



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE VINEYARD CITY COUNCIL**

City Council Chambers
125 South Main Street, Vineyard, Utah
January 15, 2025, At 6:00 PM

Present

Mayor Julie Fullmer
Councilmember Sara Cameron
Councilmember Brett Clawson
Councilmember Jacob Holdaway
Councilmember Mardi Sifuentes

Staff Present: City Manager Eric Ellis, City Attorney Jayme Blakesley, Community Development Director Morgan Brim, Finance Director Kristie Bayles, Public Works Director Naseem Ghandour, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Vawdrey, Communications Manager Jenna Ahern, City Recorder Pamela Spencer and Deputy City Recorder Tony Lara

Others Speaking: Brooke Meyer and Daniel George; World Trade Center Utah President and CEO Jonathan Freedman; Vineyard residents Daria Evans, Karen Cornelius, Darlene Price, Chip Price, Sherrie-Kaye Miller, Claudia Lauret, Russell Evans, David Lauret, David Pearce, Jacob Schooley, Stephanie Burke, and Kristal Price.

1. CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ▶ Mayor Fullmer opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

2. APPOINTMENTS/REMOVALS

2.1. ARCH Commission

- ▶ Parks and Recreation Director Brian Vawdrey introduced the pending appointees, Daniel George and Brooke Meyer

- ▶ Brooke Meyer introduced herself to the council

- ▶ Daniel George introduced himself to the council

▶ **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER SIFUENTES MOVED TO APPROVE DANIEL GEORGE AND BROOKE MYER AS ALTERNATES TO THE ARCH COMMISSION. COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON SECONDED. MAYOR FULLMER AND COUNCILMEMBERS CAMERON, SIFUENTES, CLAWSON, AND HOLDAWAY VOTED YES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

- ▶ Deputy Recorder Tony Lara swore in the newly appointed alternate members of the ARCH Commission.
- ▶ Community Development Director Morgan Brim introduced Bryce Brady and spoke about his time with and contributions to the Planning Commission.
- ▶ Mr. Brady commented on his service and thanked the council.
- ▶ Mayor Fullmer presented Bryce Brady with a plaque to honor his service on the Planning Commission.

3. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS/PROCLAMATIONS

3.1. Presentation on the World Trade Center

- ▶ World Trade Center President and CEO Jonathan Freedman presented a general overview of what WTC Utah was and programs that the city had already benefited from.
- ▶ City Manager Eric Ellis provided an overview of some of the projects and past accomplishments of the city's work with WTC.
- ▶ Councilmember Sifuentes asked for clarification on the benefits of the different levels of memberships.
- ▶ Councilmember Clawson asked how local businesses could take advantage of the services WTC offers.
- ▶ Councilmember Holdaway expressed support for the mission of WTC Utah. He asked how a smaller city like Vineyard benefits from an ambassador level membership. He asked for clarification on the number of trade missions the city had participated in as well as how many had been scheduled for 2025. There was a discussion about the benefits of going on trade missions as it pertained to local businesses as well as about Foreign Trade Zones in Utah.

3.2. EDC Utah

This item was postponed until the next City Council meeting.

4. WORK SESSION

There were no work session items

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- ▶ Daria Evans, living in The Villas, shared concerns regarding infrastructure as it pertained to emergency management. She wanted to also know if comments were going to be allowed for the parking item on the agenda.
- ▶ Karen Cornelius, living in The Villas, shared a concern that her voice was not being heard, and asked for additional transparency.
- ▶ Darlene Price, living in The Villas, expressed agreement with Councilmember Sifuentes regarding the tone of recent council meetings. She commented on the decorum rules that prevented clapping and said she felt like that was hindering her freedom of speech.
- ▶ Chip Price, living in the Providence subdivision, told a story that he believed was an allegory for the current political climate in council meetings and expressed what he saw as a need for civility.
- ▶ Sherrie-Kaye Miller, living on Holdaway Road, commented on the proposed code of conduct and that she had concerns about what she viewed as a lack of clarity in the definitions of some of the terms, specifically bullying.
- ▶ Claudia Lauret, living on Holdaway Road, also wanted to express concern over the use of terms such as bullying.
- ▶ Russell Evans, living in The Villas, expressed support for Councilmember Holdaway.
- ▶ David Lauret, living on Holdaway Road, commented on the importance of whistleblowers.
- ▶ David Pearce, living in the Cascade subdivision, thanked the members of the council for their service and expressed support for the proposed code of conduct.
- ▶ Jacob Schooley, living in the Lakefront Subdivision, asked for more information regarding the current internet providers in the city.

6. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS/DISCLOSURES/RECUSALS

- ▶ Councilmember Sifuentes gave a report on the status of the new school district that was being created as well as the progress of the Utah City development.
- ▶ Councilmember Cameron, wanted to reassure citizens that had mentioned the wildfires in California, that she had helped work on an emergency plan for the city. She expressed frustration over the lack of acknowledgement regarding the mayor's decision, to place Councilmembers Clawson and Holdaway on a subcommittee, to evaluate changes to the proposed code of conduct.

► Mayor Fullmer wanted to clarify that no one on the council had been prohibited, stopped, or thwarted from receiving information or attending meetings. She wanted to make sure that the public felt that their voices were being heard but that the members of the council were also being held accountable. Additionally she commented on statements that were made regarding Councilmember Holdaway from a previous meeting. She clarified that no one was suggesting that he only represented minority voices but rather the councilmember was saying that he was a minority voice on the council. She also encouraged members of the council to take care when speaking with members of the community and to not characterize any dissenting opinions they might hold, as being the opinions of the majority of the council.

7. STAFF, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

► City Manager Eric Ellis, gave a report on projects that staff were currently working on and the progress that had been made on some of those projects.

► Lieutenant Holden Rockwell, with the Utah County Sheriff's Office gave a brief presentation on the their yearly report.

8. CONSENT ITEMS

8.1. Approval of the December 11, 2024, City Council Meeting Minutes

8.2. ARCH Grant Policy and Procedure Manual Update

8.3. Alpine School District Resolution

► **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER SIFUENTES MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT ITEMS AS PRESENTED. COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON SECONDED. ROLL CALL WENT AS FOLLOWS: MAYOR FULLMER, COUNCILMEMBERS CAMERON, SIFUENTES, CLAWSON, AND HOLDAWAY VOTED YES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

9.1. Parking Permit Program Update (Resolution 2025-01)

► Senior Planner Cache Hancey presented on the proposed update to the current Parking Permit Program.

► Ms. Evans wanted clarification on which neighborhoods would be effected by the updates. She also expressed concerns about the number of parking passes that would be available during holidays. A discussion ensued.

► Mr. Evans had a question about how the program was initiated in a neighborhood.

► Stephanie Burke, living in the Providence subdivision, asked where on the website she could find the information that was being discussed. She then asked about pricing and concerns about possible technical issues with the app. She asked the council to postpone a decision on the program. A discussion ensued.

- ▶ Ms. Cornelius stated she was confused, that the solution being proposed was not part of the conversation that was had at a previous round table meeting regarding parking issues. There was clarification that digital passes had been brought up during the previous meeting as well as clarification on how parking was assessed in new developments.
- ▶ Mr. Schooley shared concerns he had with possible technical issues with the app and wanted to know if there would be an appeal process for vehicles towed in error.
- ▶ Kristal Price, living in the Providence subdivision, expressed a concern that the solutions being proposed were not those offered by the community and that she did not feel the meetings for those discussions had been noticed well enough.
- ▶ Mr. Lauret expressed his gratitude for the work that had been done to address parking concerns.
- ▶ There was a discussion about solutions and a possible appeals process for technical issues.
- ▶ The council discussed having a town hall the following week to further discuss the program before voting on the resolution.
- ▶ Mr. Price had questions on pricing and a discussion ensued.
- ▶ **Motion:** COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON MOVED TO CONTINUE ITEM 9.1 UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 29TH. COUNCILMEMBER CLAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR FULLMER, COUNCILMEMBER CAMERON, SIFUENTES, CLAWSON AND HOLDAWAY VOTED YES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no closed session

11. BUSINESS ITEMS CONTINUED

11.1. Code of Conduct (If Necessary)

This item was not discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Fullmer adjourned the meeting at 8:12 PM

MINUTES APPROVED ON: 1/29/2025

CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: _____



TONY LARA, DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

