

## FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 16, 2024

### WORK SESSION

Present:

*Mayor Brett Anderson,  
City Manager Brigham Mellor,  
Councilmember Roger Child,  
Councilmember Melissa Layton,  
Councilmember Amy Shumway,  
City Attorney Paul Roberts,  
Recording Secretary Deanne Chaston,  
Community Development Director Dave  
Petersen,*

*Assistant Community Development  
Director/City Planner Lyle Gibson,  
City Planner/GIS Specialist Shannon  
Hansell,  
Finance Director Greg Davis,  
Accountant Kyle Robertson,  
City Lobbyist Eric Isom, and  
Recreation Coordinator Taylor Jensen.*

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the work session to order at 6:04 p.m. Councilmembers **Scott Isaacson** and **Alex Leeman**, as well as City Reorder **DeAnn Carlile**, were excused.

### **RECREATION SPONSORSHIP BANNER DISCUSSION**

Recreation Coordinator/Assistant Gym Manager **Taylor Jensen** addressed the Council. He presented an idea for a paid bannership tiered sponsor program. The banners would be placed around the ball field between March and November and inside the gym, with \$500 or \$750 options. He said Farmington businesses would find \$62.50 a month in advertising expenses worth it, and judging from the traffic in the first week, the interest is there. It is an easy and inexpensive way to advertise. This could be a passive income revenue source for the City. The City would have the mesh or vinyl banners made up, and they would measure 4 feet by 8 feet.

**Jensen** said he is staying away from those businesses already advertising with **Tia Uzelac** for performing arts. He would like to go after new businesses such as Warrior Gymnastics, insurance agents, dentists offices, etc., who need to get their name out in the public. Farmington does not necessarily want to allow their own competition to advertise, and the City would prohibit profanities and items that go against community values. He would have the ultimate say on who is allowed to advertise as well as the content of the banners. He plans to report back to the Council after attempting this for a year.

### **LEGISLATIVE SESSION PREVIEW WITH REPRESENTATIVES STEWART BARLOW AND PAUL CUTLER**

On the first day of the Utah State Legislative Session, Representatives **Stewart Barlow** and **Paul Cutler** addressed the Council. **Cutler** said 20 bills that had been studied in the interim were passed earlier that day. Kaysville, Bountiful, and Centerville are worried about government overreach regarding affordable housing.

He handed out a brochure that contained the official priorities of the House Majority Caucus, or what bills should be supporting. These include the Great Salt Lake and water conservation.

**Barlow** said the general plan on the Great Salt Lake was recently released, but he hasn't seen it yet. **Cutler** said a lot of policies have been enacted in the last three to four years, but that is not

enough time to have an impact yet. One example is no longer having “use-it-or-lose-it” water rights.

Energy is going to be an area of concern, especially for cities like Kaysville that have their own municipal power. Intermountain Power Plant may have to turn off their coal and turn on natural gas. Many want to preserve the legacy power in order to generate power with coal. There is a concern among State leaders that they don’t want Utah to end up like California. They are worried they will take away existing resources and not have something new to replace it with. They want some energy independence.

**Mayor Brett Anderson** has said that he hears statistics touting that Utah is top in business growth and population increase. However, this may not be a great thing. **Cutler** said it may be necessary to tone down economic development incentives. Utah needs to not just bring additional jobs to the state, but bring the right jobs. Councilmember **Amy Shumway** said Farmington may need news businesses to fill its future business park.

**Barlow** said dealing with two years of 20% to 30% growth is not something we are familiar with. It is likely something he won’t see again in his lifetime. He hopes rainy day funds can be used slowly over time instead of all at once.

**Cutler** said water and housing are becoming the limiting factors for growth. Utah is building a lot of large homes, not starter homes. **Mayor Anderson** said big corporations like Berkshire Hathaway are buying up all the houses, and Utah needs to find a way to stop that. **Cutler** agreed, saying 27% of real estate sales are to investors who want to rent the property out, while 7% are to groups that hold 10 or more properties. Do you keep people from buying a second home and renting it out in a resort location? The question is where to draw the line. Typically when a Limited Liability Company (LLC) buys a home, it is to hide the people behind the LLC. He expects to see bills that address this issue, but he hasn’t seen anything that can really stop certain people from buying real estate. **Mayor Anderson** said many people are now becoming long-term renters instead of owners.

**Cutler** asked how to counteract this without being a big government solution. Representative **Ray Ward** has come up with a bill that says if a city has zoned an area residential, then it must allow up to eight lots per acre for single, detached, owner-occupied homes sold below the median home price in a given community. Utah has lost a lot of density in some areas, and the State wants to incentivize owner-occupied homes at a lower cost. If municipalities meet a certain criteria, they can’t put other restrictions like large set backs on the property. This could be seen as an overreach on local zoning authority. **Cutler** would like to know if there is a compromise that can be reached with less regulation and less steps, that also allows permitted starter homes.

City Manager **Brigham Mellor** said that according to the Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah has 100,000 units that have been entitled but not built. Farmington is also in a similar position. North of Station Park, Farmington could have 5,000 units—both multifamily and some dense townhomes at about 15 units per acre. However, they still haven’t broken ground yet because of market uncertainty and the high costs of both labor and material. He said we have been counting on a recession since 2018, but it still hasn’t happened yet. Costs need to come down, but they just haven’t yet. He worries that might be too much government overreach that gives too much pause. Farmington is not opposed to density. The Mayor and City Council have gone out on a limb to create more housing in the community where it makes sense, which is next

to transit and freeway access. Farmington has lots of entitled housing types, but they are not coming out of the ground because it is not yet profitable. **Cutler** would like to find a way to incentivize lower-cost starter homes.

Councilmember **Roger Child** mentioned that it is almost impossible to qualify for Governor **Spencer Cox**'s plan for first-time homebuyers in Farmington. It offers financing assistance of \$20,000 for a down payment. **Cutler** said it is a loan that must be paid back when the home is later sold. It has to be a new build less than \$450,000, and not many homes—existing or new—in Farmington would qualify. It would only work in areas where land is cheaper.

**Child** said Utah Housing used to have down payment assistance where financing was obtained at a lower interest rate. That saved a lot of people money 30 years ago. He does like the concept the State is pushing about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). The State of California passed laws where ADUs can be sold off, and your single-family structure can be split into two and condominiumized. The ADU can be sold off with an agreement accommodating for utilities. It is kind of creative as it is a big play to build an ADU and sell it off. Community Development Director **Dave Petersen** said the Planning Commission is already pursuing this.

**Child** said he doesn't know where the tiny home movement best fits, but he likes the idea. It is a movement that is similar to fancy mobile homes/trailers that would need tight controls. In Utah, the building codes are built around single-family residential. For example, there is a certain clearance of rise/runs for steps that would need to be modified. It would be nice to get a state code adaptable to different building types. Utah has no building codes that address container homes that are made off site and moved into the City. It would have to be torn apart for the city inspector to see the framing, electrical and plumbing. Utah needs to think outside of the box to address housing affordability. Steel structures such as "barndominiums" are a great solution that have not been well received as of yet. Costs need to be brought down, and contractors are hungry now because nobody is building. Bids have come down 50% in some cases compared to two to three years ago, mostly in labor. It would be nice to get building materials to match the recent reduction in labor.

**Petersen** asked what has happened to condominiums anymore, which is how first-time homebuyers used to get their start. The problem is that Homeowner's Associations (HOAs) are a risk, as the laws allow people to go after the property manager of an HOA. Condos have fallen out of favor financially. **Child** said California has an interesting concept that changes the rules; if a unit has four or fewer condos, it would not have to have an HOA. ADUs could be "condominiumized" without a need for an HOA.

City Lobbyist **Eric Isom** said Representative **Stephen Whyte** was considering allowing a third-party inspection for container homes. Senator **Lincoln Fillmore** is looking at something similar. He asked how property taxes would be assessed for ADUs. **Child** said the condo has a separate Assessor's Parcel Number (APN), so it would be assessed separately.

**Cutler** said if a developer is willing to develop an area with starter homes—and the definition is agreed upon—that he would like to see the State help fund sewer, roads, and infrastructure to support those homes. He would like it to work on a larger scale, not for in-fill development. Money could be placed into an infrastructure bank to encourage the development of smaller homes. The challenge is incentivizing developers to build a smaller product, as average home sizes are now trending downward.

**Child** said the more that money gets spent on freeway, the more sprawl is encouraged, although encouraging density is not necessarily a bad thing. **Cutler** would like to find a way to encourage ownership within density. Statistics show that wealth is 20% higher if an individual had previously been a home owner. Therefore, homeownership builds wealth within a society. **Child** mentioned that his son-in-law is a fireman/paramedic in Clinton, and the only house he can afford is in Evanston, Wyoming. Communities should find a way to house first responders and school teachers within their own communities. California requires a certain percentage of development to be significantly discounted for those classified as essential employees. **Barlow** said he has seen some cities decide to cover a good chunk of home purchases for police and firemen in their community, and this becomes a huge draw to be employed at certain cities. Cities should want police and firemen to work where they live. If they travel outside the community, it defeats the purpose.

**Cutler** said for the first time in many years, Utah has fewer K-12 students enrolled than last year. School resources are having to be shifted from areas where schools are closing to areas that are growing and building new schools.

High quality fiber infrastructure is important and helps with clean air, since it enables people to work from home and drive less. In 2004, when **Cutler** voted for Utopia as a Centerville City Councilmember, it was a good idea that was not then ready to be implemented. Since 2011, they have had some success. However, the Utah Taxpayers Association does not like Utopia. It is a better option for private companies to make the investment, and cities should try to bring competition to that market. Farmington is fortunate to have All West ready to build fiber infrastructure without the City having to deal with a municipal network.

**Mayor Anderson** mentioned that there is a movement to place a representative from the billboard industry on the scenic byway board. Scenic byways typically haven't had billboards. Senate Bill 28 seems counterintuitive and a way to erode the true intention. **Shumway** said she would rather have a local committee formed to decide how to spend federal money. She would like to kill Line 233 that leaves such decisions up to the board. **Cutler** said Utah has a large share of billboards compared to other places. He asked about Lagoon's electronic billboard on the West Davis Corridor. **Mayor Anderson** said Lagoon is waiting on the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), who is required to replace any signs that they demolish. Lagoon is offering Farmington use of the new electronic sign, and there is an effort to find a win-win solution by moving it north.

**Cutler** said Utah has been designated as a noncontainment area for ozone and PM2.5 pollution. If the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) doesn't like what Utah is doing to get it in attainment, new transportation projects may not be funded. This could impact the Interstate 15 widening project. There will be an increased effort to improve the state's air quality.

**Mayor Anderson** asked about the Utah Transit Authority's (UTA) version of Uber. **Cutler** said UTA needs to operate more efficiently before the State gives them more money. There is some skepticism about if UTA is able to do what they should be doing. **Mayor Anderson** said that for the price of UTA programs and the number of users that use them, it would be cheaper to buy all users a car instead. **Cutler** said Utah needs to do more for transit, but they haven't figure out how to do it well. **Barlow** said he can't think of one large city with a major train or bus transit option that is profitable. He wishes it was not the case, but Utah is going to have to subsidize UTA. **Shumway** said it is difficult to justify spending 1.5 hours on public transit to get to Provo

when she can drive her own vehicle there in one hour. **Cutler** said offering free passes to college students and some employers is increasing ridership dramatically recently.

**Child** said Utah is 75% state or federally owned. **Cutler** would like to see public land traded for land that is buildable. Because there is so much public land, there is not enough private land to build on. This could be one solution to housing affordability. United States Senator **Mike Lee** had a bill addressing this, but there was no chance that it was going to pass.

## **REGULAR SESSION**

Present:

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City Manager Brigham Mellor,  
Councilmember Roger Child,  
Councilmember Melissa Layton,  
Councilmember Amy Shumway,  
City Attorney Paul Roberts,  
Recording Secretary Deanne Chaston,  
Community Development Director Dave Petersen,*

*Assistant Community Development  
Director/City Planner Lyle Gibson,  
Finance Director Greg Davis,  
Accountant Kyle Robertson,  
Youth City Council Advisor Emme Paget,  
and Youth City Councilmembers Claire  
Crockett and Amelia Smith.*

## **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Councilmembers **Scott Isaacson** and **Alex Leeman**, as well as **City Reorder DeAnn Carlile**, were excused.

## **Roll Call (Opening Comments/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance)**

Councilmember **Melissa Layton** offered the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember **Roger Child**.

## **PRESENTATION:**

### **YOUTH CITY COUNCIL 2023 OVERVIEW**

Farmington Youth City Council Advisor **Emme Paget** addressed the Council. Last year the Youth City Council (YCC) had 10 applicants. This year they had 38, with interviews coming up February 1, 2024. They have three committees including public safety, administration, and public works/parks and recreation. The YCC members participate in three activities per quarter per committee. Their motto is “We’re All about the Service.”

In the public safety committee, the youth did mock trainings with the fire and police. They heard how the departments prepare and train for a mass shooting including evacuation and securing the scene so it is safe for paramedics and EMTs. They toured the fire station, rode on large fire trucks, and operated the ladder on the ladder truck. They also toured the police station and interacted with the K9 unit.

In the administration committee, the youth participated in mock court trials with the City Attorney to learn how government works. They also participated in a mock budget and planning meeting with the City Finance Director and Accountant. They learned what the City pays for and

what residents pay for, while also setting up their own financial priorities. They toured new development and the business park with the City Engineer. They are excited about the new City park.

In the public works/parks and recreation committee, the youth learned how to operate excavators, navigated through a snow plow course, raced lawn mowers, toured the shop with all its equipment, and went on a watershed tour to learn how water is distributed throughout the whole City.

At the Christmas party, they collected 130 pounds of donations for the Bountiful Food Pantry and also built gingerbread houses. After **Mayor Anderson** had requested a more intense and meaningful YCC, as a past program participant, **Paget** really took the lead this year.

### **Recognition of Mike Plaizier and Erin Christensen for their Planning Commission service**

**Mayor Anderson** presented plaques to **Plaizier** and **Christensen**, thanking them for the many long nights they have spent at Commission meetings. It can be a thankless job, but it is important, as the Council relies heavily on the Commission's vetting, recommendations, and heavy lifting. **Plaizier** served for five years and **Christensen** served for three years.

### **Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Audit Report Review and Acceptance**

Finance Director **Greg Davis** presented this agenda item, which was the independent auditor firm's presentation regarding the City's ACFR for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and the auditor's audit report. Gilbert & Stewart, Certified Public Accountants, the City's independent auditor firm, has completed its annual audit of the City's financial records and financial statements.

Auditor **Ron Stewart** addressed the Council via Zoom. He said during his audit, he focused on three areas including the accuracy of financial statements, the effectiveness of internal controls, and compliance with State laws. He said Farmington's financial statements are materially correct.

To determine that, he had to confirm cash, investment, tax, and revenue balances. Random samples confirmed that controls are being followed. Invoices were pulled to make sure expenses were timed correctly. Farmington's math calculations on their statements are correct. They walked selected invoices from expense to financial statement, and also verified that payroll followed through. Farmington is in compliance with State law. In conclusion, he offered an unqualified opinion in his annual independent audit report, which is a clean opinion.

### **Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter #2 (12/31/2023) Financial Report**

Accountant **Kyle Robertson** presented this agenda item. December 31, 2023, marked the end of the second quarter for FY24. Three ongoing items were of note including: 1) Sales tax continues to come in lower than budgeted. The City has received four sales tax distributions (for July through October) as of December 31, 2023. Administration will continue to carefully monitor sales tax and other General Fund revenues. 2) Revenue from utility billings are on target to meet or exceed expectations for FY24. 3) Operating costs are on pace with budgeted amounts. Administration has no concerns regarding expenditures at this point.

Three one-time items were noteworthy: 1) The City received its final contribution (\$5.5 million) from the Davis County Council of Governments (COG) for the business park roads. The total amount received from the COG was \$12 million. The other \$6.5 million was received during FY23. 2) The City received the appropriated \$5.3 million for the business park roads from the State of Utah. 3) The City has not received the anticipated amount of impact fees due to the timing of projects.

**Robertson** said Farmington has spent 52%, or over half of their \$18.528 million budget, so far due to some seasonality of certain expenditures. November sales tax numbers will be provided to the City next week.

City Manager **Brigham Mellor** said according to the Police Department, the 2023 Christmas season was the busiest holiday season ever at Station Park. **Davis** said it will take until the end of February for Farmington to see the December sales tax revenue numbers that would verify this. **Shumway** noted that the interest earnings were a lot higher than anticipated. The next budget will be introduced to the Council at their retreat March 1.

**Mayor Anderson** told the Youth City Councilmembers that the City Council has to decide how to spend the money in the budget. For example, \$2.5 million is payroll for the Fire Departments. Priorities have to be determined about whether or not to build a swimming pool, or replace the 1938 water lines running under Main Street. **Davis** said a little under half of the City's revenue comes from sales tax. **Child** said it is concerning that impact fees have been nonexistent. **Davis** said this is due to the postponed timing of development projects, and he hopes it is just a delay.

## **BUSINESS:**

### **Zone Text Amendment – Lot Size Flexibility**

Assistant Community Development Director **Lyle Gibson** presented this agenda item. He hopes that the couple of projects coming this spring will help bring in impact fee revenue. Prior to 2021, Farmington's land use ordinances allowed flexibility of lot sizes in most residential areas. This would allow the same number of allowed units on the same acreage, but flexibility of the lot sizes. In 2021, the City passed a major moderate income housing ordinance. Additional lots could be approved if the developer provided open space. This is how Farmington got such an expansive trail and park system. Now that they have enough trails and parks, Farmington has shifted attention to moderate income housing and now offers bonus density for providing it. While writing the new ordinance that included moderate income housing as a way of getting bonus density, language providing flexibility in lot sizes was inadvertently scratched. This is a proposal to put it back, allowing developers the same flexibility in lot sizes that they had before. Any such requests would have to go through a legislative process. No opportunities have been missed so far.

**Gibson** said the Utah Legislature has asked cities to make the home development process more friendly in order to address housing needs. Farmington has since adopted a process to identify a conventional subdivision, or a development that meets the letter of the law that is not looking for any flexibility. Any deviation would have to come before the Council for approval. Nonconventional subdivisions where applicants are looking for flexibility would be exceptions and what Farmington will see the most of in the future.

**Gibson** said people will use the new language a lot in the old part of town where lots are narrow, deep, and difficult to split. Land could be divided and a new home added on the lot. In these cases, flag lots and frontage must be considered. The Planning Commission recommended to the Council the proposed changes offering flexibility and minimum lot sizes.

***Motion:***

**Layton** moved that the City Council adopt the enabling ordinance (enclosed in the Staff Report) approving the proposed changes to Titles 11 and 12.

Findings 1-4:

1. As proposed, the zone text amendments clarify conflicting provisions found in City code as currently adopted text.
2. The proposed changes reflect what Staff believes was the intended direction of the City Council in 2021 and is consistent with the recently approved process for subdivision review and approval.
3. The proposed text changes will allow flexibility for property owners to better make use of their land while maintaining the number of homes or lots anticipated by the zoning district.
4. As proposed, the zone text amendment removes barriers and additional process for the creation of moderate income housing.

**Shumway** seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Councilmember Roger Child	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Amy Shumway	X Aye	___	Nay

**Proposed City Council Meeting Invocation Policy**

City Attorney **Paul Roberts** presented this agenda item. The Council has a longstanding practice of beginning its meetings with an invocation, but currently has no formal process for those wishing to participate in the practice. **Mayor Anderson** has requested that the Council adopt a formal policy that provides members of the community with an avenue to request the opportunity to participate. The proposed policy adopts a process by which a person may make a request to give a Council meeting invocation, and establishes appropriate time limitations.

In this case, the invocation may not exceed two minutes in length, and participants are only permitted to give the invocation once every two years. In the absence of a community member giving the invocation, the Mayor may provide it or request that a member of the Council provide it. An invitee who fails to appear on their scheduled night more than once are ineligible to be placed on the agenda until two years have passed since their last missed appointment.

The policy does not prescribe the content of the invocation, nor does it require or ask for a preview of what is to be spoken. While the policy does request that the speaker show respect to all and not disparage others, it does not mandate it. Examples of expected invocations include: a prayer, supplication, reflective moment of silence, solemnizing message, praise, or thanksgiving. The proposed policy also limits eligible community members to either current residents of



Farmington, or individuals who represent or are employed by an organization located in Farmington.

**Mayor Anderson** said he liked the frequency and time limit mentioned in the policy, but noted that the City is not regulating content or deciding in advance who can or cannot pray. **Roberts** said the Council could set a policy that never allows anyone other than Councilmembers to pray. However, if they want to allow anyone else, they have to allow everyone.

***Motion:***

**Layton** moved that the City Council adopt the ordinance establishing the Farmington City Council Meeting Invocation Policy.

**Shumway** seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Councilmember Roger Child	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Amy Shumway	X Aye	___	Nay

**SUMMARY ACTION:**

**Minute Motion Approving Summary Action List**

The Council considered the Summary Action List including:

- Item 1: Managed Services Statement of Work (SOW) Agreement for IT Services with Premier Tech Partners. The recommended SOW agreement increases base support from 32 to 50 hours monthly. The new agreement also includes additional security features. The annual support cost increases from approximately \$80,000 (actual with overage in FY23) to approximately \$162,000 (assuming 50 hours monthly is sufficient). This doesn't include projects outside of the basic services.
- Item 2: Resolution appointing Councilmembers to various committees and boards:
  - Personnel/Problems Resolution Committee: Mayor Anderson, Alex Leeman, Amy Shumway
  - Special Events Liaisons: Mayor Anderson, Alex Leeman
  - Development Review Committee/Economic Development: Mayor Anderson, Scott Isaacson, Roger Child
  - Historic Preservation Liaison: Melissa Layton
  - Youth City Council Liaisons: Melissa Layton, Amy Shumway
  - Parks, Recreation, Arts and Trails Liaisons: Scott Isaacson, Melissa Layton
  - Fundraising Committee Liaison: Scott Isaacson
  - Community Council Liaisons: Mayor Anderson, Scott Isaacson
  - Farmington City representative to the Davis Chamber of Commerce: Roger Child
  - Farmington City representatives to the Utah League of Cities & Towns: Mayor Anderson, Amy Shumway, and David Petersen
  - Davis County Mosquito Abatement Board (January 2024 through December 2025): Scott Isaacson
  - Wasatch Integrated waste Board (January 2024 through December 2025): Mayor Anderson

- Mayor Pro Tempore (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025): Alex Leeman
- The focus assignments will be changed after the retreat, where this will be an agenda item. **Layton** said it gives Councilmembers a lot more information in order to help them with their Council duties.
- Item 3: Amendments to the Farmington Youth City Council (FYCC) bylaws and governing code. **Shumway** mentioned some things that need to be struck including the part where two officers, their duties, appointments, and chairs of publicity are mentioned on page 49.
- Item 4: Approval of minutes for January 2, 2024.

***Motion:***

**Child** moved to approve the Summary Action list items as noted in the Staff Report, with **Shumway**'s change as noted.

**Layton** seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Councilmember Roger Child	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Amy Shumway	X Aye	___	Nay

**GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:**

**City Manager Report**

**Mellor** reminded Councilmembers about their annual retreat March 1-2, 2024, at Zermatt, the shootout in April at the Bountiful shooting range, as well as meeting the legislature for lunch. **Robertson** and Planning and GIS Specialist **Shannon Hansell** will also be attending the retreat, as they are both on the budget committee, and the retreat is seen as kicking off the budget process. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is excited get out of the deal regarding the parking lot at the FrontRunner Station. It will be put out for Request for Proposals (RFP), and CenterCal wants to submit an RFP. Several different scenarios such as housing with a parking structure at the bottom have been contemplated there. Since Farmington will help pay for the parking structure, the City gets somewhat of a say. **Mellor** said this is one opportunity to do something next to the TRAX station that involves low income tax credits, but the whole project doesn't necessarily have to be low income housing.

**Mayor Anderson and City Council Reports**

**Layton** said she attended the opening of the West Davis Corridor, which was enjoyable. She also commented on her appreciation for the snow plow drivers lately.

**Shumway** said she called Davis County Commissioner **Randy Elliott** to make him aware of Line 233 in Senate Bill 28 regarding billboards. She is afraid this is one that could go under the radar and get approved. She would like to send something out making area mayors aware of the issue. **Mayor Anderson** said the issue could be raised in the COG. Billboard companies should not be considered stakeholders, and it doesn't make sense to call them that on a board or committee. **Mellor** said Farmington's greatest weapon is Community Development Director **Dave Petersen**. Once a scenic byway was designated, a previous group disbanded. But this will get people rallied up again.

**Child** said the Christmas party was awesome. As the Council proceeds with setting the budget, he wanted to bring up that inflation has hit the police and fire employees hard. He and **Shumway** recently met with Lagoon to talk about the Main Street Historic District, and they weren't willing to commit to anything. Although it was a good conversation, there is still a little ways to go.

**Mayor Anderson** said people are willing to donate to the utility foundation, but they still don't see a place to opt in in order to do so. **Mellor** said the system has had some issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Motion:***

**Child** made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

**Shumway** seconded the motion. All Council members voted in favor, as there was no opposing vote.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Councilmember Scott Isaacson	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Roger Child	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Melissa Layton	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Alex Leeman	X Aye	___	Nay
Councilmember Amy Shumway	X Aye	___	Nay

    /s/DeAnn Carlile    

**DeAnn Carlile**, Recorder