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**Date:** 24 April 2025

**To:**

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**From:** Brad Wilson, City Recorder

**RE:** Minutes of the 15 April 2025 City Council Work Meeting

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Please note that the following minutes await formal approval and are in draft or unapproved form.

# **MINUTES OF THE MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL**

## **(Work Meeting)**

**Tuesday, 15 April 2025, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Midway Community Center, Council Chambers**  
**160 West Main Street, Midway, Utah**

**Note:** Notices/agendas were posted at 7-Eleven, The Market Express, the United States Post Office, the Midway City Office Building, and the Midway Community Center. Notices/agendas were provided to the Mayor, City Council, City Engineer, City Attorney, Planning Director, and The Wasatch Wave. The public notice/agenda was published on the Utah State Public Notice Website and on the City's website. A copy of the public notice/agenda is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

### **1. Call to Order**

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### **Members Present**

Celeste Johnson, Mayor  
Jeff Drury, Council Member  
Kevin Payne, Council Member (Participated electronically)  
Craig Simons, Council Member  
JC Simonsen, Council Member

#### **Staff Present**

Corbin Gordon, City Attorney  
Michael Henke, City Planning Director  
Wes Johnson, City Engineer  
Katie Villani, City Planner  
Brad Wilson, City Recorder

#### **Members Excused**

Lisa Orme, Council Member

**Note:** A copy of the meeting roll is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

### **2. Heber Valley Corridor / Update** (Craig Hancock, UDOT Design Manager – Approximately 60 minutes) – Receive and discuss an update of the Heber Valley Corridor (Heber bypass road).

Craig Hancock and Naomi Kisen with UDOT answered questions regarding a signal light at Main Street at River Road and widening State Highway 189. They reviewed the following items regarding the proposed Heber Valley Corridor:

- Alternatives with the draft environmental impact statement.
- Purpose and need
- Traffic model updates
- Level 1 screening results

- Free flow versus at grade alternatives
- Comparison with Bangerter Highway and University Boulevard
- Visual impact
- Pictures of free flow highways
- Level 2 screening results
- Wetlands and historic resources

They also made the following comments:

- The signal light was close to being advertised for bids. Hoped that the project would be done that year, but it might run into 2026
- The widening project could take a year to 18 months to complete.
- Two of the corridor alternatives included free flowing traffic.
- Semi-trucks could not be blocked from using Heber Main Street.
- UDOT had strict policies on artwork with projects.
- Underpasses would not be used with the corridor because of groundwater, maintenance, and their higher cost.
- There would be a signal light at the interchange with Midway Lane.
- Option A would include frontage roads. It would have the most impact on houses and businesses. It would also have the widest cross-section.
- Option B would only have frontage roads after it reconnected with the north section of the current highway. It would have the most impact on wetlands. It would also have the lowest travel times.
- None of the alternatives would eliminate any portion of Highway 189 as had been previously suggested.
- UDOT had to mitigate the land that it took for the project including portions of the Heber Valley Special Service District's sewer farm. It would have to understand and discuss the impacts with the landowners.
- Frontage roads would be incorporated into existing roads when possible.
- The United States Army Corp of Engineers had a large workload and prioritized permit requests. Hopefully, it could review the corridor's impacts that summer.
- Speed limits would be between 45, 55 and 65 mph.

**Note:** A copy of the presentation is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

The Council, staff, and meeting attendees discussed the following items:

- River Road would remain open during the signal light project.
- The corridor project should look less industrial.

### **3. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Celeste Johnson, Mayor

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Brad Wilson, Recorder

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