



**ADOPTED MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 7, 2026, at 4:30 pm
80 South Main Street
Spanish Fork, UT 84660**

Councilmembers Present

Mike Mendenhall, Mayor (Absent)
Jesse Cardon, Councilman
Kevin Oyler, Councilman

Stacy Beck, Councilman
Landon Tooke, Councilman (Absent)
Shane Marshall, Councilman

Staff Members Present:

Jordan Hales, Finance Director
Tara Silver, City Recorder
Seth Perrins, City Manager
Bronco Hunter, Asst. Parks & Rec Director
Tyler Jacobson, Asst. City Manager (Absent)
Dave Anderson, Community Development Director

Joshua Neilsen, Assistant City Attorney
Matt Johnson, Police Chief
Dale Robinson, Parks and Recreation Director
Cory Pierce, Public Works Director
Eddie Hales, Fire and EMS Director
Vaughn Pickell, City Attorney

Visitors Present:

Name

Darrin L. Mellor
Michael Stone
Brenda Liddiard
Dwight Liddiard
Alan Wessman
Kathleen Leavitt
John Sumsion
Mark Binks

Name

Chris Ivie
Nick Hanks
Jill Hanks
Sharon Robinson
Bronco Hunter
Emily Harryman
Amora Floyd
Tracy Willey

Name

Mario Benson
Valerie Benson
Lynzi Coffey
Dave Call
Shanni Call
Gentry Robinson
Kelly Redd
Whitney Redd
Emily Miller

WORK SESSION - No formal actions are taken in a work session 4:30 pm

Visitors:

Staff Present: Seth Perrins, Mayor Mike Mendenhall, Councilman Stacy Beck, Councilman Jesse Cardon, Dale Robinson, Jordan Hales, Chief Matt Johnson, Cory Pierce, Councilman Kevin Oyler, Vaughn Pickell, Jack Urquhart, Matt Romero, Emily Leger, Chief Eddie Hales, Jered Johnson

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck started the meeting at 4:38 pm

1. Code Enforcement Review and Business License Issues

The work session began with a discussion about creating a provisional business license to help businesses begin operating while waiting for the Utah State Tax Commission to issue a sales tax identification number. It was noted that processing times had increased from less than a week to as much as 30 days, creating financial hardships for new businesses that had already completed local licensing requirements. The proposed provisional license would be valid for a limited period, likely between 30 and 60 days, and would only be issued after all City inspections and requirements had been completed except for final approval from the State Tax Commission or another outside agency. Questions were raised about how the City could verify that sales taxes collected during the provisional period would ultimately be remitted correctly, and staff agreed to work with the State to better understand the process before presenting a formal ordinance for Council consideration.

The Council then discussed the formation of the Code Enforcement Review Committee. Approximately fifteen to sixteen potential committee members had been identified, and Councilmembers planned to review the list and select their preferred candidates. Emphasis was placed on creating a committee that represented a variety of neighborhoods throughout the City while also including a member of the Planning Commission to ensure consistency between future code enforcement recommendations and the City's planning policies. Staff planned to circulate the final list for Council review before appointments were made.

2. Public Works Building Renderings

Staff presented the finalized building design, explaining that the project had been refined into an approximately 83,000-square-foot, two-story building with administrative offices separated from the vehicle maintenance and operations areas. The design emphasized operational efficiency, future expansion opportunities, durability, and compatibility with surrounding industrial development. The exterior would incorporate concrete masonry, while interior spaces would feature flexible workstations, centralized training areas, locker rooms, and an industrial design aesthetic intended to minimize long-term maintenance costs.

Staff reported that extensive value engineering had reduced the projected construction cost from earlier estimates while maintaining the functionality of the facility. The estimated construction cost was approximately \$37 million, with the total project budget, including demolition, design, permitting, and other soft costs, projected at approximately \$46 million.

The reduction in cost was attributed primarily to decreasing the overall building size while preserving future expansion capabilities. Staff explained that completing the project sooner rather than later would help reduce the impact of future construction cost inflation.

The anticipated project schedule was also reviewed. Design development had been completed, site plan approval was expected before the end of July, and demolition bids would be advertised in August. Construction Manager/General Contractor agreements for the demolition phase were anticipated for Council approval in September, with the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the primary building expected to be presented early the following year after demolition and underground utility work had been completed. Staff also noted that the building permit application had been submitted before new state energy code requirements became effective, preserving the City's flexibility to determine whether solar panels would be installed in the future.

The Council reviewed construction procurement strategies and current market conditions. Staff explained that the construction market had become more favorable because several large school projects were nearing completion, resulting in increased competition among contractors. The City had retained Big-D Construction as the Construction Manager/General Contractor under a phased approach that would allow demolition and building construction to be bid separately. This strategy provided flexibility to rebid portions of the project if costs exceeded engineering estimates by more than five percent and allowed continued value engineering throughout the design process.

The discussion also included opportunities to improve surrounding City properties during construction. Demolition activities associated with the Public Works project would create opportunities to remove accumulated equipment, debris, and unused materials from nearby City properties, including portions of the fairgrounds and greenhouse area. Staff reported that thousands of dollars' worth of obsolete materials had already been removed and indicated that additional equipment and storage areas would continue to be evaluated to improve organization, maximize available space, and reduce future maintenance needs. Operational plans were also being developed to relocate staff and equipment during construction while minimizing disruptions to City services.

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED MEETING

Councilman Cardon ▾ made a **Motion** to **Adjourn to Closed Meeting for strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation in the Explorer Room.**

Councilwoman Beck ▾ **Seconded** the motion and it **Passed** with a roll call vote, at 5:25 pm .

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent

Shane Marshall	Yes
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CLOSED MEETING

Councilman Cardon ▾ made a **Motion** to **Adjourn**

Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** the motion and it **Passed** with a roll call vote, at 5:47 pm

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

CITY COUNCIL

6:00 pm CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE, OPENING CEREMONY:

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck called the Spanish Fork City Council Meeting to order on July 7, 2026 at 6:01 pm. She welcomed everyone to the Spanish Fork City Council meeting and stated that it was good to see so many people in attendance. She remarked that although the agenda was small, it was a mighty agenda. She invited former Fiesta Day Chair, Mario Benson to offer the invocation and asked Councilman Marshall to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mario Benson gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked those in attendance and stated that Mayor Mendenhall and Councilman Tooke were excused because they were on family vacations that week.

She noted that there were several fun recognitions on the agenda and invited Lynzi and Gary Coffey, the 2026 Fiesta Days Chairs, to come forward. After noting that Gary was not yet present, she remarked that Lynzi would begin until the rest of the group joined her, or she could invite everyone forward at once. Mayor Pro Tem Beck then invited Lynzi and Events Coordinator Emily Harryman to present the Fiesta Days recognition.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck invited Emily to continue with the Fiesta Days presentation.

RECOGNITIONS:

1. Fiesta Days Celebration Introduction

Emily Harryman thanked the City Council for the opportunity to speak about Fiesta Days and expressed the committee's excitement for the upcoming celebration. She explained that planning for the next Fiesta Days began as soon as the current celebration ended and noted

that committee members regularly shared ideas through text messages at all hours, including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Emily Harryman introduced the Fiesta Days Committee and staff. She introduced Lynzi Coffey and noted that her husband, Gary Coffey, was unable to attend. She then introduced incoming Fiesta Days Chairs Dave and Shanni Call, who would oversee Fiesta Days the following year, followed by outgoing Chairs Mario and Valerie Benson. She also introduced Parks and Recreation staff members Tracy Wiley, Recreation Assistant Director, and Bronco Hunter, the future Parks and Recreation Director. Emily Harryman noted that Dale would be retiring and stated that he would be greatly missed. She then turned the time over to Lynzi Coffey to highlight Fiesta Days events.

Lynzi Coffey expressed her gratitude to the City Council for its continued support of the Fiesta Days Committee and for the opportunity to serve. She stated that serving on the committee was a great deal of fun. Because her husband, Gary, was in Alabama and unable to attend, she shared two of their favorite Fiesta Days events.

Lynzi Coffey stated that her favorite event was the Flag Retirement Ceremony. She described it as a meaningful and patriotic event that brought together reverence, humility, and pride as members of the military respectfully retired worn American flags. She announced that Jenny Taylor would be the guest speaker for this year's ceremony, noting that Taylor's husband had been killed while serving in the military and that she also participated in America 250 events. Lynzi Coffey encouraged everyone to attend, stating that those who had not experienced the ceremony were missing out.

Lynzi Coffey also highlighted the Quilt Show, describing the participants as talented artists and encouraging the community to attend and appreciate their work.

Mario Benson promoted the Fiesta Days Disc Golf Tournament, scheduled for July 10 and 11 at the Urban Forest Disc Golf Course. He expressed appreciation to the City for the improvements made to the course and stated that, through his involvement in the disc golf community, he had observed people traveling to Spanish Fork specifically to play at the Urban Forest course. He remarked that the course had become a destination location and praised the City's investment in creating a high-quality recreational facility. Mario Benson noted that this was the second year the tournament had been included as an official Fiesta Days event following its successful debut the previous year and encouraged everyone to attend.

Councilman Kevin Oyler encouraged everyone to visit the Disc Golf Course if they had not already done so and commented on the improvements to the course, specifically noting the elevated final hole and describing it as a unique addition.

Valerie Benson remarked that the improvements had made the course more challenging. She shared that the Fiesta Days Parade was the event her family looked forward to every year, explaining that she had been born and raised in Spanish Fork and had many fond memories of watching the parade from in front of her grandmother's store.

Valerie Benson added that her family still gathered in the same location to watch the parade each year.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck recommended that everyone attend the parade.

Valerie Benson encouraged the community to participate in the parade and enjoy the many activities that followed, noting that they were a great deal of fun.

Shannon Call stated that Children's Day was one of her favorite Fiesta Days events because it provided activities specifically for children and demonstrated that Fiesta Days truly offered something for everyone. She explained that the committee planned activities for approximately 1,000 to 1,500 children from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with numerous local businesses sponsoring booths. She described face painting, games, prizes, and other activities and noted that accommodations had been made so children with adaptive needs could also fully participate.

Dave Call highlighted two favorite events centered around City Park. The committee member first promoted Comedy in the Park on July 23, describing it as a family-friendly evening of clean comedy that brought laughter to the community. The committee member also promoted the Sunday in the Park concert, noting that Lincoln Highway would perform this year along with local talent, and described it as an enjoyable opportunity for families to relax and spend time together in the heart of the community.

Seth Perrins thanked the Fiesta Days Committee for its presentation.

Lynzi Coffey briefly discussed the 2026 Fiesta Days theme, "At the Heart of It All." She explained that the idea came to her during the previous year's Flag Retirement Ceremony while listening to former Mayor Leifson speak. She stated that the phrase immediately resonated with her because she believed Spanish Fork served as a gathering place and the heart of the community. She shared that she quickly sketched ideas representing the City's history and heritage, including the Dominguez and Escalante Expedition, the Icelandic heritage monument, the Thurber School bell, rodeo traditions, agriculture, and the American flag in recognition of the America 250 celebration. She noted that the final logo had been professionally refined from her original sketch.

Lynzi Coffey explained that, as the Fiesta Days Committee discussed who should serve as the 2026 Grand Marshals and best represent the theme, "At the Heart of It All," the decision was unanimous to select Brenda and Dwight Liddiard. She stated that the committee felt the Liddiards exemplified the spirit of Spanish Fork through their lifelong dedication and service to the community.

Lynzi Coffey shared that Brenda and Dwight Liddiard were both born and raised in Spanish Fork and that their families had lived in the community for generations. She remarked that if anyone could truly be considered "Spanish Fork stock," it was the Liddiards. She highlighted their extensive service to the community, noting that Dwight Liddiard had devoted his career to education as a school principal and that both had been deeply involved with the Spanish Fork Livestock Show. She also recognized Brenda Liddiard's 30 years of service with the

Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce and stated that the Liddiards had consistently stepped forward to serve whenever the community needed them. She commented that few people exemplified the spirit of service as completely as the Liddiards.

Lynzi Coffey encouraged everyone to read the feature article about the Liddiards in the Fiesta Days magazine, noting that it contained many additional details about their lives and contributions. She then shared a favorite story she had learned while reading the article, explaining that she had discovered Brenda and Dwight first met while "dragging Main," which she jokingly remarked everyone in the room was old enough to remember. She said learning that detail made her smile and added another memorable part to their story.

Lynzi Coffey formally introduced Brenda and Dwight Liddiard as the 2026 Fiesta Days Grand Marshals and invited them to come forward. She stated that they had prepared a few remarks and encouraged them to introduce themselves so everyone could get to know them a little better.

Brenda Liddiard expressed her surprise and gratitude for being selected as a 2026 Fiesta Days Grand Marshal. She thanked the Fiesta Days Committee and the City for the honor. She shared that she had lived in Spanish Fork her entire life and that she currently lived in her great-grandfather's home. Brenda Liddiard noted that she had served with the Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce, worked in her family's business, and loved the Spanish Fork community with all her heart. She stated that it had been a privilege to be part of the community throughout her life.

Dwight Liddiard echoed Brenda Liddiard's appreciation and thanked the committee for the recognition. He stated that he had been a lifelong resident of Spanish Fork and had spent nearly his entire career serving students in Spanish Fork schools while employed by the Nebo School District. He explained that, with the exception of one year, he had worked at Larsen Elementary, East Meadows Elementary, Spanish Fork Junior High, Brockbank Elementary, and later in the District Office. Dwight Liddiard stated that Spanish Fork had always been a significant part of his life and identity. He also shared that he and Brenda had been heavily involved with the Spanish Fork Livestock Show, where he had served approximately seven years as president, and that they also volunteered with the Utah County Fair Livestock Show. He remarked that serving the youth and agricultural community had become an important part of their lives. Dwight Liddiard concluded by expressing his appreciation for the recognition and stated that receiving the honor was truly meaningful to both of them.

Lynzi Coffey asked Brenda and Dwight Liddiard to remain at the podium for a moment while the Fiesta Days Committee presented them with commemorative camp chairs as a token of appreciation. She jokingly commented that the committee forgave Dwight Liddiard for the one year he did not teach in Spanish Fork. Lynzi Coffey shared that when committee members visited the Liddiards to inform them of their selection as Grand Marshals, they immediately knew they had chosen the right couple because of their humility and sincere gratitude. She recalled that the meeting had been emotional as the committee witnessed how honored and appreciative the Liddiards were. Lynzi Coffey thanked them for their decades of service to the Spanish Fork community and stated that the City was truly fortunate to have them as citizens and examples of selfless service.

Councilman Kevin Oyler asked to share a personal story about Dwight Liddiard.

Councilman Kevin Oyler recalled that Dwight Liddiard had been his fourth-grade teacher and noted that he still thought of him as "Mr. Liddiard." He shared a memory that had remained with him throughout his life. Councilman Oyler recounted that one day Mr. Liddiard called him to his desk and told him he was earning a "C" in the class and that he expected more from him because he knew he was capable of better work. Councilman Oyler stated that those simple words had stayed with him ever since and had influenced his life in meaningful ways. He expressed his gratitude to Dwight Liddiard for believing in him and setting high expectations that helped shape the person he had become.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Councilman Oyler for sharing the story. She then reflected on her own experience with Brenda Liddiard, recalling that when she joined the Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce around 2010 or 2011, Brenda Liddiard was serving on the Chamber Board. Mayor Pro Tem Beck explained that after attending only one ribbon cutting, she was invited to serve on the board herself. She remarked that following the example of leaders like Brenda Liddiard, who devoted decades of continuous service to the community rather than serving only briefly, had inspired her own path of public service and ultimately contributed to where she was serving today.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck jokingly remarked that if "dragging Main" produced citizens like the Liddiards, perhaps the City should bring the tradition back. She humorously asked Police Chief Johnson if he would support the idea.

Councilman Kevin Oyler joked that former Mayor Jan Huff would be rolling in her grave because she would not have approved of bringing back "dragging Main."

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck expressed the City's appreciation for Brenda and Dwight Liddiard and thanked them for serving as the 2026 Fiesta Days Grand Marshals. She also recognized Lynzi and Gary Coffey for their outstanding leadership as Fiesta Days Chairs. Mayor Pro Tem Beck praised Lynzi Coffey's vision for the 2026 theme, "At the Heart of It All," recalling the committee meeting where Lynzi first shared her hand-drawn concept, including what humorously resembled a buffalo instead of a bucking bull. She stated that the committee immediately understood Lynzi's vision and commended both Lynzi and Gary for their passion, planning, and leadership throughout the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck reminded residents that the 2026 Fiesta Days magazines should have arrived in mailboxes and encouraged anyone who had not received one, or who wanted additional copies for family and friends, to pick them up at the Parks and Recreation Department. She noted that the complete Fiesta Days calendar was available both in the printed magazine and online. She also encouraged residents to follow the City's social media channels throughout the month, where daily updates would highlight events and activities for families during Fiesta Days.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked the Fiesta Days Committee members for attending the meeting and for their continued service. She then invited the Spanish Fork Rodeo Committee to come forward for the next recognition.

Seth Perrins asked Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck whether she wanted to continue before moving to the next item.

Councilman Shane Marshall joked that if one of his teachers had told him he was earning a "C," he would have proudly accepted it and said, "Give me five. Let's go."

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked the Fiesta Days Committee to remain in the Council Chambers until after the Rodeo Committee presentation because she had one additional item to present to them. She thanked the committee once again for their service.

2. Rodeo Committee

Nick Hanks stated that the Spanish Fork Fiesta Days Rodeo was quickly approaching and noted that it was less than two weeks away. He expressed excitement for this year's event and announced that, by popular demand, freestyle motocross performers would be returning. He explained that the motorcycle performances added a high-energy element that appealed not only to rodeo fans but also to those who simply enjoyed watching impressive stunts, such as riders performing backflips. Nick Hanks noted that the rodeo would be held Monday through Friday, July 20 through July 24. He also reminded the public that rodeo slack competitions would begin each morning at 9:00 a.m. and would be free for spectators. He encouraged those who enjoyed the timed rodeo events to attend, commenting that slack was one of his favorite parts of the rodeo.

Seth Perrins shared that, while interviewing longtime Spanish Fork City employees over the past decade, he had learned that a significant number of couples from an earlier generation had met while "dragging Main." He estimated that approximately 40 percent of married couples from that era had met on Main Street. He remarked that this illustrated what a special gathering place Main Street had been for the community and reflected on how vibrant Friday nights must have been when Spanish Fork was much smaller. While jokingly acknowledging concerns about bringing the tradition back, he commented that the improved lighting on Main Street today might make it more acceptable. He humorously suggested that perhaps reviving the tradition could even help address declining marriage and birth rates. Seth Perrins concluded by stating that the Liddiards were a tremendous part of the community and that the Rodeo Committee looked forward to recognizing them each night during the rodeo as the 2026 Fiesta Days Grand Marshals.

Seth Perrins also mentioned that the Rodeo Committee had a small new feature planned for this year's rodeo and joked that Nick Hanks was somewhat nervous about him revealing it.

Dale Robinson jokingly asked when Seth Perrins was going to begin talking about the rodeo.

Seth Perrins laughed and replied that the rodeo would be taking place in a couple of weeks.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly added that it was not too late to start talking about it.

Dale Robinson remarked that there was still time for Seth Perrins to return to the podium later if he had more to say. He then shared that the Spanish Fork Rodeo began with the

Diamond Fork Riding Club in 1942 and was celebrating its 84th year. After initially misstating the number of years, he corrected himself with assistance from others. Dale Robinson explained that the rodeo had sold out every performance for many consecutive years and had continued to grow in popularity. He stated that one of the qualities that made the Spanish Fork Rodeo unique was its strong family atmosphere. Because alcohol was not sold at the event, he said families had made attending the rodeo a tradition during their July 24 celebrations and family reunions. He emphasized that maintaining that family-friendly culture had been a priority for the Rodeo Committee despite the event's increasing popularity. Dale Robinson encouraged everyone to attend the rodeo but joked that anyone who had not already purchased tickets would likely need to plan ahead for next year because performances routinely sold out.

Nick Hanks explained the new feature Seth Perrins had referenced. He shared that he and another City employee had attended a rodeo conference in Texas, where organizers presented the results of a crowd engagement study. According to the study, the most popular attraction among spectators was watching a sheepdog herd sheep from the arena, followed by mutton busting and barrel racing. Nick Hanks announced that the Spanish Fork Rodeo would be introducing a trained sheepdog to herd sheep both before the rodeo and during performances. He commented that the success of the demonstration would depend on the dog being able to hear its handler and perform as expected.

Dale Robinson jokingly remarked that if spectators attended later in the week and did not see the sheepdog, it likely meant the demonstration had not gone well on opening night.

Nick Hanks laughed and agreed before thanking the City Council for its continued support of the rodeo and the fairgrounds. He stated that the rodeo's continued growth and success were due in large part to the City's investment in the fairgrounds and the Council's ongoing support. He expressed enthusiasm about the future of the fairgrounds and the long-term improvements being made to ensure its continued success.

Nick Hanks then presented each member of the City Council with a commemorative Spanish Fork Rodeo ball cap as a token of appreciation.

Councilman Jesse Cardon thanked the Rodeo Committee for the gift.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly remarked that the ball caps were not quite as impressive as the cowboy hats worn by the Rodeo Committee members.

Nick Hanks agreed with a laugh, stating that the hats were "not nearly as cool."

Seth Perrins jokingly suggested that the Councilmembers should wear the new ball caps all the time.

Councilman Shane Marshall added that they could wear the hats while driving up and down Main Street, continuing the earlier jokes about "dragging Main."

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck invited the Fiesta Days Committee to return to the front of the

Council Chambers and presented each committee member with a gift as a token of appreciation. She instructed the members to each take one gift and said they could sort them out among themselves afterward.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly asked Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck what the City would do if she ever decided not to run for office again.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck humorously replied that she had one more year remaining and that after that no one would ever receive gifts again.

Dale Robinson remarked that her statement was probably true.

Councilman Kevin Oyler agreed with the comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck sincerely thanked the Fiesta Days Committee for the countless hours they dedicated to planning Fiesta Days and expressed her appreciation for their time, energy, talents, and commitment to the community. She stated that she enjoyed working with each of them and thanked them again for their service before wishing them a good evening.

As Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck prepared to move on, Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly suggested that the Council appoint her as the Fiesta Days Chairperson.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck laughed and moved on to the next item of business, opening the public comment portion of the meeting. She invited anyone wishing to address the Council to come forward. After allowing time for public participation and seeing no one approach the podium, she closed the public comment period.

Councilman Shane Marshall noted that a discussion item later on the agenda regarding a proposed data center would not be considered that evening because it was expected to be tabled. He stated that anyone who had attended specifically for that discussion should be aware that it would instead be heard at a future meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck confirmed Councilman Marshall's statement.

Councilman Kevin Oyler agreed that it was helpful to make the announcement early in the meeting in case anyone in attendance had come specifically for that agenda item.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck announced that Agenda Item No. 18, the discussion regarding the proposed data center, would be tabled until a future meeting. She initially referred to the item as No. 38 before correcting herself after putting on her reading glasses.

Councilman Shane Marshall corrected the agenda item number to 18.

Councilman Jesse Cardon jokingly repeated "38" before Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck corrected herself.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck laughed, acknowledged the mistake, and confirmed that Agenda

Item No. 18 would be tabled.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck then moved to Council Comments. Noting that Councilman Tooke was absent, she invited Kathleen Leavitt from the Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce to begin the reports, followed by Councilman Jesse Cardon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

After allowing sufficient opportunity for public participation, the Mayor Pro Tem noted that no members of the public came forward to speak. She officially closed the public comment period and proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck announced that the meeting would move to Council Comments.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Mike Mendenhall

The Mayor Mike Mendenhall was excused from the meeting.

Councilman Landon Tooke

Councilman Landon Tooke was excused from the meeting, but Mayor Pro Tem invited Kathleen Leavitt to come forward as she usually would come up during his comments.

Kathleen Leavitt reported on upcoming Spanish Fork Area Chamber of Commerce events and noted that many people were taking summer vacations while they had the opportunity.

Kathleen Leavitt announced that the Chamber's Business After Hours networking event would be held on Thursday, July 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. She invited the Mayor and City Council to attend and explained that the Chamber introduced the evening networking event after receiving feedback from businesses that found it difficult to attend traditional lunchtime gatherings. She stated that offering events at different times of day helped provide more networking opportunities for members of the business community.

Kathleen Leavitt also announced that the Chamber's Business Networking Luncheon would be held on Thursday, July 16, at noon at the Hampton Inn. She stated that Mark Harris of Prime Restorers would be the guest speaker and would provide information on protecting homes and preparing for seasonal safety concerns.

Kathleen Leavitt noted that Fiesta Days would soon be underway and announced that Bank of Utah would celebrate its grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on July 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Kathleen Leavitt concluded by announcing that Swad Cabin, an Indian restaurant located near the neighborhood Walmart, had been selected as the Chamber's Business of the Month. She praised the owner's support of the Spanish Fork community and stated that the recognition would be presented on July 31 at noon.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Kathleen Leavitt for her report.

Councilman Jesse Cardon

Councilman Jesse Cardon stated that he did not have any specific items to report but wanted to express his appreciation in advance for the efforts of City employees during the busy holiday and Fiesta Days season.

Councilman Jesse Cardon thanked the City's Police and Fire Departments for their service during the Fourth of July holiday, recognizing that it was one of the busiest times of the year for public safety personnel. He noted that the Council would discuss the holiday activities in greater detail later in the meeting.

Councilman Jesse Cardon also expressed appreciation to all City employees for the significant amount of work required to prepare for and support Fiesta Days. He specifically recognized employees in Parks and Recreation, Public Works, the Police Department, the Administration Department, and all other City departments that would devote countless extra hours to ensure the success of the community celebration.

Councilman Jesse Cardon encouraged members of the public to thank City employees when they saw them working during Fiesta Days, noting that many staff members would be working exceptionally long hours throughout the celebration. He jokingly observed that he had often seen police officers begin the festivities without a tan and finish the week with a deep tan or a sunburn because of the many hours they spent working outdoors.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Councilman Cardon for his comments.

Councilman Kevin Oyler

Councilman Kevin Oyler echoed Councilman Cardon's appreciation for City employees and first responders, thanking them for their service during the busy Fourth of July holiday. He specifically recognized Finance Director Jordan Hales for providing the City Council with daily updates regarding fireworks activity and public safety incidents throughout the holiday. Councilman Oyler expressed his gratitude for the City's public safety personnel and crews who worked to keep the community safe.

Councilman Kevin Oyler then highlighted a recent community volunteer project completed by members of the Nebo Goats Mountain Biking Team. He explained that the group had recently received a RAP Tax grant from the City to construct a beginner- and intermediate-level mountain bike pump track near the Sports Park along the River Trail. He reported that team members volunteered approximately 132 combined hours over two days to clear and prepare the project site for construction. Councilman Oyler expressed appreciation for the volunteers' dedication and also thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for removing the large piles of debris after the volunteers completed their work, helping prepare the site for the next phase of the project.

Councilman Kevin Oyler also welcomed Wheeler Machinery Company as one of Spanish Fork's newest businesses. He reported that he had attended the company's grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 26 and described it as an impressive event. He stated that Wheeler Machinery would be a valuable addition to the community and expressed appreciation for the company's investment in Spanish Fork. Councilman Oyler noted that attendees received commemorative hats during the event and humorously shared that an employee had given him an employee-only hat, which he subsequently gave to Councilman Argyle.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly asked whether Councilman Oyler had just exposed the employee who provided the special hat.

Councilman Kevin Oyler laughed and replied that he had not identified the employee by name, so no one would know who it was. He reiterated his appreciation for Wheeler Machinery Company and stated that he believed the business would become a tremendous asset to the Spanish Fork community.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Councilman Oyler for his report.

Councilman Shane Marshall

Councilman Shane Marshall thanked Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck and jokingly commented that the meeting felt especially formal with everyone using official titles.

Councilman Shane Marshall reported that he had attended the Veterans Council meeting the previous Wednesday. He shared that the membership of the organization had become smaller over time but emphasized that the dedication and commitment of its members remained remarkable. He humorously described the election of new officers, noting that the individual sitting in the president's chair became the new president, while another member assumed the role of vice president, illustrating the limited number of members available to serve in leadership positions.

Councilman Shane Marshall stated that one of the Veterans Council's most pressing needs was a secure place to store the approximately 2,000 memorial crosses displayed each year for Memorial Day. He explained that the crosses were currently being stored in members' homes, garages, and side yards, which was becoming increasingly difficult. He noted that the organization had invested significant time and effort into constructing the crosses and wanted to preserve them properly. Councilman Marshall asked whether the City or any resident with available storage space might be willing to provide a covered location where the crosses could be stored.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck commented that the Veterans Council now had approximately 2,000 crosses.

Councilman Shane Marshall explained that many additional crosses had been constructed during the past year with assistance from a local welder and students at the high school. He noted that the project represented countless volunteer hours and that the Veterans Council

took great pride in maintaining and displaying them each Memorial Day. He reiterated the need for a covered storage location to protect the crosses from the elements.

Seth Perrins asked whether the crosses were stored in a trailer that could remain outdoors or whether they needed to be housed inside a garage or storage building.

Councilman Shane Marshall responded that the crosses would need to be stored in a covered structure to protect them.

Councilman Shane Marshall also reported that the Veterans Council had expressed concerns regarding the future of its building and its long-term lease, which extended for 99 years. He stated that, with construction of the new fire station now underway, discussions regarding the future use of that property would soon become necessary. Councilman Marshall assured the Veterans Council that the City recognized the importance of the organization's presence in the community and intended to identify a suitable replacement location if future redevelopment affected the existing facility. He added that future planning should also include consideration of the Utah Daughters of the Pioneers organization, which shared similar needs.

Councilman Kevin Oyler added that he had spoken with Rilla regarding the matter and noted that she had already begun contacting property owners throughout Spanish Fork to identify possible buildings or facilities that might be available for the Veterans Council's future use. He recognized her efforts to proactively explore potential solutions.

Seth Perrins commented that Rilla was an incredible individual and stated that he had enjoyed getting to know her while discussing the Veterans Council's needs.

Councilman Shane Marshall concluded by inviting anyone interested in serving the community to consider joining the Veterans Council. He explained that the council met on the first Wednesday of every other month and encouraged younger members of the community to become involved. He praised the organization for its dedication to supporting veterans and numerous community events throughout the year and stated that it was both a pleasure and an honor to serve as the Council liaison to such a committed group. He concluded by stating that those were all of his comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck reported that she had attended a week-long public power convention the previous week along with Jake Tyer from the City's Power Department. She explained that Spanish Fork participates in the Utah Municipal Power Agency (UMPA), a joint power organization that includes the cities of Provo, Spanish Fork, Salem, Levan, Nephi, and Manti.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck shared that one of the highlights of the conference was a full day of community service at the Boston Boys & Girls Club. She explained that approximately 150 participants from public power agencies across the country volunteered together on various improvement projects. The volunteers completed landscaping, weeding, painting, deep

cleaning, and other maintenance projects throughout the facility. She remarked that it was inspiring to see so many individuals come together to improve a place that served children and families. She also shared comments from the Boys & Girls Club director, who expressed gratitude for the volunteers' efforts and stated that it was remarkable to see people from across the country work together to make the facility an even better place for children to enjoy during the summer.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck reported that conference sessions included discussions on the future of nuclear power, data centers, and other issues affecting the public power industry. She stated that attending those discussions reminded her how fortunate Spanish Fork was to be a member of the Utah Municipal Power Agency. She explained that the City's participation in UMPA generated annual dividends that were returned to the City's General Fund, providing an important source of revenue that helped support City operations. She noted that while Spanish Fork maintained a healthy financial position, those distributions represented an even more significant portion of the budgets for some of the smaller participating communities, such as Manti. She concluded by stating that participation in UMPA was a tremendous benefit to Spanish Fork and that she appreciated the opportunity to be part of the organization.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked if there were any additional Council Comments. Hearing none, she moved to the Staff Reports portion of the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS:

Seth Perrins reported that Tyler Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting because he was coaching his daughter Everly's team in the state tournament. He expressed hope that Tyler and his team would have a successful tournament.

Seth Perrins reported on behalf of Tyler Jacobson regarding the Central Utah 911 Board. He explained that at the Board's most recent meeting, members voted to approve the addition of the Orem, Lindon, and Vineyard Fire Departments into the Central Utah 911 dispatch system following an application and study process. He noted that Central Utah 911 was originally created to provide dispatch services for agencies outside of Orem, Lindon, Provo, Springville, and Pleasant Grove, but that the organization had evolved over time. Seth Perrins stated that the transition was expected to take approximately one year and that it should improve emergency dispatch services throughout Utah County while creating opportunities for shared services that could reduce or avoid increases in operating costs.

Seth Perrins then invited Fire Chief Eddie Hales and Police Chief Matt Johnson to provide an overview of the City's experience during the Fourth of July fireworks holiday. He noted that both departments had been providing daily updates to the City Council and explained that state officials would likely seek feedback from local governments before the Pioneer Day holiday. He asked the Council to consider any observations or recommendations that could be shared with state leaders as discussions continued regarding fireworks restrictions.

Fire Chief Eddie Hales thanked the citizens of Spanish Fork for their cooperation and responsible use of fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday. He stated that residents had

done an outstanding job following the City's designated fireworks safety measures and utilizing approved discharge areas, resulting in very few problems throughout the community.

Chief Eddie Hales explained that the process began when Governor Spencer Cox issued an executive order requesting restrictions on fireworks in certain areas of the state, particularly on state and county lands and within wildland-urban interface areas that posed a heightened fire risk. He noted that the Governor also encouraged municipalities to designate safe locations where residents could continue celebrating responsibly.

Chief Eddie Hales explained that City staff reviewed the Governor's order and determined that Spanish Fork's existing fireworks regulations already met the intent of the request. The City had previously established maps identifying high-hazard areas where fireworks were prohibited while allowing legal fireworks in approved locations. Following public feedback requesting additional clarification, staff worked with the City's GIS Department to incorporate existing ordinance restrictions, including the prohibition against discharging fireworks within 200 feet of open fields and vacant lots, directly onto the public fireworks map to provide residents with a clearer visual guide.

Chief Eddie Hales reported that between July 2 and July 5, the Fire Department responded to seven reported fire incidents. He stated that all seven fires had been extinguished by property owners before firefighters arrived because residents had water buckets, garden hoses, or fire extinguishers readily available. He reported that each incident occurred within areas where fireworks were legally permitted and that every fire was minor, generally involving less than a five-foot-by-five-foot area of dry grass or vegetation. He emphasized that none of the incidents threatened homes or resulted in large wildland fires. Chief Eddie Hales commended residents for following safety recommendations and concluded that the City's approach demonstrated that fireworks could be safely enjoyed when proper precautions were followed.

Chief Eddie Hales also described numerous positive interactions firefighters had with residents while patrolling neighborhoods throughout the holiday. He stated that many community members expressed appreciation for the City's efforts to allow families to celebrate safely. He reported that firefighters encountered only a few instances involving illegal fireworks brought into Utah from other states. He noted that officers emphasized education and voluntary compliance, resulting in only one citation being issued during the holiday. Chief Eddie Hales reminded residents that fireworks purchased outside Utah, including mortars, bottle rockets, Roman candles, and similar devices, remained illegal within the state and encouraged everyone to purchase and use only legal Utah-approved fireworks during the Pioneer Day holiday.

Councilman Shane Marshall asked Chief Eddie Hales to clarify what constituted an illegal firework under Utah law.

Chief Eddie Hales explained that illegal fireworks generally included mortars launched from individual tubes, bottle rockets, Roman candles, and other devices that exceeded legal height restrictions. He clarified that aerial fireworks sold in approved "cake" configurations were legal,

provided they complied with Utah regulations and remained below the maximum allowable height.

Councilman Shane Marshall emphasized that the City's fireworks plan was designed around the use of legal fireworks and would not safely accommodate illegal fireworks. Although he initially favored a citywide fireworks ban because of wildfire concerns, he stated that the City's experience demonstrated residents could celebrate responsibly when appropriate education, restrictions, and enforcement were in place. He stressed that anyone using illegal fireworks should expect to receive a citation because those devices significantly increased the risk of dangerous fires.

Chief Eddie Hales agreed and noted that many of the serious fires reported elsewhere in Utah during the holiday were associated with illegal fireworks or unsafe use rather than legal fireworks discharged according to regulations.

Seth Perrins observed that even communities that prohibited fireworks altogether still experienced fires because individuals ignored the law. He referenced a wildfire in Provo as an example and encouraged residents to continue celebrating responsibly and safely.

Seth Perrins invited Police Chief Matt Johnson to share the Police Department's experience during the holiday.

Police Chief Matt Johnson echoed Chief Eddie Hales' appreciation for the community and thanked residents for following restrictions and exercising good judgment. He also noted that only one fireworks citation had been issued throughout the holiday.

Seth Perrins jokingly remarked that alcohol had likely contributed to that incident.

Police Chief Matt Johnson acknowledged that it probably had.

Councilman Jesse Cardon recognized the City's Communications Team for its extensive public education efforts leading up to the holiday. He stated that many residents visited the City's website seeking information about fireworks restrictions and, in the process, received valuable safety information regarding approved discharge areas, fire prevention measures, and recommended safety practices. He commended staff for pairing education with the City's decision to continue allowing fireworks.

Seth Perrins agreed and stated that the Governor's actions drew additional public attention to fireworks safety, providing an opportunity for the City to reach significantly more residents than in previous years. He praised the Communications Team for producing engaging educational materials and reported that the City's fireworks safety campaign generated approximately 350,000 total public impressions across its various communication platforms.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck commented that the educational campaign had been highly successful.

Councilman Shane Marshall humorously observed that many residents appeared to believe they owned the middle of the street while setting off fireworks and joked that they seemed surprised when vehicles still needed to use the roadway.

Seth Perrins responded that it was the Fourth of July.

Councilman Kevin Oyler jokingly added, "Freedom."

Councilman Shane Marshall laughed and replied that while he appreciated the holiday spirit, he still wanted to be able to drive on public streets.

Seth Perrins asked if Councilmembers had any additional feedback that could be shared with state officials as they considered fireworks policies for the Pioneer Day holiday.

Councilman Kevin Oyler reported that he lived near Riverview Elementary School, where one of the community's largest neighborhood fireworks displays occurred each year. He stated that when he drove through the area early the following Sunday morning, there was virtually no evidence that a large fireworks display had taken place because residents had thoroughly cleaned up the streets. He contrasted that experience with a conversation he had with his son in Tacoma, Washington, who described widespread fireworks debris remaining throughout neighborhoods after the holiday. Councilman Oyler thanked Spanish Fork residents for responsibly cleaning up after their celebrations.

Councilman Shane Marshall echoed Councilman Oyler's appreciation for residents who celebrated responsibly and cleaned up afterward. He encouraged anyone who failed to do so to improve their efforts in the future, noting that fireworks debris had even landed in his own yard and damaged his artificial turf.

Councilman Jesse Cardon responded to Seth Perrins' earlier question regarding feedback for state leaders. He stated that Spanish Fork had demonstrated fireworks could be safely managed through a combination of public education, reasonable restrictions, responsible residents, and effective enforcement. He also observed that when neighboring communities prohibited fireworks, many residents traveled to Spanish Fork to celebrate, placing additional demands on the City's public safety personnel.

Chief Eddie Hales agreed with Councilman Cardon's observation.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck shared that while attending a public power conference she had spoken with Salem Mayor Simmonds as communities across Utah were deciding how to respond to the Governor's fireworks recommendations. She noted that Salem faced different circumstances because of its extensive agricultural fields, dry conditions, and volunteer fire department. She stated that she appreciated the Governor's decision to allow each municipality to make its own determination based on local conditions and believed Spanish Fork's approach proved successful for its community.

Councilman Shane Marshall agreed.

Seth Perrins commented that a one-size-fits-all approach often failed to address the unique needs of individual communities. He noted that while some cities chose to prohibit fireworks entirely, Spanish Fork carefully evaluated its own circumstances and developed a thoughtful plan that balanced public safety with community traditions. He commended the Mayor and City Council, City staff, and public safety personnel for their collaborative and deliberate approach.

Seth Perrins also referenced a grass fire that had occurred several weeks earlier near the River Bottoms while City crews were mowing vegetation. He explained that equipment became stuck while mowing, which ultimately ignited dry weeds. Although the fire spread quickly, nearby residents and the Fire Department responded promptly, preventing more significant damage. Seth Perrins informed the Council that the City had since received correspondence from a resident regarding the incident and invited Councilmembers to provide additional feedback or direction regarding any future policy considerations.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Seth Perrins and jokingly referred to fire-related discussions as one of his favorite topics, along with budgets and sewer treatment plants.

Seth Perrins joked that anyone interested in hearing what "World War III" sounded like in Spanish Fork on the Fourth of July should ask him to hear recordings he had made of the community's fireworks celebrations.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Seth Perrins for his report and announced that the next item on the agenda was the Spanish Fork 101 presentation.

SPANISH FORK 101:

1. Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant

Chief Matt Johnson reported that, as required by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant, the Police Department provided the City Council with semiannual updates regarding the grant program and victim advocacy services. Before beginning the report, he introduced the Police Department's new Victim Advocate, Amora Floyd. He stated that she had joined the department approximately two months earlier and had already become an outstanding addition to the team. Chief Johnson praised her enthusiasm, innovative ideas, professionalism, and ability to work effectively with police officers, the City Attorney's Office, and members of the public. He noted that many of the individuals she served were experiencing some of the most traumatic moments of their lives and stated that she had a calming presence and demonstrated genuine compassion. He also shared that prior to joining the Police Department, Amora Floyd had worked for the Utah Department of Workforce Services since 2023. Chief Johnson then turned the time over to Amora Floyd to present the VOCA grant report.

Amora Floyd thanked the Council for the opportunity to present the semiannual VOCA grant report and provide an overview of victim advocacy services within the Spanish Fork community. She explained that the Victim Advocacy Program aligned with the City's mission by striving to build a vibrant community while treating victims with dignity, respect, and

compassion during periods of crisis. She stated that the program's mission was to ensure every victim had a safe, supported, and empowered path toward justice and healing.

Amora Floyd reported that data collected during the current grant cycle showed a 13.2 percent increase in domestic violence, stalking, harassment, and delayed reporting of sexual assault cases since July 1, 2024. She explained that while the increase demonstrated a growing need for victim services within the community, Spanish Fork's increase remained significantly lower than many surrounding communities. She attributed much of that success to the effectiveness of the City's victim advocacy program, which quickly connected victims with resources and support. She also noted that additional community education could further improve awareness and access to available services.

Amora Floyd reported that from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, the Victim Advocacy Program served approximately 203 unique victims whose cases resulted in police reports and criminal charges. She explained that services provided included information and referrals, assistance navigating the criminal justice system, help obtaining protective orders and stalking injunctions, emotional support, safety planning, and ongoing advocacy. She noted that the reported number of courtroom accompaniment services appeared relatively low because she routinely attended court proceedings in Spanish Fork every Monday and Thursday, allowing victims to receive support without needing to specifically request accompaniment.

Amora Floyd further reported that the program provided nearly 900 individual support services beyond the initial contact with victims. She emphasized that victim advocacy was rarely limited to a single interaction and often required ongoing support throughout lengthy judicial proceedings, which in some cases extended for more than two years. She also explained that many individuals sought assistance from the Victim Advocacy Program without filing criminal charges, receiving referrals, safety planning, and other supportive services through the Police Department.

Amora Floyd introduced several improvements designed to modernize victim outreach and streamline referrals. After surveying police officers and previous victims, she found that both groups preferred reducing reliance on paper forms. Officers wanted fewer paper handouts to carry in patrol vehicles, while victims preferred minimizing printed materials that could later be discovered by family members or abusers. In response, the department created bilingual English and Spanish victim services pamphlets containing required legal information regarding victim rights, court procedures, and confidentiality limitations. Each pamphlet included a QR code that allowed victims to register for services electronically in either English or Spanish.

Amora Floyd explained that once a victim completed the online registration, she immediately received an automated notification. A tracking system then monitored the referral, issuing reminders after 48 hours and again after 72 hours until contact had been made with the victim. She stated that this system ensured no victim would unintentionally be overlooked while also simplifying the referral process for officers responding to traumatic incidents. She added that the registration process was designed to protect victim privacy by operating in an incognito mode that left no visible record on the victim's phone after submission.

Amora Floyd also outlined plans to expand services through participation in the Community Advocate Partners (CAP) Program. She explained that current legal restrictions prevented her, as a Police Department employee, from directly assisting victims with completing civil stalking injunctions or civil protective orders or accompanying them during those civil court proceedings. Upon completion of the 12-week CAP training program and certification process, she would be authorized to assist victims with completing those legal documents and accompany them in court for support. She noted that this would significantly improve services for Spanish Fork residents, who currently had to travel to Provo or Orem to obtain free legal assistance. She stated that the additional training would help bridge an important service gap and make victim advocacy more accessible within the community.

Amora Floyd concluded by stating that the Victim Advocacy Program would continue addressing the increase in victimization through modernization of services, expanded community partnerships, increased accessibility, and continued collaboration with legal service providers. She thanked the Council for its support and invited questions.

Councilman Shane Marshall asked how victims without access to a smartphone would be able to receive services if they could not utilize the QR code registration system.

Amora Floyd explained that officers would continue using the department's traditional referral process for individuals without smartphones by notifying her directly through email or in person after completing their reports. She added that many victims also continued to walk into the Police Department seeking assistance, allowing referrals to occur face-to-face.

Councilman Jesse Cardon thanked Amora Floyd for her service and acknowledged that victim advocacy was a difficult and emotionally demanding profession. He expressed appreciation for the compassion and support she provided to individuals experiencing some of the most challenging moments of their lives.

Amora Floyd responded that she genuinely enjoyed serving with the Spanish Fork Police Department. She acknowledged that leaving the Department of Workforce Services had been difficult because of the strong relationships she had developed there but stated that the transition to the Police Department had been seamless. She praised the support she had received from the Police Department, City Attorney's Office, and department staff and expressed her hope that she would make a meaningful difference for victims within the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck welcomed Amora Floyd to the community and shared that she had recently spoken with a resident whose teenage daughter had gathered the courage to seek assistance from the Victim Advocate's Office. She stated that the family had spoken very highly of Amora Floyd and praised the important role victim advocates played in supporting not only victims but also their families during critical moments in their lives. Mayor Pro Tem Beck thanked her for accepting the position and for the work she was doing.

Amora Floyd expressed appreciation for the supportive environment within the Police Department and specifically thanked City Attorneys Tanner Preece and Joshua Neilsen and their staff for helping her learn the legal processes and available resources.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Amora Floyd for her presentation.

Councilman Shane Marshall thanked Amora Floyd and jokingly suggested that she had forgotten one final presentation slide requesting additional resources from the Council. He asked whether there was anything the City Council could do to better support her work.

Amora Floyd replied that, having served in the position for only eight weeks, she was still evaluating the program and its needs. She stated that she anticipated making requests in the future after completing a more comprehensive assessment but did not yet have any specific requests.

Seth Perrins jokingly asked whether bringing back "dragging Main" would help.

Amora Floyd laughed and replied that she had grown up participating in that tradition but did not want to see it return while her teenage son was still living at home. She joked that perhaps the conversation could be revisited after he became an adult.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck humorously observed that young people today spent more time looking at screens than cruising Main Street and questioned which was the better option.

Chief Matt Johnson commented that driving along Main Street itself did not concern him as much as groups gathering and loitering in parking lots.

Councilman Kevin Oyler agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck remarked that the discussion had wandered off topic.

Councilman Shane Marshall, Councilman Kevin Oyler, and Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck each thanked Amora Floyd for her presentation and service.

Seth Perrins concluded by expressing appreciation for the Victim Advocacy Program and stated that he believed regular reports such as the one presented that evening helped keep victim services visible and highlighted the value the program provided to the community. He thanked Amora Floyd for her work.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked everyone for the presentation and moved to the Consent Agenda. She requested a motion from the Council.

CONSENT ITEMS:

A. Minutes of City Council for Spanish Fork City - 06-16-2026

B. Agreement of Affiliation between Utah Valley University (UVU) and Spanish Fork City

Councilman Cardon ▾ Moved to Approve ▾ the Consent Items

Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, with a roll call vote, 7:17 pm.

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck announced that the Consent Agenda had been approved and transitioned the meeting to Item 9, Public Hearings. She noted that four separate public hearings were scheduled for the evening and prepared the Council to begin consideration of those items.

ADJOURN TO LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY:

Councilman Cardon ▾ Moved to **Adjourn** to the Local Building Authority (LBA)
 Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, 7:18 pm.

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

LBA LOCAL BUILDING AUTHORITY:

LBA CONSENT:

A. DRAFT LBA & City Council Minutes 06-16-2026

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked for a motion.

Councilman Cardon ▾ made a **Motion** to Approve the Consent item
 Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, 7:19 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

LBA PUBLIC HEARING:

A. LBA Economic Impact of the Issuance of Lease Revenue and Refunding Bonds

Jordan Hales reviewed the proposed Local Building Authority (LBA) lease revenue bond issuance and reminded the Council that the matter had been discussed extensively at the previous meeting. He explained that the proposed financing would fund the construction of the new Fire Station currently under construction adjacent to City Hall and a potential future Public Works facility. Jordan Hales noted that the maximum bond amount established in the resolution represented a "not-to-exceed" parameter, allowing flexibility until the final cost of the Public Works building was determined. He explained that because the financing would utilize lease revenue bonds through the Local Building Authority, the buildings themselves would serve as collateral for the bonds. He then asked if the Council had any questions regarding the proposal.

Councilman Kevin Oyler indicated that he had no questions.

Seth Perrins invited Jonathan Ward, Senior Vice President of Zions Public Finance, to explain why two separate public hearings were required for what appeared to be the same bond issuance. He noted that although the hearings seemed nearly identical, each served a different legal purpose and asked Jonathan Ward to clarify the distinction.

Jonathan Ward explained that while both public hearings related to the same financing proposal, Utah law required two separate public hearings under different sections of the Utah Code. He stated that each hearing provided an opportunity for public comment but addressed different statutory requirements. The first hearing allowed the public to comment on whether the proposed project would compete with private enterprise, while the second hearing provided an opportunity for comments regarding the proposed lease revenue bond financing itself. Jonathan Ward noted that he did not believe either the Fire Station or the proposed Public Works facility competed with private businesses but explained that the hearing was required to provide the public an opportunity to comment if they believed otherwise.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Jonathan Ward for the explanation and requested a motion to open the first public hearing.

Councilman Shane Marshall made a motion to open the public hearing.

Councilman Jesse Cardon noted that the motion should specify which public hearing was being opened.

Seth Perrins clarified that the first public hearing concerned the economic impact of issuing the lease revenue bonds and the potential effect on private enterprise, while the second public hearing would address the lease revenue bond issuance itself.

Councilman Shane Marshall amended his motion and moved to open the public hearing regarding the economic impact of the issuance of the Local Building Authority lease revenue and refunding bonds.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck then prepared to open the public hearing and invited a motion from the Council to enter into a public hearing for LBA Economic Impact of the Issuance of Lease Revenue and Refunding Bonds

Trustee Marshall ▾ made a **Motion** to Go Into a LBA Public Hearing

Trustee Cardon ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, with a roll call vote, 7:22 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

After providing an opportunity for public comment and hearing none, Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck requested a motion to close the public hearing.

Trustee Marshall ▾ made a **Motion** to Go Out of the Public Hearing

Trustee Oyler ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, at 7:22 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for discussion and consideration.

No motion was needed for the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked if there were any comments from the City Council regarding the first public hearing. Hearing none, she announced that the Council would proceed to the second public hearing concerning the proposed issuance of the Local Building Authority lease revenue and refunding bonds.

B. LBA Public Input of the Issuance of Lease Revenue and Refunding Bonds.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked if there were any members of the public who wished to comment during the second public hearing regarding the proposed issuance of the Local Building Authority lease revenue and refunding bonds. After providing an opportunity for public comment and hearing none, she closed the public hearing and requested a motion to return to the regular City Council meeting.

Trustee Oyler ▾ made a **Motion** to Go Into a Public Hearing

Trustee Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, at 7:23 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck formally opened the public hearing for Item

Public Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Bec allowed time for public participation and carefully observed the audience for anyone wishing to speak. After providing adequate opportunity for comment, she noted that no members of the public came forward to address the Council regarding the LBA Public Input of the Issuance of Lease Revenue and Refunding Bonds. She then requested a motion from the City Council to close the public hearing.

Trustee Cardon ▾ made a **Motion** to Go Out of the Public Hearing

Trustee Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, at 7:23 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck closed the public hearing.

No Motion Needed.

Councilman Cardon ▾ made a **Motion** to Adjourn from the LBA and Reconvene back to City Council

Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, all in favor, at 7:24 pm.

Trustee Kevin Oyler	Yes
Trustee Jesse Cardon	Yes
Vice Chair Stacy Beck	Yes
Trustee Landon Tooke	Absent
Trustee Shane Marshall	Yes

RECONVENED BACK TO CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck reconvened the regular City Council meeting following the close of the LBA public hearings. Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck announced the first item of New Business and invited Dave Anderson to present the item.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. South Valley Village Annexation 2026 acceptance for further study

Dave Anderson requested that the City Council once again accept the South Valley Village Annexation Petition for further study. He explained that the Council had originally accepted the annexation petition for further consideration approximately three years earlier. Because Utah law limited the life of the application, the current three-year application period would expire in the middle of the following month. He stated that the applicants continued to pursue both the annexation and a proposed development encompassing not only the approximately 18-acre annexation area but also additional property under their control to the east, resulting in a development area roughly four times larger than the annexation parcel. Dave Anderson identified the property as being located southeast of the Dry Creek Interchange, which was expected to open in the near future.

Dave Anderson explained that approval of the request would allow the City to continue the annexation process that had already been underway for several years. He stated that staff would restart the required public notification process, coordinate with affected agencies, and complete the remaining procedural steps required under Utah law. He noted that the request represented a continuation of an existing application rather than a new annexation proposal.

Dave Anderson further explained that restarting the process was appropriate because the annexation boundary had changed slightly since the original application. He stated that the modification resulted from the Utah Department of Transportation acquiring property immediately west of the annexation area. Although the adjustment was relatively minor, he explained that the boundary change, together with the approaching expiration of the original application, made it necessary to seek Council acceptance of the annexation petition for further study once again.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked whether the Council had any questions.

Councilman Shane Marshall stated that he had one question, although he joked it could easily lead to many more. He referenced a previous annexation discussion where the Council

debated evaluating property under an agricultural zoning designation even though everyone understood the property would ultimately develop differently. Councilman Marshall clarified that he was not asking staff to assign a zoning designation at this stage but requested that the annexation analysis evaluate the property in a manner consistent with the City's General Plan rather than assuming an agricultural use. He explained that he wanted the Council to understand the impacts associated with the type of development envisioned by the General Plan so the Council could make a more informed annexation decision.

Councilman Jesse Cardon commented that the lengthy three-year process appeared to be largely the result of the applicant continuing to refine development concepts for the property. He stated that the evolving plans likely made it difficult for staff to complete the annexation process.

Councilman Shane Marshall agreed and clarified that his comments were not intended as criticism of City staff. He noted that the applicant had experienced numerous changes during the process, including updates to the General Plan and property changes related to Utah Department of Transportation acquisitions. He stated that he supported continuing the annexation process but reiterated that evaluating the property solely as agricultural land would not provide meaningful information because everyone understood the property was ultimately planned for development. He emphasized that the evaluation should reflect the General Plan so the Council could fully understand the future impacts of annexation.

Councilman Kevin Oyler stated that he generally agreed with Councilman Marshall but observed that the General Plan identified the area as mixed use, meaning the property could ultimately develop in a variety of ways, including residential, commercial, or other compatible uses. He noted that predicting a specific development pattern at this stage could be difficult.

Councilman Shane Marshall clarified that he was not requesting a specific zoning recommendation but rather an analysis consistent with the mixed-use designation identified in the General Plan. He explained that evaluating the property based on anticipated mixed-use development would provide a much more accurate understanding of potential impacts than evaluating it as agricultural land.

Councilman Kevin Oyler agreed that approach seemed reasonable and asked Dave Anderson for his thoughts.

Dave Anderson stated that he appreciated the Council's direction and indicated that it aligned with the manner in which staff intended to evaluate the annexation during the study process.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck thanked Dave Anderson for his presentation.

Councilman Shane Marshall asked whether the Council wanted his direction incorporated into the motion or whether staff considered the discussion sufficient guidance.

Dave Anderson responded that the Council's discussion provided clear direction and stated that staff intended to proceed accordingly.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck requested a motion regarding the request to accept the South Valley Village Annexation Petition for further study.

Councilman Marshall ▾ made a **Motion to Approve the South Valley Village Annexation 2026 acceptance for further study**

Councilman Cardon ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed** with a roll call vote, at 7:31 pm.

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck asked City Recorder Tara Silver whether the Council had been sufficiently clear at the beginning of the meeting that Agenda Item No. 18 would be tabled or whether additional action was required.

Tara Silver advised that the Council still needed to approve a motion to formally table the item.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck acknowledged the clarification and stated that a motion would be needed to table Agenda Item No. 18.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Islanded Power and Data Centers

Councilman Oyler ▾ **Moved to Table** the Discussion on Islanded Power and Data Centers

Councilman Marshall ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, with all in favor, at 7:31 pm.

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck turned the time over to Seth Perrins.

Last City Council Meeting of Dale Robinson, Parks and Recreation Director

Seth Perrins announced that the meeting marked Dale Robinson's final City Council meeting before his retirement at the end of July. Because no City Council meeting would be held later

in the month due to Fiesta Days, he explained that this would be the Council's opportunity to recognize Dale Robinson's decades of service to Spanish Fork City. Seth Perrins noted that Dale Robinson had attended City Council meetings throughout nearly the entire century and stated that his retirement represented the end of an extraordinary era for the City. As photographs highlighting Dale Robinson's career were displayed, Seth Perrins reflected on many of the accomplishments and milestones from his years of service.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly asked whether one of the early photographs being displayed had been taken on Dale Robinson's first day with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck laughed as another photograph appeared on the screen.

Seth Perrins paused the presentation to humorously point out one particular photograph, joking that Dale Robinson had been "boring people in Council meetings forever." He laughed as he observed that former Mayor Steve Leifson appeared to be asleep in the photograph while another showed Seth Perrins himself looking frustrated. The lighthearted exchange prompted laughter from the Council and audience.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly remarked that Steve Leifson had looked much younger in the photograph.

Seth Perrins responded that he himself had also looked much younger and joked that he had been upset with Dale Robinson even back then.

Councilman Shane Marshall asked whether Seth Perrins had been serving as City Manager at the time the photograph was taken.

Seth Perrins replied that he had not yet been City Manager, prompting Councilman Shane Marshall to joke that Dale Robinson probably had not cared because Seth Perrins was not his supervisor.

Seth Perrins laughed and remarked that Dale Robinson still behaved the same way.

Seth Perrins explained that Dale Robinson first became associated with Spanish Fork City during the mid-1990s while employed through the Nebo School District's Community Schools Program. He noted that after longtime Parks and Recreation Director Jack Swenson retired, Dale Robinson became only the second Parks and Recreation Director in the City's history. Seth Perrins remarked that Dale Robinson had overseen an incredible period of growth and transformation within the community and had helped shape many of the City's most recognizable recreational facilities.

Seth Perrins highlighted several major accomplishments that occurred during Dale Robinson's tenure, including the construction of the Fit City Center, Adventure Heights All-Abilities Park, North Park, the Sports Park, and extensive improvements at the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. He observed that while some City parks consisted primarily of open grass and athletic fields, many others had become destination-quality facilities recognized throughout Utah. Seth Perrins credited Dale Robinson's vision, attention to detail, and

determination for helping elevate the quality of those facilities.

Seth Perrins explained that one of Dale Robinson's greatest strengths was his unwavering commitment to quality. He noted that while budget discussions occasionally resulted in spirited debates between Parks and Recreation and City administration, Dale Robinson consistently advocated for doing projects correctly rather than settling for less. Seth Perrins recalled numerous occasions when Dale Robinson strongly defended his vision for projects and ultimately persuaded others that investing additional time and resources would create lasting community assets.

As one example, Seth Perrins described the redesign of the Spanish Fork Fairgrounds. He explained that the older grandstands had become outdated and visually unappealing from Main Street. During planning for the new arena, Dale Robinson envisioned constructing a facility that resembled a professional baseball stadium rather than a typical rodeo arena. Seth Perrins stated that because the fairgrounds occupied a highly visible location on Main Street, Dale Robinson believed the buildings should enhance the City's appearance and reflect the community's pride. He credited Dale Robinson with ensuring the completed facility became an attractive gateway into Spanish Fork.

Seth Perrins concluded by stating that Dale Robinson had been instrumental in shaping the community and invited members of the City Council to share personal reflections before Dale Robinson addressed the Council.

Councilman Shane Marshall began by stating that while many people recognized the parks and facilities Dale Robinson helped build, his greatest contribution was not the physical infrastructure but rather the opportunities those facilities created for bringing people together. He explained that sporting events, recreation programs, community gatherings, and family activities were what truly strengthened the community, and Dale Robinson had devoted his career to making those experiences possible. Councilman Marshall reflected on his own experiences participating in youth sports, rodeo events, and other recreational opportunities, stating that Parks and Recreation had played a meaningful role in his life and in the lives of thousands of Spanish Fork residents.

Councilman Shane Marshall stated that Dale Robinson's legacy would not simply be measured by buildings and parks but by the countless relationships, memories, and community traditions his department helped create. He acknowledged that many people had assumed Dale Robinson remained with the City solely to complete the Fit City Center project, but stated that Dale Robinson had stayed because he wanted to ensure the community benefited from a facility that would serve generations to come. Councilman Marshall reflected on his own retirement from City employment, describing the final day as one of the most surreal experiences of his life. He encouraged Dale Robinson to cherish the moment, stating that such an opportunity came only once. Councilman Marshall concluded by thanking Dale Robinson for the lasting impact he had made on Spanish Fork and on his own family.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck shared memories of traveling with Dale and Sharon Robinson over the years and joked that after retirement Sharon would finally be able to enjoy vacations

without visiting every park in every city they traveled through. She recalled that nearly every family trip involved touring parks because Dale Robinson was constantly gathering ideas to improve Spanish Fork's parks. Mayor Pro Tem Beck stated that Dale Robinson led with love, explaining that everyone who worked with him could feel how deeply he cared about the community. She praised his leadership over the previous eleven years and noted that his fingerprints would remain on countless projects, including the Fairgrounds, Adventure Heights All-Abilities Park, and the Fit City Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck also recalled one of her earliest conversations regarding the proposed location of the Fit City Center. She remembered that Dale Robinson and Bronco Hunter first suggested constructing the recreation center near the Sports Park during a Fiesta Days pyromusical event. She admitted that she initially disliked the proposed location and repeatedly suggested alternative sites throughout the City. However, Dale Robinson patiently arranged tours of the various locations, explaining why each alternative presented challenges and helping her understand why the eventual site was the best option. Mayor Pro Tem Beck stated that Dale Robinson demonstrated true leadership by listening to concerns, educating decision-makers, and guiding the Council through the decision-making process rather than simply insisting on his own preference. She thanked both Dale and Sharon Robinson for their years of service and expressed her love and appreciation.

Councilman Kevin Oyler humorously compared Dale Robinson to the fictional Parks and Recreation character Ron Swanson, noting that unlike Ron Swanson, who disliked parks, Dale Robinson had never seen a piece of property that he did not believe could become a park. Councilman Oyler stated that Dale Robinson's legacy would remain visible throughout Spanish Fork for generations. He observed that whenever residents admired one of the City's parks or recreational facilities, they would recognize Dale Robinson's influence. Councilman Oyler also noted that communities throughout Utah frequently complimented Spanish Fork's parks and recreational amenities during conferences and meetings, attributing much of that reputation to Dale Robinson's leadership. He thanked Dale Robinson for his friendship, leadership, and decades of service, expressing gratitude that he was able to retire safely after recovering from a recent accident.

Councilman Jesse Cardon joked that he had intended to make several complimentary remarks until he noticed Dale Robinson wearing a Denver Broncos shirt. He then reflected on one of Dale Robinson's defining characteristics, observing that whenever responsibility for a new project was assigned to Parks and Recreation, Dale Robinson always insisted that if the department accepted the responsibility, it would perform the work to the highest standard possible. Councilman Cardon stated that Dale Robinson's commitment to excellence had become part of the department's culture and would continue long after his retirement through the employees he had mentored. He thanked Dale Robinson for his friendship, his leadership, and his willingness to answer questions and provide guidance at any time.

Following the Council's remarks, Seth Perrins added that Dale Robinson had not only continued the foundation established by former Parks and Recreation Director Jack Swenson but had further refined what many now referred to as the "Spanish Fork standard." He explained that the standard extended beyond parks to every aspect of the department,

including recreation programs, the golf course, the gun club, the recreation center, and countless other services. Seth Perrins stated that Dale Robinson had helped define the level of quality residents now expected from Parks and Recreation.

Seth Perrins also shared a personal story illustrating Dale Robinson's hospitality. He described visiting Dale Robinson's home, where frozen glass mugs and freshly baked chocolate chip cookies were always available. He joked that anyone wishing to spend time with Dale Robinson should simply visit his home in the evening, where Sharon Robinson would likely have cookies ready and Dale Robinson would pour a cold glass of milk or root beer into one of the frozen mugs.

Councilman Shane Marshall jokingly clarified that he had been thinking of root beer rather than milk.

Seth Perrins then invited Sharon Robinson to join Dale Robinson at the podium, noting that she deserved recognition as well because of the tremendous support she had provided throughout Dale Robinson's career.

Dale Robinson thanked the Council for its kind remarks and admitted that the evening had become much more emotional than he anticipated. He jokingly remarked that he had intentionally worn his cowboy boots, belt buckle, and western attire in hopes of appearing tougher but acknowledged that they had done little to prepare him for the emotions of the evening.

Dale Robinson stated that after 38 years in parks and recreation, including 30 years serving Spanish Fork, retirement felt surreal. Looking back over his career, he expressed overwhelming gratitude for the opportunities he had been given and emphasized that none of the accomplishments being recognized were the result of one individual. He stated that every success required the support of the Mayor, City Council, City administration, City employees, volunteers, and community members working together toward a common vision.

Dale Robinson expressed appreciation for the City's longstanding commitment to Parks and Recreation. He stated that unlike many communities where recreation departments struggled for funding and support, Spanish Fork consistently treated Parks and Recreation as an equal partner in serving the community. He explained that throughout his career, he had always felt included in discussions regarding the City's future and appreciated the Council's willingness to invest in recreation as an important part of the community's quality of life.

Dale Robinson reflected on the unique opportunity he had been given to spend his career serving his hometown. He stated that very few Parks and Recreation professionals were fortunate enough to work in the community where they were raised, and he considered it a tremendous blessing to devote his career to improving the city that had given so much to him and his family.

Dale Robinson reported that when he became Parks and Recreation Director in 1996, Spanish Fork maintained approximately 85 acres of park land. During his tenure, that total grew to approximately 271 acres. He emphasized that the department's success belonged to his

employees rather than himself, noting that he frequently reminded his staff they could perform their jobs without him, but he could never have accomplished his responsibilities without them.

Reflecting on major projects completed during his career, Dale Robinson recalled that the Sports Park remained only a dream after voters rejected the original bond proposal in 1997. Rather than abandoning the project, the City gradually developed the park over approximately two decades as funding became available. He praised the perseverance of successive City Councils and administrations for remaining committed to the vision despite the setbacks.

Dale Robinson spoke emotionally about Adventure Heights All-Abilities Park, stating that the project had become permanently etched in his soul.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck briefly left the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

He explained that working alongside families raising children with disabilities transformed his understanding of their daily challenges and inspired him to create a park where every child could participate alongside friends and siblings. He stated that those families deserved the credit for inspiring the project and described the experience as life changing.

Dale Robinson also reflected on the Fit City Center, explaining that creating a community recreation center had remained on his personal "bucket list" for more than twenty years. He shared that many of the City's greatest accomplishments became especially meaningful because they required perseverance and determination. He recalled occasions when he stood alone advocating for a particular design or approach before gradually convincing administrators, Councilmembers, and contractors of his vision through individual conversations and collaboration.

Dale Robinson also highlighted numerous other accomplishments completed during his career, including improvements to the golf course, construction of the reservoir and campground, expansion of the River Trail system, and countless park improvements. He reiterated that every accomplishment resulted from teamwork rather than individual effort.

Dale Robinson expressed heartfelt appreciation to former administrators Jack Swenson and Karen Bradford for giving him the opportunity to serve Spanish Fork thirty years earlier. He then became emotional as he thanked his wife, Sharon Robinson, for supporting him throughout his career. He acknowledged that Parks and Recreation demanded countless evenings, weekends, holidays, and family sacrifices, particularly during the early years of his career. Dale Robinson credited Sharon Robinson with standing beside him through every challenge and stated that he could never have enjoyed such a rewarding career without her unwavering love and support.

Dale Robinson also assured the City Council that the Parks and Recreation Department was well prepared for the future. He stated that the department's succession plan had already been implemented and expressed complete confidence in the employees who would continue leading the organization. He emphasized that the department's culture would

continue uninterrupted and that residents should expect the same level of service after his retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck returned to the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Dale Robinson stated that if he had done his job correctly, the department would not miss a beat.

Dale Robinson concluded by expressing gratitude to his staff, volunteers, and the countless community members who had contributed their time and talents to Parks and Recreation over the years. He noted that events such as Fiesta Days succeeded only because hundreds of volunteers willingly donated their time to strengthen the community. He thanked everyone who had supported him throughout his career and stated that he and Sharon looked forward to the next chapter of their lives together.

Sharon Robinson reflected on the early years of Dale Robinson's career, recalling that when he completed his master's degree, the family purchased its first Macintosh computer while living on a very limited budget. She shared that during Dale Robinson's employment with Provo City, the Parks Department did not yet own a computer capable of generating tournament brackets, so the department leased the Robinson family's personal computer for approximately \$175 per month. She also remembered Dale Robinson installing Spanish Fork City's first fax machine after joining the City, remarking on how dramatically technology had changed throughout his career.

Seth Perrins jokingly interrupted to ask Sharon Robinson whether she and Dale Robinson had met while "dragging Main."

Sharon Robinson laughed and replied that they had not met on Main Street, although Dale Robinson quickly added that they had both participated in the tradition.

Sharon Robinson stated that the past thirty years had been a wonderful journey for their family. She recalled that when their children were young, they often believed their father simply attended ball games for a living because they saw him at sporting events so frequently. She remarked that his work involved far more than that but stated the family had always been grateful to be part of the Spanish Fork community and thanked everyone for the kindness they had shown throughout the years.

Seth Perrins concluded the recognition by thanking Sharon Robinson for her extraordinary support of both Dale Robinson and the community. He recalled working alongside her during events such as the Wind Festival and the grand opening of the outdoor swimming pool, observing that she consistently volunteered alongside City employees rather than simply attending as a spectator. Seth Perrins stated that Sharon Robinson's love for the community matched her husband's and thanked her for the countless ways she had strengthened Spanish Fork throughout Dale Robinson's career.

Dale Robinson expressed his appreciation for the recognition and jokingly remarked that he was glad the emotional portion of the evening had come to an end.

Seth Perrins asked Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck if she would be willing to take a commemorative photograph with Dale Robinson, his children, and the Parks and Recreation Department staff, similar to the Employee of the Quarter recognition photographs.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck agreed and jokingly instructed everyone else to come down to the front because, teasingly, Seth Perrins only wanted her in the photograph. The audience laughed as family members and Parks and Recreation staff gathered for the commemorative photo honoring Dale Robinson's retirement.

Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck announced that the City Council would next convene in Closed Meeting. She asked Councilman Jesse Cardon to assume the role of presiding officer for the purpose of adjourning the regular meeting into the Closed Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Stacy Beck also noted that Dale Robinson was welcome to leave the meeting at that time to spend time visiting with his family, friends, and colleagues following the recognition of his retirement.

Councilman Cardon ▾ **Moved to Adjourn to Closed Session for strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property and strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation in Explorer Room**

Councilman Oyler ▾ **Seconded** and the motion **Passed**, with roll call vote, at 8:13 pm.

Kevin Oyler	Yes
Jesse Cardon	Yes
Stacy Beck	Yes
Landon Tooke	Absent
Shane Marshall	Yes

Attest: July 7, 2026

I, Tara Silver, City Recorder of Spanish Fork City, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes represent a true, accurate, and complete record of the meeting held on July 7, 2026. This document constitutes the official minutes of the City Council meeting.



TARA SILVER, CITY RECORDER

