

I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO OUR RESIDENTS. EVERY DAY THAT I SERVE THIS COMMUNITY I GROW MORE GRATEFUL FOR THE BLESSING THIS JOB AFFORDS ME.

On June 2, the Prison Relocation Commission held their open house and Q & A at Frontier Middle School. The event lasted five hours. During that time I had the opportunity to talk to so many of you and hear your concerns. We estimate that there were 1,200-1,400 people who attended over the course of the evening. You guys showed up in force! It was awesome to see so many residents there- participating by making signs, asking questions, speaking to legislators, and attending the Q & A. I truly value seeing this community speak their mind, regardless of opinion.

Though I can tell you that it isn't always the easiest path to take, exposing ourselves to scrutiny on any topic makes government better. No individual has a patent on good ideas. Dialogue is beneficial. It causes us to think critically about the positions we take as elected officials, and it allows us to sharpen our arguments for or against a chosen course of action. I truly believe it is the only way government ought to operate. It is right for municipal government to operate that way, and it is right for State government to operate that way.

From a practical point of view, government cannot host town hall meetings, Q&A sessions, and hold public hearings for every single issue we seek to solve. We must be somewhat selective about what we spend our time on if we are to be productive. Though I think we can all agree that the big issues, the issues that will have far reaching effects, should incorporate public dialogue. Not just one-way communication, but two-way communication. Where one-way communication is only useful to instruct, command, or relay a message, two-way communication allows us to test our position against all perspectives.



Residents from EM, Saratoga Springs, Fairfield, and Cedar Fort filled the auditorium and overflow area at the Prison Relocation Commission open house on June 2.

We will never reach total consensus, nor should we necessarily begin communication with the intent to gain consensus. But we should communicate with the intent to present our case openly before the public square, to explain our rationale, to defend our logic, to solicit perspective, and to adjust and improve our position.

The role of an elected official isn't an easy one, but we must learn to communicate where it is critical. We mustn't isolate ourselves from scrutiny. When the public understands that we have placed great value on sincere dialogue, the good will of the people will allow us to be effective, even in the face of disagreement. The people will at the very least, know that our actions are based on genuine and pure motivations.

Thanks again to all who attended the meeting and to everyone who has been involved and informed on this issue.

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Reminders for OHV/ATV Use

With the wonderful trails and open spaces in Eagle Mountain, we see an increase in off-highway vehicles or all-terrain vehicles in the city when warmer weather arrives. We ask for the cooperation of OHV/ATV users in following city code regarding proper use. Please review the code below. If you have any questions, contact our code enforcement officer, Jeff Thompson, at jthompson@emcity.org or 801-420-2305. To report violations, please contact the sheriff's department dispatch at 801-794-3970. Maps of street crossings and trails are on the City website, under Community.

10.20.020 Driver's license required.

Every person operating an off-highway vehicle in Eagle Mountain City on public streets or trails must be a licensed driver under the laws of the state of Utah. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 2].

10.20.030 Driving on paved public trails or closed public streets.

Off-highway vehicles shall not be operated on paved public trails or on the following classified closed public streets except as specifically authorized herein: Utah SR 73; Ranches Parkway; Eagle Mountain Boulevard from the intersection of SR 73 to the east right-of-way line of the intersection of Eagle Mountain Boulevard and Pony Express Parkway; Pony Express Parkway. Off-highway vehicles may cross closed classified public streets only at authorized points of crossing designated by the city on Exhibit 1 attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter and as further defined below. Pony Express Parkway may be used as a designated OHV crossing by off-highway vehicles along the section from Lone Tree Subdivision south to the intersection of Pony Express Parkway and Lake Mountain Road. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 3].



10.20.040 Equipment required.

An OHV operated within Eagle Mountain City shall be equipped as required for registration under Utah State law. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 4].

10.20.050 Speed limit.

Off-highway vehicles operated on the streets of Eagle Mountain City shall not be operated in excess of 20 miles per hour. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 5].

10.20.060 Passengers.

All passengers on an off-highway vehicle shall ride on a seat which is designed and intended for the use of passengers to the rear of the operator. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 6].

10.20.070 Compliance with state statutes.

Every OHV operated on public streets or trails must comply with the laws of the state of Utah and nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to amend or modify the laws of the state of Utah. OHV use is not permitted on private property without the permission of the landowner. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 7].

10.20.080 Violation – Penalty.

It is unlawful to operate an OHV in violation of the laws of the state of Utah and the provisions of this chapter. Any person that violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. [Ord. O-06-2012 § 8].

NEWS BRIEFS

Pony Express Pkwy Improvements

UDOT will be doing work on Pony Express Parkway west of Redwood Road through the end of August 2015. The project will provide several enhancements, including widening the road between 800 West and Redwood Road, adding a signal at the 200 West intersection, and extending the existing area trail.

The road widening between 800 West and Redwood Road will reduce congestion near the schools and will also address future traffic needs. The new traffic signal at the 200 West intersection will allow drivers to safely exit Westlake High School and will also reduce peak hour blockage at the 200 West intersection.

A stretch of trail will begin near Vista Heights Middle School and will continue to Porter's Crossing in EM. Another trail segment will be added beginning on the east side of 200 West and continuing to Redwood Road.

Work hours are expected to be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. To receive weekly email updates, please send a request to ponyexpress@utah.gov. For questions, concerns, or updates, contact the project information team at ponyexpress@utah.gov or 800-948-4002.

Savings on Insurance Rates?

Unified Fire Authority recently received their Insurance Services Organization (ISO) fire protection rating. The rating is a 3/3x. Eagle Mountain was previously classed as a 6/9. Home owners and businesses may want to report this change to their insurance companies as it could result in a savings on rates.

Stay Informed

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