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**NOTICE OF A REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 4, 2026, at 4:00 PM**

Present:

Mayor Zack Stratton
Council Member Jacob Holdaway
Council Member David Lauret
Council Member Parker McCumber
Council Member Ezra Nair - Began the meeting online. Arrived in person at 4:15 pm.
Council Member Jacob Wood

Staff Present: Building Director Cris Johnson, Chief Deputy Holden Rockwell with the Utah County Sheriff's Office, City Attorney Jesse Riddle City Manager Brian Voeks, City Recorder Robin Bond, Community Enrichment Director Brian Vawdrey, Deputy City Recorder Tony Lara, Deputy Mayor David Herring, Finance Director Evan Smith, Media Specialist Braile Tyler, Public Works Coordinator Dareli Villegas, and Public Works Director/City Engineer Naseem Ghandour.

Also Present: Jared Tamez, Daria Evans, Cody Smith, Nate Hutchinson, Dave HYTE, Kent Blackburn, Trinity Ewing, Terry Ewing, Kim Cornelius, Karen Cornelius, Tim Blackburn, Emmeline McCumber, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to Order at 4:00 pm by Mayor Stratton.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (BY INVITATION)

An invocation was offered by Daria Evans, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. WORK SESSION

3.1. Discuss Resolution 2026-33 400 South Road Design and Construction Proposal

Mayor Stratton announced that the planned discussion regarding 400 South would be removed from the agenda to allow staff additional time to review newly received information. The item was deferred for future consideration.

Motion: Council Member McCumber Motioned to continue item 3.1 to the next City Council meeting, pending a legal review. **Seconded by** Council Member Wood. **Yes:** Council Members, McCumber, Lauret, and Wood **No:** Council Member Nair. **Abstained:** Council Member Holdaway. **Motion Passed 3-1.**

3.2. Discuss design work and build out of Gammon Park Extension (Pumpkin Patch Area) (Brian Vawdrey)

Discuss design work and build out of Gammon Park Extension (Pumpkin Patch Area)

Community Enrichment Director Brian Vawdrey presented information regarding the Central Corridor Master Plan and requested City Council direction concerning proposed updates to the plan prior to preparation of construction documents.

Staff recommended several modifications to the previously adopted concept plan, including:

- Removal of the proposed all-abilities playground due to the recent construction of a public all-abilities playground in Utah City.
- Removal of on-street parking in favor of expanded off-street parking.
- Removal of the proposed backstop from the multi-purpose field area to increase recreational flexibility.
- Removal of proposed dog parks due to similar amenities being developed in Utah City.
- Removal of certain trails crossing active recreation spaces.
- Removal of the proposed pump track, pickleball courts, and slackline area.

Staff presented four potential options ranging from a complete redesign of the Central Corridor Master Plan to moving forward with the existing plan and preparing construction documents for the entire park area.



Council discussion included:

- The need for additional programmable recreation fields, particularly soccer and baseball facilities.
- Preservation of the historic baseball field area at Gammon Park.
- Maximizing green space and recreational programming opportunities.
- The desire to avoid extensive delays and additional planning costs.
- Potential funding opportunities through the Redevelopment Agency (RDA).
- Parking needs associated with future park development.
- Consideration of feedback from the Robbins family, former property owners associated with the original park acquisition.



Council generally expressed support for:

- Proceeding with construction documents for the multi-purpose field areas.
- Treating proposed changes as a minor amendment where appropriate.
- Continuing evaluation of parking configurations and future park elements.

Staff was directed to move forward with development of construction documents for the multi-purpose fields and associated improvements.

3.3. Discussion on Geneva Ponds Lease Proposal

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands' proposed sovereign lands lease

and land exchange with Geneva Acquisitions, LLC, including the upcoming public meeting and state review process.



The City Council discussed a proposed Geneva Ponds land exchange currently being considered by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Councilmembers reviewed information regarding the potential cleanup and future use of the Geneva Ponds area, including questions related to environmental remediation, public ownership, development rights, and the overall public benefit associated with the proposal. Discussion also included the possible use of Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds for cleanup efforts and the relationship between remediation activities and any future development that may occur on the site.

Councilmembers noted that the property is owned by the State of Utah and is located outside Vineyard City limits. Discussion centered on the City's potential role in future conversations regarding the property and the importance of understanding how future plans could affect Vineyard residents and the surrounding lakefront area. Staff informed the Council that the State had scheduled a public information and comment meeting for August 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Vineyard Council Chambers, located at 125 South Main Street.

Several council members stated that additional information was needed before the City could take a formal position on the proposal. Council members expressed an interest in hearing the State's presentation and receiving public input during the upcoming meeting before determining whether further City action or comment would be appropriate. Staff confirmed that information regarding the public meeting had been shared through the City's communication channels.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

“Public Comments” is defined as time set aside for citizens to express their views. *Public comments can be submitted ahead of time to robinr@vineyardutah.gov.*

 Jared Tamez expressed opposition to the proposed Geneva Ponds land exchange. He advocated for retaining the land under public ownership and utilizing it for open space, environmental restoration, and public recreation rather than transferring development rights to private interests. He stated his intention to provide additional written comments regarding the proposal.

 Cody Smith, Elms, expressed concerns regarding the postponed 400 South discussion. He requested greater transparency and communication regarding the project and noted safety concerns related to school access, pedestrian facilities, bicycle accommodations, and roadway design. He encouraged additional opportunities for public engagement.

 Kim Cornelius, representing the Villas HOA, reported recurring issues with irrigation backflow preventers allegedly caused by debris in the City's water system. She stated that repairs had resulted in significant costs to the HOA and requested review of the City's water infrastructure and coordination with affected neighborhoods.

Staff acknowledged the concern and agreed to investigate the matter.

 Nate Hutchinson, Utah City, commented on discussions related to the Geneva Ponds property. He stated that development and cleanup discussions have occurred publicly over several years and expressed support for collaborative efforts to improve the lakefront area. He encouraged continued dialogue focused on facts, public process, and long-term community benefits.

 Dave Hyte, Maples. Mr. Hight thanked City staff and elected officials for their assistance with a separate property-related matter and requested an update regarding future application processes and next steps. Staff indicated they would provide additional information following the meeting.

 Tim Blackburn, resident and Heritage Foundation representative offered the following comments:

- Encouraged the City to consider a future cemetery location within Vineyard.
- Proposed incorporating historic farming equipment or agricultural-themed displays within the 400 South roundabouts to recognize Vineyard's agricultural heritage.
- Provided an update regarding planned interpretive signage for the historic Geneva Steel ladle monument near the Megaplex Theater, including educational displays and QR code access to historical information.

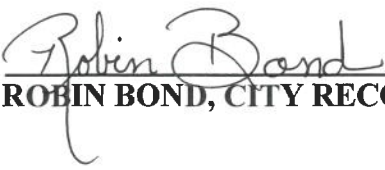
Council members expressed appreciation for the Heritage Foundation's efforts.

 Council Member Holdaway provided comments regarding the postponed 400 South item. He stated that he did not request removal of the item from the agenda, expressed support for advancing the project, and addressed concerns regarding information contained in the staff report. He stated that his family's proposal provided the required right-of-way dedication and off-street bicycle path facilities and emphasized his desire to complete the project as soon as possible.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 pm by Mayor Stratton.

MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 11, 2026

CERTIFIED CORRECT BY: 
ROBIN BOND, CITY RECORDER

