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TAYLORSVILLE, Utah (ABC 4 Utah) - A major [retail](#) development is officially under way, and city officials laid out some 'groundbreaking' details, Tuesday.

Take a look around the area of 5400 S. Redwood Road, and you will see vacant buildings almost everywhere you turn. For years, the area formerly known as "[The Family](#) Center" has felt a bit neglected.

"As... other cities started developing, they started taking [businesses](#) away," explained Larry Johnson, Mayor of Taylorsville City.

After more than a year of planning and preparation, city officials say they are ready to smash that piece of history to smithereens. Project leaders held a special press conference and ceremonial demolition, Tuesday, to tear down an old Blockbuster video [store](#) building. Officials say the event symbolized a new beginning for the city.

"What you'll see a year -- a year and a half -- from now is totally different from what you're going to be seeing today," said Bill Stone, [CEO](#) of S Squared Development, the developer heading the project.

The major undertaking will incorporate new dining, [shopping](#), and even a new Regal Movie Theater -- the first of the popular cinema chain to ever come to Utah.

"It was an opportunity that came up and was something that we had to do quick to be able to do it..." Stone said of the decision to develop the area. "We love working in Utah," he said.

Stone is based in California but helped establish Fashion Place Mall in Murray years ago. Stone says he knows when he sees land potential and claims Crossroads of Taylorsville will drive [economic growth](#). Project leaders plan on reopening the area in late fall of 2016, and for now, everyone involved continues cheering on progress from the sidelines.

"It's going to be awesome to have those resources here so that we don't have to go out to Fort Union or out to Jordan Landing. We're going to have it right here in our back yard," said Jennifer Reeser, who lives in Taylorsville.

"I'm just like the rest of us because I live here and I'm proud to be here, and I thank everybody that's made this possible," Mayor Johnson said.

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