

# Heber City News

September, 2020

## SEPTEMBER 2020

### **September 1**

City Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

### **September 8**

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm

### **September 9**

Airport Advisory Board **CANCELLED**

### **September 15**

City Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

### **September 22**

Planning Commission Meeting, 6 pm

All public meetings can be listened to live at:

<https://www.heberut.gov/256/Agendas-and-Minutes>



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### *Code Enforcement*

One of the natural developments of a growing city is more demand for code enforcement. Historically, Heber has not applied a lot resources toward code enforcement and we have fewer codes than most Utah cities. In 2015, we were awarded the "Freest City" Award from the Libertas Institute - meaning that we have fewer regulations and ordinances that restrict freedom than all other cities in Utah. At that time, Salt Lake City was awarded the "Least Free City" in Utah.

As Heber continues to grow, the calls for new ordinances and enforcement of existing ordinances has increased significantly. For many years, the City Council has only funded a 20 hour a week code enforcement position. As the demand has grown, our police Chief has been creative in eliminating some job responsibilities and allowing others to be delayed so that our police have been better able to handle the code enforcement load.

One example of this is taking officers off of some traffic enforcement duties to help code enforcement. The natural result of this is more traffic accidents. It is important to be aware that, at our current staffing levels, if we add more responsibilities, it requires eliminating or slowing down efforts in other areas.

In our most recent City Council work meeting (August 18<sup>th</sup>), Chief Booth explained the details about how they have been handling complaints and code enforcement generally. He also shared the results of a survey the police administered to determine the attitude of Heber residents about increasing code enforcement. One question asked "Would you like to see more code enforcement within Heber City?" The response was 57% yes and 42% no.

The level of code enforcement will stay the same through the rest of this budget year – through June 2021. At that point, the Council will determine if we should allocate more money to increase the hours dedicated to code enforcement. If you feel strongly about this issue feel free to reach out to the City Council members as they are interested in knowing how city residents feel about this issue and will want a lot of input before the budget process next year.

## FOOD TRUCKS BY FIRELIGHT

Heber City is hosting "Food Trucks by Firelight" every **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday night from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the City Hall Fire Pit.**

Multiple food trucks will be available, so come join the fun!



## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY



# Heber Valley Corridor ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

## HEBER VALLEY EIS

### Comment Period Open Thru September 27, 2020

With students heading back to school, those yellow flashing lights will once again be warning drivers to slow down. There are several crosswalks in the city, and our kids walk across them daily. Keeping our kids and crossing guards safe is a big priority for the police department. Please use caution during school zone times, and use the following tips:

- Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limit (Fines are doubled for speeding in school zones).
- When entering a school zone, be sure to obey all traffic laws.
- Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.
- Be aware of children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, in school parking lots, etc.
- Never pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.
- Never make a U-Turn in a school zone
- Never text while driving, and avoid using your cell phone at all in school zones.

UDOT is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate potential transportation solutions to improve mobility through the Heber Valley and the operation of Heber City Main Street (U.S. 40).

The project team held a virtual public meeting on Aug. 27. A recording of the meeting, along with the presentation, is available to view on the project website, [hebervalleyeis.udot.utah.gov](http://hebervalleyeis.udot.utah.gov).

The public comment period is open through Sept. 26, 2020 for the community to provide input to UDOT on transportation needs and issues to consider for the Heber Valley Corridor EIS. Comments may be submitted through the project website, email, voicemail or by sending a letter. Visit the website for contact information.

For those without internet access, hard copies of the meeting presentation and project information is available to view at the following locations:

- Heber City Administration: 75 N Main St, Heber City, UT
- Wasatch County Administration: 25 North Main St, Heber City, UT
- Wasatch County Public Library: 465 E 1200 S, Heber City, UT



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