min - Tony
4. Fire Station Re-envisioned | 15 min - Tony
5. Downtown CRA - Next Steps | 30 min - Matt

Community Development Director Tony Kohler shared a presentation for proposed parking solutions in the downtown area, as included in the meeting materials. He noted there was existing parking in downtown Heber but the public was not aware of the availability or location. Signs had been installed to assist with public awareness for available parking. He recalled downtown recommendations previously provided by Roger Brooks to achieve community vibrancy and success.

Community Development Director Tony Kohler provided a presentation, as included in the meeting materials, proposing the old fire station building be transformed into artist studios for local artists, including a diner with indoor/outdoor seating.

City Manager Matt Brower shared a presentation about the City's Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA), including the background, purpose, and interlocal agreement revenue received by the City. Council discussion regarding the CRA followed.

VIII. 12:45 p.m. - Lunch | Working Lunch (Serving at 12:45 p.m.)

IX. 1:00 p.m. Strategic Topics - Presentations and Discussion

1. General Traffic Discussion | 60 min - Russ

City Engineer Russ Funk provided a presentation regarding traffic in Heber City, as included in the meeting materials. He shared the current and projected level of service for the intersection located at 1200 South and Mill Road and offered roundabout options to help improve the level of service. He shared safety improvement recommendations for 600 South and Main Street. UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) was working with the City Engineers to widen US Highway 40 and install a traffic signal at the Mill Road intersection.

Mr. Funk reviewed the proposed improvements for 100 West, described the proposal for the safe route to school on 300 West, and shared an image for the proposed Southfield Road realignment. Council discussion continued.

X. 2:00 p.m. Break | 10 min

XI. 2:20 p.m. Strategic Planning Process - Council Roundtable Discussion - - Insights for FY 26-27 Priorities | 60 min - Council

1. Presentations from Council Members

- Identifying areas of priority & common policy interests

Strategic Planning Process: Moving Forward | 50 min

1. Council agreement upon policy and budget priorities for FY '27

City Manager Matt Brower explained the importance for the Council to establish budget and policy priorities, to work with staff and the public, to achieve common goals.

Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Trees (POSTT) Chair Mia Yue provided an overview of the committee's ongoing efforts and asked the Council to advise if there were any specific projects Council wanted POSTT to focus on.

Each Council Member listed their top priorities. Council continued to discuss which items each Council Member wished to prioritize in order to reach a consensus. Mr. Brower identified each item that Council majority had selected to prioritize. The top budget and policy priorities would be consolidated and provided to Council to help guide staff and Council towards each priorities achievement throughout 2026.

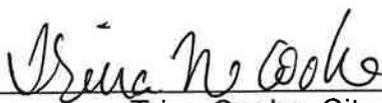
Council also expressed the need to further consider the following:

- Traffic solutions
- the next Utah Olympics
- staffing needs versus the use of consultants
- a potential transit station
- utilization of the lobbyist

XII. 4:00 p.m. Wrap Up / Assess the Day's Work - Mayor

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.




Trina Cooke, City Recorder