



Midway
C.A.R.E.S.

Memo

Date: March 17, 2026
To: Mayor, Council, and Staff
Cc:
From: Brad Wilson, City Recorder
RE: Minutes of the March 6, 2026 City Council Regular Meeting

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

**MINUTES OF THE
MIDWAY CITY COUNCIL
(Meeting)**

**Friday, March 6, 2026, 12:00 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, and Planning Director. 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 Simons called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Members Present

Craig Simons, Mayor
Andy Garland, Council Member
Lisa Orme, Council Member
Andrew Osborn, Council Member (Arrived
at 12:05 p.m.)
Kevin Payne, Council Member
JC Simonsen, Council Member

Staff Present

Michael Henke, Planning Director
Brad Wilson, Recorder

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

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda for the March 6, 2026 City Council Meeting

Note: A copy of item 2a is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

Motion: Council Member Garland moved to approve the consent agenda.

Second: Council Member Simonsen seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

3. Heber Valley Corridor / Letter Supporting Route B (Erik Rowland, Wasatch County Council Member – Approximately 60 minutes) – Discuss and possibly endorse a letter supporting Route B for the Heber Valley Corridor (bypass road).

Erik Rowland, Wasatch County Council Member, gave a presentation regarding the proposed letter and reviewed the following items:

- Unity and cooperation
- Routes
- Purpose and context
- Alternate solution
- Supporting record
- Community priorities
- Recommendation
- Water quality
- Historic preservation
- Open space & conservation easements
- Aquatic resources
- Working lands
- Consolidating infrastructure within an existing corridor
- Local connectivity
- Pedestrian safety
- Walkability & community connectivity
- Closing summary

Council Member Rowland also made the following comments:

- Was grateful to the Council for accommodating his request to meet.
- The County Council reviewed the corridor route chosen by UDOT.
- A letter with comments and thoughts about the route had been suggested.
- The letter would not have legal weight.
- Did not want to be adversarial.
- Did not want to shut down the project.
- Wanted to provide feedback.
- Recommended that Route B be realigned.
- Local leaders might be able to help with solutions.
- UDOT indicated that comments to them were effective. They were obligated to respond to each comment.
- Unfortunately, the most effective change happened through the court system.
- Made some changes to the draft letter after it was submitted to the Midway City Council. The map had been removed because it gave the impression that it had been studied and was final.
- The realigned route would run close to Hwy 40 but not parallel to it.

- All members of the County Council supported the alternate route. Three of the six Heber City council members supported it.
- Was asking UDOT to help everyone understand their decision.
- UDOT would close Southfield Road as part of their decision.
- UDOT needed to work with the North Fields Irrigation Company. Easements would be needed to help the farmers with irrigation, etc.
- Would wait for indicators from UDOT once the letter had been submitted and the comment period concluded. Did not know how long UDOT had to respond.
- Fact-based comments were the most effective.
- Thought that the corridor would be built after the Olympics.
- The letter needed to be signed and submitted that Monday.

Note: A copy of Council Member Rowland's presentation is contained in the supplemental file for the meeting.

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

- Maps were useful.
- The most influence would come through unity.
- An elevated highway would eliminate the rural atmosphere of the area.
- The bypass should instead be an alternate route which would create additional circulation. This change of thinking might eliminate an elevated highway.
- 70% of the traffic on Heber Main Street was to and from local residences.
- The new high school would reduce traffic on Heber Main Street.
- GIS would direct drivers along the route of least friction.
- Preserving the aquifer in the north fields was crucial and should be the top priority.
- Doing the right thing was important even if it caused delays.
- After the bypass was constructed, the aquifer under the north fields might still produce water but it might not be drinkable.
- Most of the population and development was on the east side of Heber Main Street. All those people would use Heber Main Street.
- There were no degrees in rural planning.
- Collectively officials and residents had a voice.
- Midway had a good relationship with UDOT
- The letter was solution-based and showed that the necessary homework had been done.

Motion: Council Member Simonsen moved to support the letter as presented and have each council member sign it.

Discussion: Council Member Garland asked for some time to review the letter. Mayor Simons indicated that public comment would be allowed while the council reviewed the letter.

Tracy Taylor made the following comments:

- UDOT had already funded several projects which were not related to the corridor.

- UDOT hoped to have the final environmental impact statement by the summer of that year.

Courtland Nelson, Midway Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, made the following comments:

- Spoke with Heber City officials and encouraged them to partner with Midway's officials.
- An east west proposal needed to be considered.
- Other communities faced the same issue and had some good ideas.

Linda Middleton reviewed a letter from The Friends of Heber Valley, a pasture guide, and rules for scenic roads. She made the following comments:

- Lived near Southfields Road.
- Was a member of The Friends of Heber Valley.
- Had stamped envelopes that could be used to send comments to UDOT.
- Was concerned that construction of the corridor would affect aquifers.
- Would a wildlife bridge be needed?
- The communities needed to work together.

Second: Council Member Garland seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion was approved with the Council voting as follows:

Council Member Garland	Aye
Council Member Orme	Aye
Council Member Osborne	Aye
Council Member Payne	Aye
Council Member Simonsen	Aye

4. Adjournment

Motion: Council Member Orme moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Craig Simons, Mayor

Brad Wilson, Recorder