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3 **City of Taylorsville**
4 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
5 **Minutes**

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7 **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**
8 **Council Chambers, Room No. 140**
9 **2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.**
10 **Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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12 **Attendance:**

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14 Mayor Kristie Overson

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16 **Council Members:**

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18 Council Chair Curt Cochran
19 Council Member Anna Barbieri
20 Council Member Ernest Burgess
21 Council Member Meredith Harker
22 Council Member Robert Knudsen

16 **City Staff:**

17 John Taylor, City Administrator
18 Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
19 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
20 Brady Cottam, Police Chief
21 Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
22 Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
23 Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
24 Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
25 Ben White, City Engineer

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28 **Others Present:** Robin Chalhoub, Walt Gilmore, Brent Laulusa, Liz Sollis, Andrea Sorensen,
29 and Mathew Winward

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31 **6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION**

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33 **1. Review Agenda**

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35 A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present. Chair Cochran briefly
36 reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.
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38 Council Member Harker asked Mayor Overson what had been decided about the *Ride, Roll*
39 *and Stroll* event that she had inquired about at a previous meeting.

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41 The Mayor pointed out that traffic on 5300 South could not be blocked. However, if
42 participants understood that they would need to use the crossing lights and crosswalk,
43 there would be no problem changing the previous route. There were other options as well.

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45 Council Member Burgess stated that May 18th had been chosen for the annual clean-up
46 event. Additionally, Redwood Road (where beautification had been taking place) would be
47 repaired once the project was completed.

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49 **2. Adjourn**

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51 Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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55 **REGULAR MEETING**

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57 **Attendance:**

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59 Mayor Kristie Overson

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61 **Council Members:**

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63 John Taylor, City Administrator
64 Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator
65 Chris Bown, Judge
66 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
67 Brady Cottam, Police Chief
68 Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
69 Jeff Gallegos, Clerk of Court
70 Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
71 Jake Hill, Police Sergeant
72 Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
73 Merari Lopez, Crime Victim Advocate
74 Alex Perez, Crime Victim Advocate
75 Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
76 Brandy Stephens, Police Office Manager
77 Ben White, City Engineer

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79 **Others Present:** Robin Chalhoub, John E. Gidney, Walt Gilmore, Lynn Handy, Brent Laulusa,
80 Pam Roberts, Liz Sollis, Andrea Sorensen, and Mathew Winward

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

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84 Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
85 A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

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87 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Council Member Barbieri**
88 **(Opening Ceremonies for March 6, 2024 to be arranged by Mayor Overson)**


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90 Council Member Barbieri led the Pledge of Allegiance before commenting on the work taking
91 place at the Utah State Legislature. She expressed gratitude for Mayor Overson and John
92 Hiskey before concluding her remarks with a humorous quote in honor of President’s Day.

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94 **1.2 Mayor’s Report**

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96  Mayor Kristie Overson explained that there were nine more days left in the current
97 legislative session. Activity was fast and furious, and she agreed with Council Member
98 Barbieri John Hiskey did an exemplary job of representing Taylorsville and its interests.

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100 Earlier in the day the Youth Council had met and finished presenting reports of their job
101 shadowing experiences with various city staff members. They were currently preparing for a
102 visit to Utah State University for a leadership conference.

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104 As a member of Unified Fire’s Board of Trustees, Mayor Overson received some statistics
105 regarding how busy various stations were across the valley. Station No. 109 in Kearns, which
106 handled quite a few Taylorsville calls for service was the second busiest UFA station in the
107 valley, while Taylorsville stations #117 and #118 came in third and fifth place respectively.
108 She greatly appreciated the work that UFA firefighters and paramedics did for city residents.

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110 *An Evening of Art* was held for the third consecutive year, this time at the Mid-Valley
111 Performing Arts Center. Doug and Dianne Adams were the presenters for the evening and
112 led a fascinating evening as part of the city’s *Plaza+Arts* program. Incidentally, the program
113 had its own Facebook page, and Mayor Overson encouraged everyone to pay it a visit.

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115 Speaking of art, a call for artists had been issued for new works of art to be displayed in
116 Centennial Plaza, as well as performing artists for the 2024 *Starry Nights on the Plaza* series.
117 She expressed her appreciation to the City Council for understanding the importance of art
118 and for providing funding for these programs.

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120 A 2023 *Year in Review* video was now playing on a continuous loop on a large screen in the
121 lobby of city hall. It could also be found on You Tube. Mayor Overson thanked the Council
122 for their continued support for the many city programs organized for the benefit of city
123 residents.


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125 The police department was fully staffed. However, the justice court was in need of a Clerk
126 of Court and Judicial Services Representative. There was also a need for substitute crossing
127 guards. Those interested in the positions could find more information (including job
128 descriptions) on the city's website.

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130 Chair Cochran expressed his appreciation for the out-of-the-box thinking and event-
131 planning of city staff.

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133 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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135  The Chair invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the Council
136 on the topic of his/her choice. There was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair
137 Cochran closed the citizen comment period.

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139 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

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141 There were no appointments on the agenda.


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143 **3. REPORTS**

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145 **3.1 Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation, Valley Regional Park Master Plan 146 Update – Mathew Winward/Liz Sollis**

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148  Salt Lake County's Walt Gilmore, Associate Division Director for Park Planning & Park
149 Development introduced himself as well as Liz Sollis of the County's Parks and Recreation
150 Department and Mathew Winward of G. Brown Design. Mr. Gilmore explained that they were
151 in the process of updating several regional parks in Salt Lake County, including Valley
152 Regional Park. They had been gathering input from residents near the park as well as from

153 others. There had been a public open house, and a second one was scheduled for March
154 19th. These forums helped them understand as much about what residents *didn't* want as
155 what they did.

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157 Mr. Gilmore then turned the time over to Mr. Winward who explained that he was the
158 Managing Principal at G. Brown Design, which was a landscape architecture firm. His firm
159 had contracted with Salt Lake County in late 2022 to update the master plan for Valley
160 Regional. They assembled a stakeholder group which included Taylorsville residents, Parks
161 and Recreation committee members, city staffers, parks operations staff, etc. In short,
162 there was a broad spectrum of people to help inform the process. He explained that in
163 addition to the open house(s), a survey had been conducted to gain insight into citizen
164 priorities for the park system. The online survey garnered almost 500 responses regarding
165 how people currently used the park and what they would like to see in the future. Armed
166 with the feedback they had garnered, they developed several different concepts for the park
167 before whittling them down with the stakeholders and ultimately presenting two at an
168 August 2023 open house. They then had an additional public comment period to solicit
169 further feedback before beginning to mold the two concepts into one cohesive model. The
170 next open house was planned for March wherein additional community feedback would be
171 sought.

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173 Mr. Winward first reviewed the *Preferred Alternative A* which would include covering the
174 outdoor pool so that it could be used year-round. The plan also called for two new multi-use
175 sports fields, possibly with astroturf, depending on the public feedback that was received.
176 Additionally, there would be a bicycle skills area, a small playground, a 9-hole disc golf
177 course (reduced from the current 18-hole course), a maintenance building, more
178 landscaping, twelve pickleball courts, and two tennis courts.

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180 A slide depicting *Preferred Alternative B* was then displayed which included a field house for
181 a variety of indoor recreational activities. It could house eight basketball courts, ten indoor
182 pickleball courts (as opposed to the twelve in Alternative A), and no tennis courts.

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184 There had been quite a few discussions regarding the effect all this would have on
185 Taylorsville Dayzz. They would continue to have discussions, including with the Taylorsville
186 Dayzz committee and Jim Dunnigan.

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188 Liz Sollis, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation's Associate Director of Community
189 Engagement then addressed what could be expected going forward. A public open house
190 would be held on March 19 from 4-6 pm at the library in Taylorsville. She pointed out that

191 what Mr. Winward had depicted were draft concepts, so they could certainly still change. If
192 Zoo, Arts & Parks (ZAP) funding was renewed, they would then form a ZAP recreation
193 advisory board. The Board would recommend funding priorities to the Salt Lake County
194 Mayor and Council, seeking a general obligation bond.


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196 Council Member Knudsen asked about the proposed location of the new playground. He
197 recommended that it not be adjacent to the disc golf course for safety reasons. He also
198 wondered what would happen if the project was not funded. Ms. Sollis responded that the
199 project would be delayed in that case, and other funding opportunities would be explored.

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201 Council Member Harker wished to confirm that the new plans did not include a splash pad.
202 Mr. Winward indicated that was correct. The Council Member was also curious to know how
203 many miles of trails would be accessible from the park. Mr. Winward did not yet know.

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205 Council Member Burgess was pleased to learn that the pool would finally be covered.

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207 Mayor Overson indicated that she had been communicating with Rep. Jim Dunnigan and
208 would be meeting with him after the legislative session regarding the effect this project could
209 have on Taylorsville Dayzz. She also took a moment to remind everyone that these changes
210 were still “years away.”

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212 **3.2 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling Report – Pam Roberts**

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214 1.  General Manager/CEO Pam Roberts mentioned HB107 which would require
215 WFWRD to be transparent about the recycling they picked up. She pointed out that
216 WFWRD already did that. It would also require municipalities to publish a report of
217 their recycling activities and WFWRD already provided those for each city. She was
218 in favor of the bill.

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220 Ms. Roberts reported on 2023 collections in Taylorsville. Specifically,
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- 222 ■ 825 tons of green curbside waste diverted from the landfill (from 1,548 subscribers
- 223 ■ 16 tons of curbside glass diverted (from 124 subscribers)
- 224 ■ 2,980 tons of recycling diverted
- 225 ■ 18,726 tons of garbage delivered to the landfill at an average cost of \$35 per ton
- 226 ■ 17% diversion rate for Taylorsville which was slightly below the 18% average

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228 Ms. Roberts then described an Employee Satisfaction survey that had been conducted in
229 January and discussed what can happen when hazardous materials are disposed of
230 inappropriately. She described an incident where someone had put a car battery in the
231 recycling can which had then caught on fire once it was in the truck. She was very grateful
232 that no one was injured when this happened and reminded everyone that there were very
233 good reasons to follow recycling guidelines.


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235 Council Member Harker asked when Taylorsville was scheduled for the SCRP program. Ms.
236 Roberts responded that Taylorsville's time frame would fall sometime in September this
237 year.

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239 **3.3 Taylorsville Police Department Victim's Advocate Report**

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241  Sgt. Jake Hill explained that he supervised the Violent Crimes Unit as well as the Victim
242 Advocate Division. He was joined by Merari Lopez and Alex Perez who together had almost
243 thirty-years of experience in victim advocacy.

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245 Ms. Perez presented information regarding the services provided by her division during Q4
246 2023. This included:

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- 248 ○ Serving 211 clients
- 249 ○ Providing referrals and information 614 times
- 250 ○ Providing personal advocacy 25 times
- 251 ○ Providing emotional support 84 times
- 252 ○ Providing shelter/housing services 24 times
- 253 ○ Providing assistance with navigating the justice system 206 times
- 254 ○ 265 instances of "other" services such as transportation

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255 All these services were provided only by Lopez and Perez.

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257 Ms. Lopez recounted an incident where she was able to assist a crime victim who had been
258 hesitant to cooperate with the police but ultimately agreed to do so.


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260 Council Members Barbieri and Harker thanked Ms. Lopez and Ms. Perez for doing the work
261 they did for Taylorsville victims. Council Member Burgess wished to ensure that they had
262 access to services that would help them deal with the stressors that came with their work.

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264 **3.4 Municipal Justice Court Report - Judge Bown**

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266  Judge Christopher Bown explained that since he last reported to the Council, he had
267 been appointed to the Board of Justice Court judges which gave him the opportunity to affect
268 justice court policy at a state-wide level. He was also assisting the District Court by
269 reviewing arrest warrant requests.

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271 Clerk of Court Jeff Gallegos was retiring on March 1. He explained that Jeff was instrumental
272 in getting the judge acclimated to his new position in 2021. He pointed out how effective Jeff
273 was in dealing with challenging people—possibly from his years working as a bailiff.


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275 Chair Cochran asked that Mr. Gallegos approach the podium. He did so, and the Council
276 and City Administration offered their congratulations and thanked him for his service to the
277 Taylorsville community.

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279 Judge Bown continued his report by explaining that there had been an increase in need for
280 interpreters during court, although it was not yet to the extent that the budget needed to be
281 increased. He said the prosecutors were doing a wonderful job, as were Stowell & Crayk who
282 provided defense work for indigent defendants. The Judge particularly enjoyed the fact that
283 they were willing to take their cases to jury trial, which wasn't always the case with many
284 other indigent defense firms. Judge Bown pointed out that his interactions with TVPD officers
285 had always been positive and that they were always well-prepared when they appeared
286 before him.

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288 The Judge then provided some statistical data regarding the disposition of criminal, traffic,
289 and small claims matters. For criminal cases, his goal was to dispose of them within 180
290 days of filing. The disposition rate had steadily improved from 67% in late 2021 to 89% as of
291 this month. Regarding traffic cases, the goal was 90 days, and that rate was now being met
292 for 91% of those cases. Finally, he sought to dispose of small claims cases within 270 days
293 from the date of filing, and that was happening for 99% of them.

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295 Judge Bown concluded his report by saying how much he enjoyed his job, ensuring that
296 defendants in his court felt hopeful and heard, while he did what justice required.

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298 **3.5 Salt Lake County Public Works and City Projects Update – Ben White**

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300  City Engineer Ben White updated the City Council on a variety of active projects taking
301 place in the City including:

- 302
- Mid-Valley BRT
 - I-215 Frontage Road
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- 304 • 4700 South Bangerter Interchange
- 305 • 6200 South Redwood Road
- 306 • Redwood Road Improvements
- 307 • Taylorsville Park
- 308 • The park at 6100 South 3200 West
- 309 • Planter caps at city hall
- 310 • Utah and Salt Lake Canal Trail
- 311 • Pavement Improvements at various locations
- 312 • Street light replacement
- 313 • Bridge Replacement
- 314 • LDS Temple (Open House set for April 13 – May 18)
- 315 • I-215 Landscaping
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317 Council Member Harker expressed concern about the state of the Veteran’s Memorial off
318 the Jordan River Parkway. Mayor Overson responded that it had been vandalized. There was
319 a discussion regarding restoring it, although funding was not yet available.

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321 Council Member Burgess wondered if it might be safer for the memorial to be moved to city
322 hall. The Mayor responded that it was important to be respectful of the people who erected
323 the memorial originally and who raised funds for it. She wished to research the history of
324 that project before making any decisions regarding a possible change. While she did that,
325 she asked that the Council give some thought to what they felt would be most appropriate
326 for the memorial in the future, and what funding they were willing to approve for it.

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328 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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- 330 **4.1 Meeting Minutes of the February 7, 2024 City Council meeting**
- 331 **4.2 Meeting Minutes of the January 31, 2024 “Let’s Talk Taylorsville” meeting**
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333 **MOTION:** Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes from the
334 **February 7, 2024 City Council meeting as well as the January 31, 2024**
335 **“Let’s Talk Taylorsville” meeting. The motion was seconded by Council**
336 **Member Burgess.**

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338 **Chair Cochran** Yes
339 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
340 **Council Member Harker** Yes
341 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes

342 **Council Member Knudsen** **Yes**

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344 **The motion passed 5-0**

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346 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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348 There were no planning matters on the agenda.

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350 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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352 There were no financial matters on the agenda.

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354 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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

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

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360 **8.1 Council Member Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration

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362 **8.2 Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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364 **8.3 Council Chair Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration

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366 **8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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368 **8.5 Council Member Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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

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372 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 6:00**
373 **p.m.**

374 **9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

375 **9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**

376 **9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

377 **9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6:00**
378 **p.m.**

379 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

- 380 **9.7 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
381 **9.8 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, March 20, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

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386 • Ride, Roll & Stroll event – April 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. (Millrace Park)
387 • City-wide clean-up event scheduled for May 18th.

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

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392 There was no need for a closed session.

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394 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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396 **MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn, and Council Member Harker**
397 **seconded the motion. Chair Cochran declared the meeting adjourned at**
398 **9:11 p.m.**

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402 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder