

FARMINGTON CITY – CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

August 19, 2025

WORK SESSION

Present:

*Mayor Brett Anderson,
City Manager Brigham Mellor,
Councilmember Roger Child,
Councilmember Scott Isaacson,
Councilmember Amy Shumway,
City Attorney Paul Roberts,
City Recorder DeAnn Carlile,*

*Community Development Director Lyle
Gibson,
City Planner/GIS Specialist Shannon
Hansell,
Assistant City Manager/City Engineer Chad
Boshell, and
City Parks and Recreation Director Colby
Thackeray.*

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the work session to order at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember **Melissa Layton** and Councilmember **Alex Leeman** were excused.

TOUR OF NORTH COTTONWOOD COMMONS AND INNOVATOR LANDSCAPING

Following their tour, the Council returned to Conference Room 3 of City Hall at 6:30 pm

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DISCUSSION

City Manager **Brigham Mellor** said he and **Mayor Anderson** had discussed wanting to revitalize the downtown area. They are not sure what will happen to the Sessions building where Francisco's Mexican Grill is now. However, Wells Fargo is leaving their building on the corner of State and Main, which presents a window of opportunity. They have considered creating a Redevelopment Agency (RDA) area tax increment jurisdiction, since they can't use the old tax increment that was there. The Rock Hotel Dental may benefit from a new RDA in the area. It would take a lot of negotiations, paperwork, and leveraging of political capital with several taxing entities. **Mellor** is considering engaging a consultant to help with the process and RDA management. The City owns a piece of ground by the Post Office that may be included in the RDA. The Davis School District would like to see their buildings improved as well.

Councilmembers expressed support of the idea. Councilmember **Amy Shumway** said the owner of the Rice home was open to part of her home being turned into an ice cream parlor.

Mayor Anderson would like this area to be a charming gathering place secondary to Station Park. The courthouse campus is grossly underutilized. This area could be a gateway to the southern part of downtown. **Mellor** said a buyer for the Wells Fargo property may be able to take advantage of RDA resources to help in remodeling expenses. This will be on a future work session agenda.

INTERSTATE 15 WIDENING AND LANDSCAPE DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager **Chad Boshell** said the City has \$100,000 to spend on landscaping of the I-15 interchange at 200 East. Options include trees and bushes with native seed, boulders, and a small irrigation system to water the trees. That would cost \$146,000. Option 2 would be decorative rock with no plantings, which is about \$114,000 and doesn't require a sprinkling

system. Option 3 has islands with borders with rock around them for \$205,000. Option 4 is going all out with plantings, rock, etc. for \$500,000.

Mellor said ultimately the most expensive option isn't always the best looking. **Shumway** would at least like some irrigation for some trees, as no one wanted just rock. **Boshell** said there are already trees in that intersection, which will have one future signal. He doesn't want to have to weed and maintain the area in perpetuity. If there is a sprinkling system, more trees and boulders can be added later.

Boshell said with UDOT's I-15 widening project, they are worried about traffic congestion. Therefore, they are planning to quickly widen Legacy from I-215 up to Farmington, adding a lane in each direction.

Mayor Anderson said residents south of Farmington High School still want no parking on their street. **Mellor** said no one parks on their side of the road, and now parking is only allowed on the west side of the road. Now, others are requesting the same thing in their own neighborhoods. The residents now are proposing to park their own vehicles on the west side of the street so others cannot park there. It will likely get worse as the sophomores start getting their licenses, and particularly during football games.

Mayor Anderson asked if there was any interest in lowering the speed limit on 650 West after a recent accident. **Mellor** said the speed limit signs collect data, which should be consulted before changes are made.

REGULAR SESSION

Present:

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Gibson,
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Hansell, and
Assistant City Manager/City Engineer Chad
Boshell.*

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor **Brett Anderson** called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Councilmember **Melissa Layton** and Councilmember **Alex Leeman** were excused.

SUMMARY ACTION:

Minute Motion Approving Summary Action List

The Council considered the Summary Action List including:

- Item 1: Approval of August 5, 2025, City Council minutes.
- Item 2: Plat amendment for Moon Park Subdivision Lot 14. Councilmember **Amy Shumway** said the proposed driveway is awkward, but she understands the desire to keep the tree.
- Item 3: Monthly Financial Report

Motion:

Councilmember **Roger Child** moved to approve the Summary Action list Items 1-3 as noted in the Staff Report.

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

Councilmember Roger Child
Councilmember Scott Isaacson
Councilmember Amy Shumway

X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay

GOVERNING BODY REPORTS:

City Manager Report

City Manager **Brigham Mellor** said the groundbreaking for The Trail project was held yesterday. The Everly has begun to move dirt for excavation. The Army Corps of Engineers has recently released Rich Haws' property, so there are no more wetlands where buildings were proposed. Davis County wants to invite the elected officials to the Western Sports Park (WSP) before it is opened to the public.

Mayor Anderson and City Council Reports

Child said he looks forward to when the Utah Department of Transportation UDOT will be done paving from Farmington all the way to Bountiful including 200 East, Park Lane, and Shephard Lane to the freeway. Assistant City Manager/City Engineer **Chad Boshell** said any federal project must include handicap ramps. **Child** said he has had complaints about speeds of e-bikes on public sidewalks and roadways. Councilmembers are waiting to have the State Legislature set law on this, after which enforcement can take place.

Shumway said she met with Lagoon about placing a Lake Park sign on the Lagoon Trail out west to mark the original location of the theme park.

Isaacson said the mosquito abatement board has found evidence of West Nile virus in Farmington. They plan to spend millions of dollars to update their Kaysville facilities in the future, which will lead to a tax increase. The board voted unanimously to approve the tax increase and will make a presentation to the City in the fall. The buildings are all 30 years old, and things need to be upgraded to store materials. It will increase taxes on the average home by around \$7 a year.

Mayor Anderson said **Joey Hansen** is planning a two-year fundraising effort involving the City for the Old Mill property. **Isaacson** and **Child** expressed interest in helping out. They will be reaching out to 150 stake holders. **Isaacson** is concerned that ivy may be damaging the rock on the south side.

Mayor Anderson asked if the Council was amenable to selling the museum on Main Street, as it is only open a few hours a week. Proceeds from the sale of that prime property could kick start efforts at the Old Mill, where the museum could be relocated to.

Mellor said the museum is 1,200 square feet, and the basement of the Edelweiss reception center is 3,500 square feet, so the museum could be located there. The land surrounding the red museum belongs to the Davis School District, who may be interested in purchasing it. The land is known for having the old bishop's storehouse and city hall. The City envisions an outdoor amphitheater at the Old Mill for concerts and other gatherings. In the past, there was a restaurant there called the Heidelberg, as well as a reception center.

The City Council interacted with the members of the Youth City Council in attendance, discussing development processes and street lights. Main Street, which is a state road, will be paved smooth by October.

CLOSED SESSION

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Motion:

At 7:50 p.m., **Scott Isaacson** made the motion to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

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

Councilmember Roger Child
Councilmember Scott Isaacson
Councilmember Amy Shumway

X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay

Sworn Statement

I, **Brett Anderson**, Mayor of Farmington City, do hereby affirm that the items discussed in the closed meeting were as stated in the motion to go into closed session, and that no other business was conducted while the Council was so convened in a closed meeting.

/s/Brett Anderson

Brett Anderson, Mayor

Motion:

At 8:20 p.m., **Amy Shumway** made the motion to adjourn the closed meeting.

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

Councilmember Roger Child
Councilmember Scott Isaacson
Councilmember Amy Shumway

X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

Roger Child made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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

Councilmember Roger Child
Councilmember Scott Isaacson
Councilmember Amy Shumway

X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay
X Aye ____ Nay

DeAnn Carlile, Recorder