

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

**Wednesday, July 9, 2014**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Larry Johnson

**Council Members:**

Council Chairman Kristie Overson  
Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Brad Christopherson  
Council Member Dama Barbour

**City Staff:**

Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer  
John Brems, City Attorney  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator

**Excused:** City Administrator John Taylor, Council Member Dan Armstrong

**Others:** Charles Christopher, Chad Woolley, Rulon Swensen

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**1. Review Administrative Report - *Administration***

6:04:16 PM Chairman Kristie Overson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:04 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present except Council Member Dan Armstrong, who was expected later in the meeting. Chair Overson called for questions on the Administrative Report and there were none.

**2. Review Agenda**

6:04:29 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that the Closed Sessions, previously scheduled for the end of the City Council Meeting, will not be needed this evening.

**3. Adjourn**

6:07:02 PM Chair Overson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director  
Mike Kelsey, UFA Assistant Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Jean Ashby, Economic Development Assistant  
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator  
Marsha Thomas, Judge

**Excused:** City Administrator John Taylor

**Citizens:** Charles Christopher, Chad Woolley, Dan Fazzini, Royce Larsen, John Gidney, Lt. Jason Mazuran, Marc Matthis, Benjamin Dymond, Kimberly Martinez, Lisa Gubler, Adam Crayk, David Martinez, Cynthia Halliday, Esther Halliday, Rulon Swensen, Christopher Bown

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

6:30:37 PM Chairman Kristie Overson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance - Council Member Christopherson**

6:31:26 PM UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1.2 Reverence – Council Member Christopherson (Opening Ceremonies For July 16, 2014 to be arranged by the Youth Council)**

6:32:02 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson offered the Reverence.

### **1.3 Mayor's Report**

6:34:18 PM Mayor Lawrence Johnson reported on the success of the recent Taylorsville Dayzz event. He thanked all of the volunteers, UFA firefighters, and UPD police officers for their extraordinary efforts at Taylorsville Dayzz.

### **1.4 Citizen Comments**

6:36:19 PM Chairman Kristie Overson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

6:37:01 PM Benjamin Dymond described an accident that recently occurred on his property at 3983 Misty Drive. He petitioned for some speed bumps in the area.

6:39:27 PM Kimberly Martinez spoke regarding safety issues near her home on Misty Drive and 4000 West. She called for a traffic study to minimize traffic in the area and suggested that some signage be placed in the area.

6:42:43 PM Lisa Gubler, a resident of Misty Drive, relayed safety concerns with traffic in her area. She reiterated that speed bumps in the area to help slow traffic could make a big difference.

6:44:50 PM There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Overson closed the citizen comment period.

## 2. APPOINTMENTS

### 2.1 Appointment of Rulon Swensen to the Public Safety Committee - *Council Member Brad Christopherson*

6:45:10 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson recognized Rulon Swensen and nominated him to serve as a member of the Public Safety Committee.

6:45:52 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to appoint Rulon Swensen to the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Barbour-yes and Overson. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## 3. REPORTS

### 3.1 Unified Police Department Awards Presentation - *Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant*

6:46:29 PM UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented awards to the following individuals:

- Deputy District Attorney Marc Matthis – Recognized for his excellent work and commitment to UPD Detectives that has resulted in successful criminal prosecution in the City of Taylorsville.

6:50:28 PM Mr. Matthis commented on the fine work of law enforcement officers in Taylorsville.

- Lt. Jason Mazuran – Acknowledged for his work as Taylorsville's Patrol Commander. It was noted that his position is now being transitioned out of Taylorsville and his absence will be greatly noticed. Lt. Mazuran was recognized for his dedicated leadership among Taylorsville officers.

6:54:26 PM Lt. Mazuran thanked City staff, elected officials, and others in Taylorsville for their fine association. He cited Chief Wyant's great concern for Taylorsville residents.

6:55:45 PM Council Member Barbour thanked Lt. Mazuran for his work in Taylorsville and observed that he will be missed.

6:56:19 PM Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess inquired about what might be done on Misty Drive. Chief Wyant agreed to follow up on safety issues.

6:56:55 PM Mayor Larry Johnson thanked Lt. Mazuran for his service in Taylorsville and stated a desire to eventually move him back to work in the City once again. The Mayor cited Lt. Mazuran's concern for residents.

### **3.2 Prosecutors/Indigent Defense - Tracy Cowdell/Chad Woolley**

7:04:20 PM Taylorsville Prosecutor Chad Woolley reported on prosecutorial services rendered in the Taylorsville Municipal Court. He described the history of contract prosecution services in the City. He listed prosecution staff members. He relayed that the prosecution's philosophy is to be ambassadors for Taylorsville within the Justice Court.

7:04:27 PM Mr. Woolley cited creative ways prosecutors try to help keep the peace and keep expenses down. He noted that prosecutors have a good working relationship with the public defenders. He reported that the Taylorsville Justice Court runs smoothly.

7:09:50 PM Council Member Dama Barbour observed that there are a number of police officers and attorneys in attendance.

7:10:27 PM Council Member Christopherson commented on experiences he had representing clients in the Taylorsville Court, prior to serving on the City Council. He relayed that Taylorsville prosecutors always treated his clients fairly.

7:11:12 PM Council Member Armstrong questioned the type of offenses that are being prosecuted. Mr. Woolley said that the most time consuming cases are related to domestic violence and alcohol use. He discussed whether sentences are a deterrent for repeat offenders.

7:15:42 PM Mr. Woolley observed that law officers in Taylorsville are top notch. Chief Wyant commended prosecutors and public defenders for their good work.

7:18:25 PM Public Defender Adam Crayk reported on defense services provided in the Taylorsville Municipal Court. He recognized his colleague, Christopher Bown. He noted that he will submit some statistics to the City Recorder on defense cases in Taylorsville, so that the data might be provided for Council review. He relayed that the appeal rate is extremely low, which speaks well to the fair decisions being made in the Taylorsville Court.

### **3.3 Update on Taylorsville's Application for a Performing Arts Center - Wayne Harper/Mark McGrath**

7:23:14 PM Economic Development Director Wayne Harper provided an update on the application submitted to Salt Lake County for a Performing Arts Center. He relayed that the April 11, 2014 deadline for submitting an application for the Performing Arts Center was met

and followed up by a request from the county to submit illustrative documents by June 24, 2014 regarding plans for the north side of The Family Center. He cited a great Stakeholders Meeting that was held, along with subsequent meetings with additional property owners and people within in the community. He indicated that the revised application was turned into the county on June 24, 2014.

7:23:23 PM Mr. Harper commended Community Development Director Mark McGrath and CSRA for their creative input. He said that the county was obviously impressed with the depth of the proposal submitted by Taylorsville.

7:24:24 PM Community Development Director Mark McGrath recognized Mr. Harper for his heavy involvement in the application process. Mr. McGrath then illustrated and described the conceptual site plan for the potential Salt Lake County Regional Arts Center at The Family Center. He illustrated renderings of additional architectural concepts. He described ideas for inclusion of an "Arts Walk" within the project. He outlined configurations for pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

7:30:43 PM Mr. Harper described the proposed timeline for the project and confirmed that a decision should be made about the location for the Arts Center by October/November of 2014, with groundbreaking occurring the following winter. He confirmed that the project will be partially funded by a ZAP grant.

7:32:06 PM Chairman Overson commended the presentation given and the concepts for the project.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Minutes - 06-18-14 Regular City Council Meeting

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Barbour-yes and Overson. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

### 5.1 ***Public Hearing - To Receive Public Comment Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-8 (Residential Single Family) to OS (Open Space), RM-12 (Residential Multi-Family) to CC (Community Commercial) and LC (Limited Commercial) to CC (Community Commercial) on Properties Located in the Vicinity of the Northeast and Northwest Corners of 4700 South and Redwood Road***

7:33:46 PM Community Development Director Mark McGrath explained that this proposal is for a city rezoning of 14 properties. He noted that a drive-through restaurant development has initiated the re-zoning. He illustrated the area for proposed re-zoning on a vicinity map. He said this is basically a cleanup of limited non-conforming uses. He illustrated the subject area on an aerial map and showed maps outlining current zoning and proposed zoning. He gave explanation on proposed zoning for a daycare facility as part of the Salt Lake Community College. Mr. McGrath relayed that the Planning Commission has given a unanimous recommendation for approval of the application and Staff also recommends approval. He stated that Economic Development Director Wayne Harper has spoken to residents in the surrounding area and there is no opposition to the proposed zoning amendments.

7:37:56 PM Chairman Overson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

7:38:02 PM There were no comments and Chair Overson declared the public hearing closed.

#### 5.1.1 ***Ordinance 14-13 - Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-8 (Residential Single Family) to OS (Open Space), RM-12 (Residential Multi-Family) to CC (Community Commercial) and LC (Limited Commercial) to CC (Community Commercial) on Properties Located in the Vicinity of the Northeast and Northwest Corners of 4700 South and Redwood Road- Mark McGrath***

7:38:07 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 14-13 - Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-8 (Residential Single Family) to OS (Open Space), RM-12 (Residential Multi-Family) to CC (Community Commercial) and LC (Limited Commercial) to CC (Community Commercial) on Properties Located in the Vicinity of the Northeast and Northwest Corners of 4700 South and Redwood Road. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was, as follows:

Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Barbour-yes and Overson. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**5.2 Public Hearing - To Receive Public Comment Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-20 (Residential Single Family) to R-1-10 (Residential Single Family) on Property Located at 4892-4894 South 1250 West**

7:38:41 PM Community Development Director Mark McGrath stated that the City Council is familiar with the subject property owned by George Halliday at 4892 South 1250 West. He described a previous zoning amendment request that was denied. He said the new zoning application is more consistent with the existing neighborhood. Mr. McGrath illustrated the property on vicinity maps and aerial maps. He described plans for subdividing five single-family buildable lots on the subject property. He showed current zoning for the property. Mr. McGrath relayed that the Planning Commission has given a unanimous recommendation for approval of this application and Staff also recommends approval.

7:42:13 PM Council Member Armstrong called for additional boundary clarification and Mr. McGrath described ways that the boundary will be cleaned up. He noted that a cul-de-sac will be implemented. He relayed that specific development details regarding the property will be worked out during the subdivision process.

7:43:37 PM Chairman Overson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

7:43:41 PM There were no comments and Chair Overson declared the public hearing closed.

**5.2.1 Ordinance 14-14 - Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-20 (Residential Single Family) to R-1-10 (Residential Single Family) on Property Located at 4892-4894 South 1250 West - *Mark McGrath***

7:43:55 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 14-13 - Regarding a Proposed Zone Change from R-1-20 (Residential Single Family) to R-1-10 (Residential Single Family) on Property Located at 4892-4894 South 1250 West. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Barbour-yes and Overson. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**



**5.3 Discussion Concerning the City Center Community Gardens  
- Mark McGrath**

7:44:36 PM Community Development Director Mark McGrath cited recent proposals for projects to be implemented at the community garden located at the City Center. He described details in the Small Area Master Plan for the City Center Area and referenced plans therein for a community garden. He illustrated photos of existing community gardens in other cities and ideas that might be implemented in a community garden in Taylorsville.

7:49:47 PM Mr. McGrath described a proposal to include a monument to the Namba family in conjunction with the community garden. He illustrated a proposed design for signage at the community garden.

7:50:53 PM Mr. McGrath described features of the existing community garden at City Center, as implemented through volunteer efforts. He illustrated photos of volunteer work performed at the gardens. He described the grow boxes that are currently on the property. He relayed that the beds in the garden are currently thriving and very green. He said there are many individuals involved with the community garden who are passionate gardeners.

7:53:46 PM Mr. McGrath called for input and direction from the City Council. He indicated that some proposals for the community garden were previously given, but did not ultimately funded in this year's budget.

7:54:22 PM Council Member Dama Barbour said she loves the gardens and what is currently there, but her funding priority is for the undeveloped city center property.

7:55:07 PM Neighborhood Services Coordinator Rhetta McIff spoke about the passionate gardeners involved in the community garden and referenced the benefits of raised boxes. She cited the donation of fresh produce from the community garden to the City's Food Pantry. She stated her excitement for a potential Children's Garden. Ms. McIff relayed that there are currently 14-16 gardeners participating in the community garden. Mr. McGrath explained that the Children's Garden and related activities have not really been initiated at this point.

7:58:12 PM It was confirmed that the Jones Dairy garden location is currently full.

7:58:58 PM Chair Overson asked whether the Council likes the concept of the community garden at the City Center and wants to support it.

7:59:23 PM Mayor Johnson said that he is satisfied with the community garden the way it currently exists. He noted that the future of development on the City Center property is currently unknown and cautioned against investing in expansion of the community garden at this time. He

suggested that some space for a community garden may be made available in the future at other City parks.

8:00:48 PM Council Member Christopherson said he is glad the garden space is being used and observed that the City Center is designed for citizen use.

Council Member Burgess said that he would like to hold off on investing further in the community garden at this point. Council Member Armstrong said he likes the idea of the community garden, but thinks that the City Center is not the ideal location.

8:02:58 PM Mr. McGrath described the community garden project proposed by GE Health Center. He outlined some new elements for potential implementation. He cited possible associated costs to the City of \$4,000.

8:05:06 PM Council Member Barbour observed that the City Center's front property needs to be brought into code compliance.

8:05:35 PM Chair Overson stated her favor of the community garden and cited the opportunity to generate civic activity and human interaction around the City Center. She suggested that City employees and visitors to City Hall could also enjoy elements of the proposed garden area. She noted there is currently no budget allocation for expansion of the community garden, but said she likes the proposed concept.

8:07:09 PM Chair Overson called for a straw poll on the community garden at City Center. The poll was, as follows: Armstrong-no (prefers a location elsewhere); Christopherson-yes; Burgess-no; Barbour-no (favors community gardens, but wants the front property improved).

8:08:09 PM Council Member Christopherson asked whether the Council is in favor of inviting GE Healthcare onto the City Center property to invest their volunteer time and effort. He said he is in favor of inviting GE Healthcare to invest in the City Center in order to enhance beautification and bring the side property into code compliance.

8:09:25 PM Vice-Chair Burgess expressed concern that the property might ultimately be developed and then later the proposed community garden project would have to be pulled out.

8:10:08 PM Council Member Barbour said she is in favor of accommodating volunteer efforts, but is not in favor of investing city resources.

8:10:42 PM Mayor Johnson said he is concerned that the investment will be made and then the project would not be seen through by GE Healthcare. He suggested putting the project on hold

until the future of the eastside property is determined. He said that the community garden should be placed at another location.

8:12:16 PM Council Member Armstrong said that a community garden prohibits an open invitation to all citizens to come to the City Center.

8:13:16 PM After further discussion, the final consensus of the Council was Christopherson-yes; Burgess-yes (maintain as is with no City funding); Overson-yes; Armstrong-no (not at City Center); Barbour-yes (with no City funding).

8:14:47 PM Mr. McGrath suggested telling GE Healthcare and the Taylorsville Youth Council that it is okay to go forward with the project of planting the row of trees and building three additional boxes, but there are no City funds available for the project. The Council concurred that this is the Council's direction. Mr. McGrath confirmed that the City Center property is designated as open space on the master plan, with the availability to implement additional development.

## **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no financial matters.

## **7. OTHER MATTERS**

8:17:42 PM Council Member Armstrong cited maps related to the Jordan River that are available for viewing online at [www.jordanrivercommission.com](http://www.jordanrivercommission.com). He referenced features along the Jordan River trails.

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

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

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

8:19:21 PM

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session - Wed., July 16, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Meeting - Wed., July 16, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 Mayor's Town Hall Meeting/Open House -Wed., July 30, 2014  
- 6:00 -7:00 p.m.**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

8:19:34 PM

- 10.1 Public Safety Committee Presents "Night Out Against Crime" - August 7, 2014 (Time and Location TBA)**
  
- 10.2 Taylorsville City Presents a "Movie in the Park" - July 19, 2014 - The LEGO Movie - Activities for families from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The movie starts around 9:00 p.m. Popcorn provided!**

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

- 11.1 Strategy Session to Discuss the Sale or Purchase of Real Property**

8:20:19 PM It was noted that a Closed Session was not needed at this time and discussion regarding the sale or purchase of real property was not held.

- 11.2 Discussion Regarding the Professional Competency of an Individual**

8:20:26 PM It was noted that a Closed Session was not needed at this time and discussion regarding the professional competency of an individual was not held.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

8:20:29 PM Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Barbour-yes and Overson. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 08-06-14

*Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*