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**City of Taylorsville  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024  
Council Chambers, Room No. 140  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.  
Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker  
Council Member Anna Barbieri  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Robert Knudsen

**City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator  
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Ben White, City Engineer

**Excused:** Chair Curt Cochran

**6:15 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION**

As Chair Curt Cochran had been excused from the meeting, Vice Chair Meredith Harker conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except Chair Cochran.

**1. Review Agenda**

Vice Chair Harker briefly reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting. When asked about the surplus property, Assistant City Administrator/CFO Scott Harrington explained that the bicycles would be donated to West Valley Police who would have them refurbished and

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1 turned over to a bike collective. The firearms would be sold to a licensed federal dealer and  
2 the vehicles would be disposed of in a variety of ways, depending on what was most  
3 profitable for the city.

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5 Regarding proposed mid-year budget adjustments, Mr. Harrington explained that he would  
6 send some information to the council members electronically and planned to meet with  
7 each of them individually in the next two weeks to go through the various proposed changes.  
8 He would go into more detail at a public hearing that would take place in February.

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10 Councilmember Burgess inquired about some drilling that was taking place along 1300  
11 West. City Engineer Ben White responded that Dominion Energy was replacing a high-  
12 pressure line, and their pipes would go under 4700 South and across the golf course.

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14 Council Member Knudsen reported that a "No U-Turn" sign needed to be re-erected at 4700  
15 South 2700 West .

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17 Vice Chair Harker requested an update on the street light replacement project. Mr. White  
18 responded that all the street lights owned by the city which were west of Bangerter Highway  
19 had been replaced. The next group of replacement lights had been delivered and public  
20 works personnel would install them while also keeping the roads clear of snow, doing crack  
21 seal, etc.

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## 23 **2. Adjourn**

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25 Vice Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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## 29 **REGULAR MEETING**

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### 31 **Attendance:**

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33 Mayor Kristie Overson

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### 35 **Council Members:**

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37 Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker

38 Council Member Anna Barbieri

### **City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator

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1 Council Member Ernest Burgess  
2 Council Member Robert Knudsen

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director  
Ben White, City Engineer

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8 **Excused:** Chair Curt Cochran

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10 **Others Present:** Mark Chalk, Lynn Handy, Dean Paynter, and Susan Yadeskie

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12 **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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14 Vice Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in  
15 attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except  
16 Chair Cochran who was excused due to illness.


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18 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Council Member Knudsen (Opening  
19 Ceremonies for February 7, 2024 to be arranged by Council Member Burgess)**

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21 Council Member Knudsen led the Pledge of Allegiance before reciting the following two  
22 quotes of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

23 *“We all have the drum major instinct. We all want to be important, to surpass others,  
24 to achieve distinction, to lead the parade, and the great issue of life is to harness the  
25 drum major instinct. It is a good instinct if you don’t distort it and pervert it. Don’t give  
26 it up. Keep feeling the need for being important, keep feeling the need for being first,  
27 but I want you to be first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want  
28 you to be the first in generosity.”*

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30 *“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college  
31 degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only  
32 need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”*

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34 **1.2 Mayor’s Report**

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36  Mayor Kristie Overson explained that she had recently attended a ChamberWest  
37 Legislative Affairs Committee meeting where legislative priorities were addressed. The

1 committee would meet twice weekly during the legislative session which would begin the  
2 following Monday.

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4 The Utah Taxpayers Association had also met the previous week and heard from Governor  
5 Spencer Cox, Speaker of the House Mike Schultz, Congressman Blake Moore, and Zions  
6 Bank Senior Economist Rep. Robert Spendlove. They shared some valuable information  
7 regarding what to expect during the coming session.

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9 After that meeting, she and John Hiskey went to the Utah League of Cities and Town's  
10 Legislative Policy Committee meeting. The primary topic of discussion was Gov. Cox's First  
11 Homes Initiative and how it would likely affect local municipalities. The Mayor pointed out  
12 that there were plenty of homes available in Taylorsville and that a first home did not need  
13 to be a *new* home.

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15 Earlier in the day, she and other elected officials participated in *Local Officials Day* with the  
16 Youth Council. Among other things, Rep. Jim Dunnigan took the Youth Council on a tour of  
17 both the House and Senate in the Capitol. They also sat in on a committee meeting before  
18 participating in a mock debate about housing. It was a fun event which helped the kids learn  
19 more about Utah's legislative process.

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21 Scott Brown and the Board of Trustees at the Salt Lake Community College had begun their  
22 search for a new president since Dr. Deneece Hufftalin had announced her intent to retire.  
23 Mayor Overson greatly appreciated that the school had sought the City's input on their  
24 recruitment effort. The school had 60,000 students so it was a huge member of the  
25 community.

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27 City leaders had recently met with UDOT representatives regarding the new I-215  
28 southbound offramp which would be located roughly midpoint between 4100 South and  
29 4700 South. It would add an additional lane of travel as well as some landscaping. Work was  
30 expected to commence in the summer.


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32 The Mayor offered a big thanks to Unified Fire paramedics and firefighters. She explained  
33 that they did much more than put out fires. Taylorsville's station no. 117 was the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest  
34 among all the UFA stations in the valley. She appreciated everything UFA did for Taylorsville.

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36 Mayor Overson recently had the opportunity to be a part of a planned SWAT operation. She  
37 described it as a well-planned, well-executed event that she found very eye-opening.

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1 The new temple would host a month-long open-house April to May, with a dedication  
2 ceremony taking place on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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4 **1.3 Citizen Comments**


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6  Vice Chair Harker invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the  
7 Council on the topic of his/her choice. There was no one who expressed a desire to speak,  
8 so Vice Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

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10 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

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12 There were no appointments on the agenda.

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14 **3. REPORTS**

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16 **3.1 Historic Preservation Committee Report – *Susan Yadeskie***

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18  Committee Chair Susan Yadeskie reported on activities the Committee volunteers had  
19 taken part in since her last report. Those activities and projects included making  
20 improvements to the outdoor grounds of the Heritage Center. Grass was removed and  
21 replaced with used brick, old chicken coops were removed, and fencing was repainted. A  
22 large desk which had been donated was refinished, benches were stripped and repainted,  
23 and a garage door was replaced.

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25 The Committee had participated in the Trick or Treat event and hosted many gatherings at  
26 their facility. Ms. Yadeskie greatly appreciated Kris Heineman and the Youth Council for all  
27 the assistance they provided at various events. She also spoke highly of the kids and leaders  
28 from Odyssey Youth who helped clean the Heritage Center after Christmas.

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30 Ms. Yadeskie had been delighted about the success of the Fall Festival which involved  
31 tractors, goats and sheep, a quilt show displaying the work of Taylorsville residents, tours of  
32 the school house, blacksmith shop and museum. The committee members thoroughly  
33 enjoyed interacting with the community.

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35 As always, *Saturday with Santa* was a very popular event with games, refreshments and of  
36 course Santa Claus in attendance.

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1 In 2024 the Committee hoped to historically restore the museum windows, paint the exterior  
2 and interior of the building, and possibly resurface the parking lot of the dairy store. She  
3 asked that the City Council keep the museum in mind as they began the budgeting process  
4 for the next fiscal year.

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6 **3.2 Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District Report – Mark Chalk**



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8 General Manager Mark Chalk explained that with the recent storms, the snow totals  
9 listed on the slides in the agenda packet had changed. Therefore, he had brought updated  
10 slides to share. He displayed a slide showing the snow water equivalent from a week ago  
11 and then showed one that was updated which took the snow levels up to an “average” level.

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13 This time last year, Utah’s reservoirs (excluding Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge) were  
14 averaging 82% full. He noted that Lake Powell was extremely low, although Flaming Gorge  
15 was doing alright.

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17 City Administrator John Taylor asked if Tay-Benn monitored ground water. Mr. Chalk  
18 responded that they did and that its level did not dip the way surface water did.

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20 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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22 **4.1 Meeting Minutes of the January 3, 2024 City Council Meeting**

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24 **MOTION:** Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes from the  
25 January 3, 2024 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by  
26 Council Member Barbieri.

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28 Vice Chair Harker Yes  
29 Council Member Barbieri Yes  
30 Council Member Knudsen Yes  
31 Council Chair Cochran Absent  
32 Council Member Burgess Yes

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34 The motion passed 4-0


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36 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**6.1 Resolution No. 24-03 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring Certain City-owned Property as Surplus Property – Scott Harrington**

 Assistant City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington explained that the staff report included three lists of property to be disposed of—a list of bicycles, a list of firearms and a list of motor vehicles.


Council Member Knudsen asked how the firearms would be disposed of. Mr. Harrington explained that they would be sold through a federally licensed firearm dealer who would conduct a background check on all buyers.

**MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to approve Resolution No. 24-03, a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus Property. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri.**

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| <b>Council Member Burgess</b>  | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <b>Vice Chair Harker</b>       | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <b>Chair Cochran</b>           | <b>Absent</b> |
| <b>Council Member Knudsen</b>  | <b>Yes</b>    |
| <b>Council Member Barbieri</b> | <b>Yes</b>    |

The motion passed 4-0

**6.2 Discussion Regarding Mid-Year Budget Adjustments to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget – Scott Harrington**

 Mr. Harrington explained that city administration was proposing the following mid-year adjustments to the FY23-24 budget:

- An additional \$967,244 in revenue (grants, interest, sale of assets and business license/land use fees)
- An additional \$45,400 in non-departmental expenses (insurance, advertising, and network/telephone)
- An additional \$49,000 in Government Building and Citizen Committees (stone repairs, increased Taylorsville Dayzz funding, and garbage removal)

- 1       ▪ Reclassifying \$815,000 of the police budget (debt service, wage adjustments and
- 2       wellness checks/assessments)
- 3       ▪ An additional \$487,000 for public works services
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5 Mr. Harrington explained that the Budget Committee would review the proposed changes at  
6 their next meeting and a public hearing would take place in February so that members of the  
7 public could weigh in.

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9 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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11 There were no “other matters” on the agenda.

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13 **8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

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15       **8.1 Council Member Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration
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17       **8.2 Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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19       **8.3 Council Chair Cochran** – was not present
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21       **8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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23       **8.5 Council Member Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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25 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**

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27       **9.1 ~~Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – 6:00~~**  
28       **~~p.m.~~**  
29       **CANCELLED**
- 30       **9.2 ~~Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.~~**  
31       **CANCELLED**
- 32       **9.3 “Let’s Talk Taylorsville” – Wednesday, January 31, 2024 – 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
- 33       **9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 34       **9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 35       **9.6 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00**  
36       **p.m.**
- 37       **9.7 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 38       **9.8 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**



- 1           **9.9    City Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 2           **9.10   Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 6:00**
- 3                   **p.m.**
- 4           **9.11   Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

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6   **10.   CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**  
7           *(For Details on Events, Visit the City’s Website)*

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9           **10.1   Taylorsville City Presents An Evening of Art: “Fall in Love with Art”**  
10           Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.; MidValley Performing Arts Center – RSVP  
11           to [jandrus@taylorsvilleut.gov](mailto:jandrus@taylorsvilleut.gov)

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13   **11.   CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)**  
14           *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

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16   There was no need for a closed session.

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18   **12.   ADJOURNMENT**

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20   **MOTION:    Council Member Barbieri moved to adjourn, and Vice Chair Harker**  
21           **declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.**

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25   Jamie Brooks, City Recorder