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**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**  
**Council Chambers, Room No. 140**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

Council Chair Curt Cochran  
Council Vice Meredith Harker  
Council Member Anna Barbieri  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Bob 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  
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Richard Rich, UFA Captain  
Ben White, City Engineer

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

Chair Curt Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

**1. Review Agenda**

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed.

**2. Adjourn**

Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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## REGULAR MEETING

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Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director  
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

**Others:** Jarrod Barben, John E. Gidney, Susan Holman, Aubrey Newton, Dean Paynter, Jared Smith, Brandon Veihl, and Brett World


## 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

### 1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Harker* (Opening Ceremonies for April 3, 2024 to be arranged by the Chair Cochran).

Council Member Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

### 1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that *Bricks and Minifigs* held a ribbon-cutting the week before. The shop owners were energetic and enthusiastic about all things Lego.

Reading Across America took place the previous week and the Mayor had the opportunity to read to some Arcadia Elementary students, as did TVPD Sgt. Dan Christensen.

Council Member Harker had recently invited the Mayor to attend a *Sons of the Utah Pioneers* dinner. She enjoyed having the opportunity to renew some acquaintances and appreciated the group's efforts to honor their heritage.

Utah Rivers Council was once again making rain barrels available, and Taylorsville was participating again this year. The City would subsidize 100 of them and 70 of those 100 were already spoken for. Those interested in the remaining 30 rain barrels could find more information on the Taylorsville website.

Taylorsville Salt Lake Community College Symphony Orchestra gave a concert earlier in the week which Mayor Overson attended as did Council Members Burgess and Knudsen. She was grateful that the City had such an impressive Symphony Orchestra.


The Annual Youth Council Leadership Conference at Utah State University had taken place the previous weekend. Sixteen kids from Taylorsville attended the various break-out sessions and opportunities to learn about leadership, government, and service.

The day before, Mayor Overson attended a Valley Regional Park Master Plan Open House at the library here in Taylorsville. The event was very well-attended by many who provided input. The Mayor pointed out this would be a years-long process.

The food pantry held a breakfast and boutique the previous Saturday. The pantry was manned on Saturdays by very hard-working volunteers who distributed a large amount of food each week.

Mayor Overson expressed her appreciation to TVPD as they had experienced a challenging week. In the last several days they had handled some very difficult incidents in a very professional manner. She was very grateful for them.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

 Chair Cochran invited any members of the audience who wished to address the City Council to step forward and do so.

Brett World spoke regarding the condition of the sidewalks in his neighborhood. He had previously created a list of those that needed attention and had given it to the city engineer. However, very few of the residents were interested in taking part in the 50/50 program where they would pay for half the cost of the repair while the City paid for the other half. With that being the case, he

wondered if there was any other way for the sidewalks to be repaired. He felt it was a major safety hazard.


There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Cochran closed the citizen comment period.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.1 City-Wide Survey Results Presentation – *Kyrene Gibb & Tatiana Gilchrist***

 Kyrene Gibb, Partner and Vice-President of Research at Y2 Analytics introduced Tatiana Gilchrist who was the Director of Research. Ms. Gilchrist reviewed the results of the 2024 community survey. Some key findings were:

- 84% of respondents approve of the Mayor and City Council
- 50% feel Taylorsville is heading in the right direction
- Residents are most satisfied with Fire/EMS, recycling, animal control, police services, parks & open spaces
- Residents prefer to receive city information via the Taylorsville Journal, email and social media
- 52% of respondents were interested in participating in Localscapes programs and classes
- 6 out of 10 respondents currently reduce watering times/cycles for their lawn
- 458 residents responded to the survey
- The data were weighted to reflect the demographics of registered voters in Taylorsville, specifically in regard to age, gender, home ownership, race and council district
- On average, residents give Taylorsville a quality-of-life rating of 74 on a 0-100 scale.
- 43% of residents say the City is doing better now compared to 5 years ago.
- Consistent with previous years, crime is one of the top issues for residents, as well as traffic, housing and growth
- 82% are likely to recommend Taylorsville as a good place to live
- Of those that contacted city hall over the past year, 69% were satisfied with the City's response


### **3.2 Prosecutor and Defense Report – *Brooke Larsen / Jarrod Barben***

Chief Prosecutor Brooke Larsen explained that there were two other prosecutors who appeared in court three days per week—one in person and the other online. Their case load involved a lot of traffic matters, retail theft, drug offense, domestic violence, DUIs, etc.

There was a DUI program called **24/7 Sobriety** which would be available to defendants in certain DUI cases. It would allow participants to avoid jail time and would involve daily alcohol testing. Davis County had already been using the program and had great success thus far. She was excited that the program was becoming more popular in Salt Lake County as well.

Ms. Larsen pointed out that her office had a strong working relationship with the Stowell Crayk firm who provided indigent defense work. She also spoke highly of the TVPD officers, explaining that they were the best that she had worked with as far as how well-trained they were. She stated they showed up for court regularly and were always prepared, etc.

Council Member Burgess asked if the 24/7 Sobriety program would reduce recidivism. Ms. Larsen responded that was certainly the hope, and that time would tell.

 Jarrod Barben of Stowell Crayk responded that although the program was still fairly new, early data suggested that there was a positive effect on the recidivism rate. He then provided some statistical details regarding the work his office had conducted in the justice court during the last quarter of 2023. They represented clients at the following court events:

- Pretrial Conferences: 310
- Review Hearings: 49
- Orders to Show Cause: 149
- Sentencing Hearings: 7
- Disposition/Evidentiary/Suppression Hearings: 45
- Bench Trials: 21
- Failures to Appeal: 98 (49 of which were closed on previous FTAs)

### **3.3 Arts Council Report – Susan Holman**

 Arts Council Chair Susan Holman...

November 2023: *Marvelous Wonderette's*

December 2023: Christmas concert

April 29-30, 2024: Stephen Schwartz Musical Review

May 3, 2024: Symphony show at Bennion


June 7-8, 2024: *Taylorsville's Got Talent*

July 8-13, 2024: *Disaster* at Mid-Valley Performing Art Center

September 2024: Musical review at Centennial Plaza

Ms. Holman wished to thank city staff—particularly Communications Director Kim Horiuchi—for their regular support and assistance. She then turned the time over to Ms. Aubrey Newton who sang “God Help the Outcasts” from the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

### 3.4 Parks and Recreation Committee Report – Jared Smith

 Committee Chair Jared Smith explained that the next event the committee will sponsor was the *Ride, Roll and Stroll* event which would be at 10:00 a.m. on April 27 beginning at the Mill Race Park pickleball courts.

There would be a spike ball Tournament at Mill Race Park on May 11<sup>th</sup> and the Taylorsville Dayzz 5k Run would begin at 7:00 a.m. on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Parks and Recreation committee would once again sponsor several movies in the park as part of the *Starry Nights on the Plaza* event series. Movies would be shown on May 31, June 14, July 12, July 26, August 9, and August 23.

Mr. Smith indicated that they would be participating in the *Fall Fest* and *Saturday with Santa* events later in the year.

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 Minutes – March 6, 2024 City Council Meeting

**MOTION:** Councilmember Burgess moved to approve the minutes for the March 6, 2024 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Barbieri	Yes


The motion passed 5-0

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

**6.1 Public Hearing** – Receive Public Comment Regarding Funding Priorities for the 2024-2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs – ***Ken Donarski, CDBG Consultant***

 Ken Donarski explained that this public hearing was for those entities who had submitted funding applications to address the City Council about their funding needs.

Chair Cochran opened the public hearing.

Brandon Veihl, Grants Manager for South Valley Services, explained that SVS was a domestic violence crisis shelter and service provider aimed at providing services for victims throughout Utah. He pointed out that 1 in 3 women and 1 in seven men will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Approximately 40% of those victims would become homeless. SVS provided assistance to 2600 people, about 5% of those were Taylorsville residents. The requested funding would help SVS continue providing much needed assistance to domestic violence victims in Taylorsville and beyond.

There was no one else who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Cochran closed the public hearing.

**7. OTHER MATTERS**

There were no “other matters” on the agenda.

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

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

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

**8.3 Council Member Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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

**8.5 Council Chair Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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

**9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**9.3 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*

**10.1 “Ride, Roll and Stroll”** (Sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee)  
April 27, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. at Mill Race Park

**10.2 City-Wide Cleanup Event** (Sponsored by the Green Committee) May 18, 2024 –  
9:00 a.m. to Noon

Councilmember Burgess mentioned that there would be a LocalScape Presentation at city hall on April 11.

**11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**

*- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

There was no need for a closed session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker and passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

  
Brittany Kempff, Deputy City Recorder

*Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder*

