

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, UT 84032
Heber City Council Meeting
Amended
August 18, 2026

DRAFT Minutes

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

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

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Matt Brower
Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Community Development Director Tony Kohler
Planning Manager Jamie Baron
City Engineer Russ Funk
Finance Manager Sara Jane Nagel
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
Deputy City Recorder Andrew Conley
Chief of Police Parker Sever
Public Works Employee Kaden Obray

Staff Participating Remotely: IT Director Anthon Beales, Assistant City Manager J. Mark Smedley, Public Works Director Matthew Kennard, Assistant to the City Manager Laine Meyers, Public Works Foreman Riley Fairbourn, and Accounting Tech Wendy Anderson.

Also Present: Terry Diehl, Jason Glidden, Justin Keys, Linda L Middleton, Gaylyn Latimer, Haylee Obray, Andrea Hatchell, Julie Franklin, Rhett Welch, Seth Plaizier, Scott Long, Zachary Butterfield, James Stewart, Auggie Wasmund, Dustin Stewart, Evan Watson, Betsy Russon, Evan Kist, Todd Bay, Curtis Leavitt, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

Also Attending Remotely: (names are shown as signed-in online) Catherine, Dw Phone-dont share, Greg Bird, J S, JH, Ken McConnell, S, Scott Phillips, Teresa S., Andrew D., B, B M, BPollock, Deb Stenger, Denna Woodbury, Grace Doerfler, J S, Jacob, Jami Hewlett, Jeff Pierce, Jen, Jon Galbraith - Element Design, Justin Keys, Kathy, Kelli, Michael Miller, MTN, Nathan Rushton, Nicole, Patrick, Phil Jordan, S, SHORTY5, SRH, and Stu.

1. Legislative Discussion and Updates (David Stewart) - 25 min

David Stewart, legislative lobbyist for Heber City contracted through Mountainlands Association of Governments (MAG), provided election updates for the open State seats. He shared updates on the UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) bypass, data center discussions, and MIDA (Military Installation Development Authority).

Mayor Franco said that the Heber Valley Special Service District (HVSSD) would need approximately \$300 million to fund improvements for the wastewater treatment facility. She asked the Council if they would be interested in joining Wasatch and Summit Counties in becoming Preliminary Municipalities. She mentioned the roads she felt needed pedestrian walkways or bridges. She said the Heber Valley Railroad (HVRP) would be looking for funding for upcoming improvements. Mayor Franco asked if the Legislature intended to cut funding for important services such as Meals on Wheels. Mr. Stewart asked that the Council provide their priorities to him by the fall.

Council Member Johnston proposed that the Council select a few items to prioritize for the lobbyist to focus on. Discussion followed.

Mayor Franco provided an update from the Olympic Committee. The committee was asking participating communities to submit ideas for the Olympic facilitation by November. Mayor Franco felt it would be helpful to discuss with surrounding entities in an Interlocal meeting.

2. Blue Sign Annexation, located at 2600 N Hwy 40 (Jamie Baron, Planning Manager) - 25 min

Planning Manager Jamie Baron presented the information and preliminary development designs for the proposed annexation as included in the meeting materials. The Planning Commission had recommended the development be dedicated entirely to residential units. Staff and the developer still hoped to consider including some commercial units. Mr. Baron noted that the annexation would turn an existing unincorporated peninsula into an island which would require an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County. Annexation representative Greg Bird provided additional details for the proposed project. Council provided feedback for the proposed annexation and the project representatives agreed to return to a future meeting for additional discussion.

3. 5 pm: Affordable Housing 101: State Housing Plans & Legislation. What is the state's plan for housing? (Steve Waldrip, Governor's Office) (Tony Kohler, Community Development Director) - 60 min

Steve Waldrip, Senior Advisor for Housing Strategy and Innovation to Governor Cox, and Heber City affordable housing consultant Jason Gliddon and Executive Director of Mountainlands Community Housing Trust, were present to lead the affordable housing discussion. Mr. Waldrip credited the healthy middle-class with the prosperity of the nation. He observed that many people had grown up in homes smaller than 1,000 square feet, without garages, and survived. He felt it was damaging that the next generation was unable to purchase a home in Utah and were being told they would need to move outside the state for home-ownership. He provided the history of housing units built in Utah since 2000, noting the drop-off in building in 2010 during the recession, resulting in supply not meeting demand. There were more people in Utah that needed homes than homes available. Mr. Waldrip shared a chart reflecting the housing pricing in Utah exceeding the available income. He felt the results created a fundamentally broken system. He noted a direct correlation between the cost of housing and homelessness in the State. He pointed out the exponential growth that continued to impact Utah and impressed the urgency to create home-ownership opportunities. Mr. Waldrip reviewed state programs available to municipalities including infrastructure assistance. He acknowledged that a yard and a garden were nice but not a necessity. Infill parcels were becoming a popular, affordable option. Council discussed deed restrictions, water rights and availability, people's desire to have a yard, impact fees, and innovations for affordable housing.

Mr. Waldrip recounted a news article in which Summit and Wasatch Counties had released a statement that they would block growth regardless of State law. He was concerned that this action could harm funding from the State to Heber City and other municipalities within the two Counties. He felt it was critical to have thoughtful discussion and proposed that society needed to focus less selfishly on direct impacts to themselves and consider a future for their children.

II. BREAK - 10 MIN

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

1. Call to Order

Mayor Franco called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Heidi Franco, Mayor)

Council Member Cheatwood led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer/Thought by Invitation (Sid Ostergaard, Council Member)

Mayor Franco shared a prayer.

IV. AWARDS, RECOGNITION, and PROCLAMATIONS:

1. Mayor's Award nomination of Public Works employees Kaden Obray, Kayden Giles, Rylan Keel

Public Works Director Matthew Kennard recognized Kaden Obray, Kayden Giles, and Rylan Keel for their outstanding performance at that year's Public Works Week in the Backhoe Rodeo event. The rodeo tested the abilities that heavy equipment operators relied on every day, including precision, coordination, depth perception, and the ability to maneuver heavy equipment safely and effectively through challenging tasks. The competition that year had included 45 participants representing public works organizations throughout the Heber Valley. Kayden Obrey had earned first place, for the second time, in the individual backhoe rodeo event. Kayden Giles, Rylan Keel, and Kayden Obrey had earned the top three scores, which earned Heber City the first place teams award. It was the third year in a row that Heber City had won first place teams award. Mayor Franco presented each of them with a Mayor's Award.

V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. August 5, 2026, Special City Council Meeting, Truth in Taxation Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Trina Cooke, City Recorder)
2. Ordinance 2026-15 Development Agreement for State Automotive 435 West 100 South (Jacob Roberts, Planner) - *15 min*

Mayor Franco expressed concern with the language in section 8a of the Development Agreement. She felt the language was too broad and asked whether it could be narrowed down. City Attorney Jeremy Cook clarified the language and the reasoning therein. He agreed to remove the line in question. Mayor Franco questioned the time frame of the 20-year term. Mr. Cook explained the longer term would benefit the City rather than the developer. She asked why the Planning Commission was recommending to not allow body painting. Dustin Stewart and Scott Long, representing the auto body shop, explained that the painting restriction would not affect their business, nor did they have concern with the proposed 20-year term.

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood moved to approve the Consent Agenda as it had been presented with the exception of the change proposed to section eight of the development agreement, removing section a.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the Second.

Voting Yes: Council Member Barney, Council Member Cheatwood, Council Member Johnston, Council Member Ostergaard, Council Member Murdock.

Voting No: None.

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 min per person/30 min max)

Mayor Franco opened the Public Comment period at 6:43 p.m.

Andrea Hatchell, on behalf of the Ruth Theater in Pleasant Grove, was a citizen of Heber City and an advocate for the Theater. She wished to extend an invitation to the Council and a plus-one to attend a performance, and offered a discount to all Heber City residents. She had sent an email to the Council informing of the week the invitation was valid. Mayor Franco suggested the discount invitation to residents be placed in the City newsletter.

Zachary Butterfield owned a single buildable flag lot with his wife. He was working to subdivide the lot into two flag lots and had run into an issue with the City's requirements for the stormwater system. He was asking the City to allow them to install the subdivision level utilities, record the two vacant buildable lots, and address permanent stormwater as part of the future of the building permit process when the actual homes, driveways, elevations, grading and impervious surfaces were known. They hoped the City would work with them towards a practical solution. Council briefly discussed the City's stormwater requirements and City Manager Matt Brower advised that he would look into the requirements further and report back.

Seth Plaizier appreciated the work the Council did but wished to address the property tax increase. He noted the amount of 4.8% was more than most people's annual pay increase. He hoped Council would consider the necessity of each item being requested in the budget. He was concerned that the City was paying for something that another entity in the valley should be paying for, whether it was the School District or the County, or fuel prices. He was concerned about the impact on all the hard-working residents trying to afford to stay in the Valley.

Linda Middleton lived in Heber City. She had read the Wasatch Record and was encouraged to read that Wasatch County wanted to be fabulous. She said that Heber City's zoning did not stop or change the County's zoning. She suggested the City representatives go to the governor of Utah, and instead of blaming the press, tell him that Linda Middleton was the problem that Heber City had to deal with every month. She agreed with the previous gentleman's comments about Heber City providing all the infrastructure that the School District and County benefited from as well. She was very grateful that the Council was careful when people came to them with a subdivision or a development and wanted a huge amount of infrastructure.

Ms. Middleton referred to media reporting that said the Slope development that was at the entrance of Heber had been a dirt pile for over a year and was thinking of drilling or their runoff was going into the aquifer. She expressed appreciation for the Council acting as the watchdogs, and being the frontline, hoped that they understood that there were seven golf courses in Wasatch County and in the Heber City area. She said there were things that water needed to be provided for already and resources were diminishing at an exponential rate. She asked Council to please let the governor know, when he was out golfing, that the citizens of Heber City had born all of this from not just the County and not just the surrounding cities, and not just the developers, but all the infrastructure for skiing, golfing, water sports in the two lakes, that all drained into Heber's water.

Julie Franklin wished to clarify her previous request to Council. She was not asking for a sidewalk to be constructed between 600 South and 1000 South on 100 west, but was requesting No Parking signs along the route. She said there was an extreme amount of cars parking along the road, causing a dangerous situation for anyone backing out of their driveway. She was concerned for the children, two people in wheelchairs, and all the people that walked along that route to access the many businesses in the area. There was a large amount of vehicular traffic that traveled along that stretch of road as well, which she felt created a dangerous situation for all the pedestrians. She was asking for the No Parking signs to be installed before someone was killed.

Catherine Moore was concerned about the City being reimbursed for the power-washing of the grease stain left by the Thigh Guy food truck. She had inspected the stain after it had been power-washed and felt it was permanent. She wanted to know what the City would do to prevent that happening again in the future. She recalled a food truck opting to use a generator rather than the electric outlet provided and asked if that was optional. She said the volume of the car show the previous weekend was unbearable and asked if that was a special occasion or would be the norm going forward.

Council and City Manager Matt Brower agreed to look into Ms. Moore's concerns and get back to her.

Jeff Pierce stated that he had just run for office and during his campaign, he had the opportunity to speak with many of the senior residents. He was speaking on their behalf to urge Council not to approve the proposed property tax increase. He hoped Council could look for tangible cost-cuts or budget reallocations instead. He suggested Heber City consider implementing a zero-based budget.

Jami Hewlett recalled that she had presented Council with five or ten things at the previous meeting that she had expected to get answers to and had not. She had asked that each Council Member propose five budget-cut options. She was also concerned with the proposed density for the Blue-sign annexation, that there should be 10 acres of parks per thousand people that she was not seeing, and the increased density from the annexation traffic funneling onto a busy highway.

Ms. Hewlett questioned whether UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) was okay with the City's plan as she felt safety was a real concern. She was also having a hard time hearing the comments online and asked that the City focus more on where the sound mattered.

Todd Bay was a 30-year resident of Heber City and was raising six children in the Valley. He expressed concern with the proposed tax increase and asked if the City was wearing suspenders while he was being asked to tighten his belt. He hoped the Council would say no to the tax increase.

The Public Comment period was closed at 7:20 p.m.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. General Public Safety Update (Parker Sever, Chief of Police) - 15 min

Chief of Police Parker Sever provided an update on the improvements to the Animal Shelter. He shared that K-9 officer Bane and his Patrol Officer were currently attending patrol school and were expected to graduate soon. The department had also obtained another dog named Copper, a Bavarian Mountain Dog, that would be trained to track. This would be helpful with missing children who wandered off. Copper would also be able to roam freely at the Police Department and offer moral support the officers and staff. Copper had been paid for by private donations.

Chief Sever wished to clarify what Flock cameras could and could not do. He explained that the license plate image capturing systems did not track people but vehicles by license plates. The technology had been around since 1977 and had become mainstream in the early 2010s. He described that the program captured tens of thousands of images a day but was utilized when a crime, such as a hit-and-run, took place and the program could be searched for a specific vehicle to help solve the case. Locally, it had been utilized to help locate missing persons and murder suspects, and had been used to stop two major theft rings.

Chief Sever explained the program did not capture images of drivers, provide immigration status, or vehicle registration or insurance information. He acknowledged that any program had the potential for misuse but that there were several mechanisms in place to prevent it as much as possible, including an auditing program. He continued to list the security and benefits of the Flock system. He felt it had been a valuable tool for solving crimes and that without it, there would be many more unsolved crimes. Several Officers had expressed appreciation for the system as a valuable crime-solving tool. Council discussed privacy concerns that had been communicated by citizens, whether to invite a Flock representative to a future Council Meeting, and how to best provide the facts of the program to the community.

2. Finch Creek MDA Amendment (Denna Woodbury, Planning Consultant) - 25 *min*

Planning Consultant Denna Woodbury presented information for the proposed amendments to the Finch Creek MDA (Master Development Agreement).

The proposed amendments were due to a new road alignment requested by UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation) and would reduce the number of units from 127 to 108 as well as remove the originally agreed upon commercial units. She listed the additional changes as outlined in the attached Staff Report. There were certain requirements in the original agreement that the developer would not be able to meet with the new concept design. The Planning Commission had held a Public Hearing, reviewed the proposed amendment, and forwarded a positive recommendation to Council. Council discussed the proposed changes to the development, design, parking, affordable housing requirements, road alignment, and traffic.

Project representative Justin Keyes answered Council questions and provided clarification. The plan included piping the McDonald ditch to keep it flowing.

3. Discuss the Tava-Highlands Public Infrastructure District (PID) (Tony Kohler, Community Development Director, Max Martin) - 30 *min*

Community Development Director Tony Kohler stated that the Tava-Highlands PID (Public Infrastructure District) had been through the required Public Hearing process and Council had approved the necessary Resolution. Part of the City's PID policy was that the applicant dedicate 10% of the PID value to public amenities.

Max Martin, project representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation as included in the meeting materials, explaining the function of a PID and the benefits to homebuyers. A PID was a financing tool that helped with development infrastructure allowing developers to offer lower prices for home-buyers. Mr. Martin's presentation covered the intention to apply the required 10% amenity funds for College Way road improvements as well as improvements to Highland Park and the dog park.

Mayor Franco expressed her preference that the money be redirected to help fund the proposed art center rather than road and park improvements. Council discussed the status of the proposed art center and additional details of a PID.

Curtis Lowe, with DR Horton, explained that the agreement with the City very specifically outlined the timeline for the affordable units to come online.

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

1. Finance Director Statement of Proposed Property Tax Increase and Presentation of the Proposed Property Tax Impact Schedule (Sara Nagel, Finance Director) - *10 min*

Finance Director Sara Nagel read the Finance Director Statement of Proposed Property Tax Increase as required by the State Code and included in the meeting materials. She explained the purpose of the statement was for increased transparency with the public.

Mayor Franco opened the discussion for public comment.

Council Member Barney shared a comment submitted by Kimberly Montoya against raising the tax rate. Ms. Montoya proposed that the Council return to the drawing board to find where budget cuts could be implemented.

Jami Hewlett was under the impression that the questions she had asked in the last meeting would be answered during that evening's meeting. Mayor Franco responded that the questions had been addressed at the time and reviewed her notes in answer to the questions. Ms. Hewlett wanted each of the Council Members to list five budget items each would cut.

Former City Council Member Scott Phillips acknowledged the complexity of the City Budget and the many funds therein. He noted that pushing a vehicle purchase to the following year only postponed a necessary expenditure. He supported fiscal responsibility and felt that the proposed tax increase was intended to maintain fiscal responsibility by the City.

Jenna Strom recalled that the Mayor had intended to follow-up on whose responsibility it was to collect the unpaid developer taxes. City Manager Matt Brower explained that delinquent taxes were collected by the County and distributed to the City. The City that was not responsible for collecting taxes, however, it did include a line-item in the budget for the projected collection of delinquent property taxes. Ms. Strom felt there needed to be more transparency regarding the amount of delinquent property taxes collected by the City to maintain the budget. Council Member Cheatwood compared it to him being asked to address his neighbors weed problem when it should be the neighbor who was addressed about the situation. City Attorney Jeremy Cook observed, that in his experience, the monetary amount collected by cities in delinquent property taxes did not generally fluctuate much. Council Member Johnston shared the actuality of delinquent property taxes: property owners were not permitted to record a plat that was delinquent on property taxes; most of the properties were agricultural land or undeveloped land of very little value; and the City would always get paid what it was owed eventually.

2. Resolution 2026-18 Adopting A Certified Tax Rate For Fiscal Year 2027 (Sara Nagel, Finance Director) - 30 min

Heber City Finance Director Sara Nagel outlined the City's preceding efforts to provide transparency to the public throughout the Truth-in-Taxation process. She reviewed the annual financial impact on households based on home-value if the tax increase were to be approved.

Mayor Franco asked that the Council consider a lower tax increase based on the dividend received by Heber Light and Power (HL&P), which would go towards the budget dollar-amount increase the City needed. She felt the Council could divide the purchase of new vehicles requested to spread the cost over the years. She suggested those two modifications would eliminate the need for a property tax increase.

Council Member Johnston pointed out the deficit caused by the lack of dividends received by HL&P over the past four years. He suggested that the tax-payers write their members of congress to address the real problems, such as the war with Iran and the tariffs everyone was paying for, citing these as the real impact to taxpayers pocketbooks rather than the approximate \$16.00 per year being proposed by Heber City. He felt there was no fluff in the budget proposed for Heber City. He cited property tax valuations from multiple homes in Heber City whose tax-rate had decreased in the past year by far more than the average \$16.00 tax increase proposed by Heber City. He provided examples from Red Ledges, noting how much more the home-owners there would pay for the tax increase with their significantly higher home values. He reminded everyone that Heber City provided roads plowed and maintained, parks taken care of, as well as the cemetery and the administration buildings, judicial administrative, IT, Public Works, for the most insignificant amount of tax on the record. He felt deferring the tax increase would cost more down the road.

Council Member Cheatwood reiterated the wisdom of smaller, incremental tax increases, that was less of an impact on tax-payers, rather than postponing a tax increase and having to implement a higher rate that would be a much more drastic impact on tax-payers.

Motion: Council Member Barney moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

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

Voting No: None.

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

Council Member Barney had been approached by a senior resident who was living off of social security. The resident had acknowledged that a 4.8% tax increase might not affect many residents but said it was everything to her budget. Council Member Barney

asked the Council to be mindful and put policy into place. She recognized the need for incremental tax increases to keep up with the cost of living and inflation but hoped the tax increases would not get away from the City.

Mayor Franco opened the public comment period at 10:02 p.m.

Scott Phillips noted that everyone would like to see a lower power bill rather than to have Heber City receive a dividend.

Jami Hewlett explained that that home she had purchased for \$100,000.00 was now worth \$900,000.00 and she was paying the increased property tax based on the increased value of her home. She said that in California, the property tax was based on the original purchase price and never went up. Therefore, homes were passed from generation to generation to avoid increasing the property tax. It was less to rent in California than to buy a home. She said that people could not afford their homes due to the increased cost of taxes, and utilities, and rising insurance rates, not because of the mortgage.

Jenna Strom expressed appreciation for Council Member Mike Johnston's comments but hoped the Council would consider other means of cutting the budget as previously discussed.

Council Member Johnston reiterated the minimal impact that the proposed property tax increase would have on the average home-owner. He provided the analogy of stepping over a dollar to pick up a dime. He listed alternate methods of collecting the money needed to run the City properly, but felt the proposed tax increase was the most fair and reasonable option.

Council Member Cheatwood proposed a slightly lower increase of 2% per year for the last two years for a total increase of 4%. He felt the HL&P dividend could make up the difference. Council Member Johnston felt the HL&P dividend should go to replenish the City's reserve fund. Council Member Barney proposed that the Council could increase to 4.2% to lessen the impact on the taxpayers.

Motion: Council Member Barney moved to approve Resolution 2026-18 adopting a 4.2% certified tax rate instead of 4.8%, based on the HL&P dividend.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Member Barney, Council Member Cheatwood, Council Member Johnston, Council Member Ostergaard, Council Member Murdock.

Voting No: None.

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

3. Resolution 2026-20 Adopting Fiscal Year Final 2027 Budget Including Heber City CRA (Sara Nagel, Finance Director) - 30 min

Finance Director Sara Nagel presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Final Budget as found in the meeting materials. She informed Council and the public that the online budget book contained more extensive details, but had been too expansive to be presented comprehensively during the meeting.

Mayor Franco asked for clarification of the dollar amount in the CRA Fund. The correct amount for the CRA fund was \$370,000.00.

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

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood moved to approve resolution 2026-20 adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 with the change that reflected that the certified tax rate was only approved at 4.2 percent instead of 4.8 percent and direct staff to make up the delta in that funding by adjusting all of the proportional revenues throughout the rest of the budget as was described during the last meeting.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Member Barney, Council Member Cheatwood, Council Member Johnston, Council Member Ostergaard, Council Member Murdock.

Voting No: None.

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

4. Resolution 2026-19 Property Tax Abatement (Heidi Franco, Mayor) - 20 min

Council Member Cheatwood said he felt the proposed resolution was fantastic but did not agree with the funding source. He felt Council should find a place in the budget for the senior assistance and make it part of the process.

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood made the motion to continue the agenda item to the next City Council Meeting.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

Discussion: Mayor Franco felt it was important for the senior residents to know there was assistance coming from the City considering the property tax increase that had been approved that evening. Council Member Ostergaard felt it was important for the City to consider the other demographics that needed assistance as well and not focus solely on the senior demographic in need. He wished to proceed more cautiously. Mayor Franco noted that Heber City would be the first City in the State to offer such assistance but felt that fact did not lessen the need. She noted the unique situation of Heber City. She was concerned that by continuing to postpone the approval of the program that the assistance would not come through in time for the seniors. Council Member Barney proposed the Council proceed with what the Mayor had proposed and in 2027, the Council could look into an alternate funding source and expanding the demographic. She proposed Council approve it as a pilot program for a year only. Council Member Johnston expressed his compassion for the elderly but felt the program should be extended to all that needed it. He recognized the situation in Heber City where all homeowners were house-rich but many were cash-poor. He felt the

monetary assistance from the City should be repaid upon the sale of the home to be recirculated within the program.

Second Motion on the Floor: Council Member Barney moved to approve Resolution 2026-19 to accept the Property Tax Abatement program with the change of setting an \$80,000.00 cap for a one-year beta pilot program.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the Second.

Voting Yes: Council Member Barney, Council Member Cheatwood.

Voting No: Council Member Johnston, Council Member Ostergaard, Council Member Murdock.

The **Motion Failed, 3-2.**

Voting on the first motion to continue: Voting Yes: Council Member Barney, Council Member Cheatwood, Council Member Johnston, Council Member Ostergaard, Council Member Murdock.

Voting No: None.

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

City Manager Matt Brower reminded Council that the meeting bylaws stipulated that Council Meetings could not be extended past the hour of 10:30 p.m.

X. COMMUNICATION:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Council Member Barney moved to adjourn.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

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

Voting No: None.

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

The Heber City Council Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Trina Cooke, City Recorder