

City of Taylorsville
Special City Council Meeting
Minutes

Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Attendance:

Mayor Larry Johnson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Kris Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Marlon Jones, UFA Assistant Chief
Stephanie Nate, Deputy City Attorney
Marsha Thomas, Judge
Kary Webb, Clerk of the Court

Others: Dan Toone, Janean Toone, Lynn Handy, Royce Larsen, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Kameron Kellett, Gordon Wolf, Ken Acker, Camille (last name unknown)

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. – LIVE SOCIAL MEDIA QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Members were available to address live questions from residents via social media. No questions were presented.

1. Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters – *Chairman Overson*

[6:00:56 PM](#) Chair Kristie Overson called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

[6:01:35 PM](#) Chair Overson recognized a student named Camille from Eisenhower Junior High School, who introduced herself and relayed that she was fulfilling a school assignment by attending a City Council Meeting. Chair Overson also thanked members of the Budget Committee for being in attendance.

2. Streetscape Art Presentation – *Dan Toone*

[6:02:35 PM](#) Dan Toone described a proposal for outdoor sculpture exhibits in Taylorsville. He cited the *Art Around the Corner Foundation* in St. George, Utah and shared positive feedback on such. He explained how sculpture pedestals may be sponsored by local businesses. He relayed that each pedestal has a name plate attached to it with the sculpture name, the artist's name and the name of the sponsor. The sponsor is also listed on any promotional material, such as maps of the exhibit, and on any advertising. Mr. Toone stated that artists are chosen by a committee and calls for entry can go out to only Utah artists or can go nationwide. The Foundation would handle any sales of the art and would be entitled to keep a 25% commission.

[6:06:59 PM](#) Janean Toone shared positive recommendations from other cities regarding outdoor art sculpture exhibits featured in their communities.

[6:08:41 PM](#) Mr. Toone observed that Taylorsville would be a great location for an outdoor art exhibit. He described various options for funding the exhibit and using sponsors, etc.

[6:10:15 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour suggested that this would be a great addition to the City, but said she is not sure how it might be funded. She cited the potential of working with Salt Lake Community College.

[6:11:01 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath cited recommendations in the City's General Plan regarding public art. He summarized that the General Plan does support public art in a number of different places.

[6:16:23 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong asked for clarification on steps to implement the Foundation. He asked if this would be something initiated by citizens or by the municipality. Janean Toone suggested that starting with the Taylorsville Arts Council might be best.

[6:16:01 PM](#) Chair Overson noted that this same presentation was given to the Taylorsville Arts Council last night and they were supportive of the idea.

[6:17:33 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell described the general process for starting a non-profit organization. He said that the Foundation could be citizen initiated or municipally initiated.

[6:19:34 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell addressed questions about coverage and liability related to the Veteran's Memorial at City Center. He suggested that the City's insurance carrier may be able to cover an art exhibit.

[6:20:46 PM](#) Chair Overson observed that it would be great for the Arts Council or a city committee to spearhead this type of program.

[6:20:52 PM](#) Vice-Chair Burgess cited the areas being proposed for the placement of pedestals, i.e. Little Confluence Park, Millrace Park, and the City Center property. Mr. Toone noted that these are just ideas and there may be other locations to consider.

[6:22:13 PM](#) Council Chair Overson talked about the Arts Council Committee looking into details of this program. She thanked both Dan and Janean Toone for their time in sharing this idea. Chair Overson cited an email she previously forwarded from Salt Lake County with input on the program. She suggested reviewing how this program is implemented in other cities.

[6:23:13 PM](#) Janean Toone summarized by sharing two quotes from Picasso.

3. Open and Public Meetings Act – Tracy Cowdell

[6:24:24 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented training on the Open and Public Meetings Act. *(A copy of the presentation rendered is attached and incorporated therein as part of this record.)*

[6:26:03 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell noted that it is the Council Chair's responsibility to ensure that training is provided to the City Council annually regarding the Open and Public Meetings Act. He stated that this presentation will ensure that training is certified as being conducted this year.

[6:52:52 PM](#) Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Nate presented information on the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act. *(A copy of the presentation rendered is attached and incorporated therein as part of this record.)*

4. Roles and Responsibilities – Tracy Cowdell

[7:10:32 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell discussed differing roles and responsibilities for elected officials. *(A copy of the presentation rendered is attached and incorporated therein as part of the record.)*

[7:10:36 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson complimented Council Coordinator Kris Heineman for doing a great job in her role as Council staff.

[7:25:16 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell specifically discussed the veto process in Taylorsville. He cited a recent resolution surrounding the question of voting by mail in Taylorsville. He stated that a resolution to enter into an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County for election services was adopted by the Council, but the Mayor decided to submit a veto. Mr. Cowdell noted that this issue was ultimately resolved when Council direction was given to Administration to enter into a contract with Salt Lake County and make a determination on the voting process in Taylorsville. Mr. Cowdell recommended that legislative work or policy creation should be done by ordinance; non-policy or administrative matters should be done by resolution. He further suggested that matters going into Taylorsville's codebook of ordinances can be adopted by ordinance and those things that are not part of the code can be adopted via resolution.

5. Discussion on Vote by Mail – Tracy Cowdell

[7:27:40 PM](#) Deputy City Attorney Stephanie Nate discussed aspects of a city-wide Vote by Mail Program. She relayed that an objective analysis was performed by her office wherein she personally interviewed Salt Lake County Clerk Sherrie Swensen. It was relayed that going to an all Vote by Mail Program is catching on in other states and Ms. Swensen feels that it will eventually catch on country-wide. It was noted that West Valley City and the City of Taylorsville are the only cities in Salt Lake County who are not conducting city-wide Vote by Mail Programs in this year's election.

[7:29:00 PM](#) Ms. Nate presented specific information on the Vote by Mail process. *(A copy of the presentation rendered is attached and incorporated therein as part of this record.)*

[7:33:15 PM](#) Mayor Johnson asked about staff who do signature verification on mail-in ballots. Ms. Nate relayed that, according to County Clerk Sherrie Swensen, regular election staff members complete signature verification and that task is not assigned to temporary help.

[7:44:08 PM](#) Chair Overson complimented Ms. Nate on a very interesting presentation.

6. Discussion on Budget Priorities – *Scott Harrington*

[7:44:52 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson asked to hear input from the Budget Committee on this year's proposed budget.

[7:45:21 PM](#) Budget Committee Chair Lynn Handy thanked the Council for allowing the Budget Committee an opportunity to give input on the budget. He noted that a special Budget Committee Meeting was held on May 11, 2015 to review the proposed budget. He thanked Budget Committee Members for attending that special meeting.

[7:46:44 PM](#) Mr. Handy recognized members of the Budget Committee in attendance, as follows: Gordon Wolf, Ken Acker, Royce Larsen, Gordon Willardson, and Kameron Kellett.

[7:47:21 PM](#) Mr. Handy listed the Budget Committee's priorities and recommendations for the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget, as follows:

- *Public Safety* –The Budget Committee is pleased with police and fire protection and supports the one new UPD Officer included in the budget. Potential grant opportunities that may allow for more officers were cited.
- *Economic Development* – The Budget Committee feels that there has been great progress in the area of economic development and it is important to continue investing in such.
- *Street Maintenance* – The Budget Committee encourages continued efforts to maintain serviceable City roads.
- *Beautification Walls* – The Committee is pleased with the current wall projects and hopes more can be implemented where needed.
- *Capital Fund* – The Committee supports adding a guideline or policy to keep the Capital Fund at a certain amount, with a trigger point to transfer funds. The Committee is pleased to see a budget this year that does not need or include a tax increase.
- *Fund Balance* – The Committee supports maintaining the Fund Balance at an adequate level to meet City needs.
- *Salary Administration for City Employees* – The Committee suggests maintaining an annual employment appraisal program and implementing a good salary administration program to attract and maintain quality employees. Several members felt the proposed 1% increase to compensation was too low. The Budget Committee recommends comparing salary increases in other cities and entities. They also suggest that a cost of

living increase be awarded, as well as merit increases. The general consensus of the committee was for a compensation increase of 2% to 3 %. It was noted that each percentage represents about \$29,000 in additional funds. It was suggested that this could come from the Capital Fund or Park Fund. It was reiterated that the Budget Committee believes the City needs to adequately compensate employees.

[7:53:19 PM](#) Mr. Handy summarized recommendations from the Budget Committee by acknowledging that it is each City Council Member's responsibility to oversee the budget. He asked that all aspects of the budget be examined and that the City fairly compensate employees.

[7:53:56 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour thanked members of the Budget Committee for lending their review and expertise. She agreed with ideas surrounding the Capital Fund. Mr. Harrington relayed that his recommendation is to implement a trigger point of \$500,000 for Capital Fund transfers.

[7:55:24 PM](#) Council Member Barbour asked about a reasonable amount to maintain in the Fund Balance for City operations and as a healthy savings account. Mr. Handy observed that the Fund Balance is relied on for the first six months of the fiscal year until tax revenue is received. He suggested keeping an amount that would cover City expenses for six months and said he recommends 18% to 20%. He cited the need to be prepared for city emergencies.

Council Member Barbour said she appreciates the input on salaries and commended the great employees in Taylorsville. She stated that she does not want to lose employees and desires to be fair.

[7:57:31 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong cited the failure during lean years to adequately maintain City infrastructure. He said this is good reason to maintain a minimum amount in the Capital Fund. He expressed appreciation to Budget Committee Members and Council Coordinator Kris Heineman for their efforts in pulling together the recent special Budget Committee Meeting.

[7:58:57 PM](#) Chair Overson thanked Budget Committee Members and called for discussion of the proposed budget.

[7:59:35 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson stated that he supports an additional 2% increase adjustment to employee compensation, to be taken from the Capital Fund. He also cited a previous conversation with City Administrator John Taylor and said he believes improvements are needed to street sweeping services, specifically on 6200 South, 2700 West, and Redwood Road. He suggested that the frequency of street sweeping be increased.

[8:02:07 PM](#) Chair Overson stated that she does not have an issue with street sweeping.

[8:02:19 PM](#) Mr. Taylor cited the current contract for street sweeping that ends the middle of next fiscal year and said needs and service levels can be addressed at that time. Council Member Christopherson asked if the street sweeper can be asked to make an extra sweep on the roads mentioned. Mr. Taylor said that has already been done and should begin this week. He stated that he will advise the Council when the sweeps are completed.

[8:03:35 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess said he has not observed a problem with street sweeping. He asked for clarification on the proposed increase to compensation. It was relayed that an additional \$58,000 would need to be added to implement a 3% increase, as a 1% increase is already included in the proposed budget.

[8:05:29 PM](#) Mr. Harrington confirmed that the budgeted amounts for compensation include employee benefits.

[8:06:12 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson reiterated his suggestion to take an additional \$58,000 from capital improvements to cover employee compensation increases.

[8:07:00 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong relayed that he reviews many private salaries. He cited employee benefits that are considered part of the compensation package.

[8:08:27 PM](#) Mayor Johnson cited reasons he likes the merit system for awarding increases. He indicated that he is fine with a 2% merit increase. He referenced some employees who may work harder or more diligently than others and should be rewarded.

[8:09:00 PM](#) Council Member Barbour stated that if there are employees who are not pulling their weight, they should not be employed with the City.

[8:10:50 PM](#) Mayor Johnson expressed his desire to compensate employees who go the extra mile. He stated that he is not in favor of a cost of living adjustment (COLA), but would support a 2% merit increase.

[8:11:30 PM](#) Council Member Barbour suggested there is always a difference of opinion on this matter. She said she believes everyone deserves a cost of living raise and 1% is pretty low. She stated that she does not object to an additional increase for merit, as well.

[8:12:23 PM](#) Mayor Johnson reiterated that he is in favor of a 2% merit increase.

[8:12:58 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour noted that everyone's cost of living is going up. She suggested a 1% COLA increase and a 2% merit increase.

[8:13:37 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson said he feels strongly that a 3% increase is appropriate and agreed that it could be for a 1% COLA and a 2% merit increase.

[8:14:19 PM](#) Mr. Harrington commented on UPD increases and Chief Wyant clarified that the UPD Budget includes a proposed 2% COLA and a 2.75% merit increase. Mayor Johnson stated that this seems like too much to him.

[8:15:31 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong said that making sure public safety is adequately covered is a priority. He asked for clarification on adding extra officers.

[8:16:42 PM](#) Mayor Johnson explained that \$105,000 for an additional officer is included in the proposed budget and if the grant requested comes through, one more officer will be pursued. Mr. Taylor confirmed that the grant application will be submitted this week and the grant includes a cost of 75% for the first year.

[8:18:29 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong cited his concern over Court costs and management. He asked whether costs can be trimmed or things can be done to make the Court more effective.

[8:19:11 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell said that the bad news is that there is a chance that court costs could increase in upcoming months and years, due to recent legislation that decriminalizes some drug offenses. He explained that this means that cases originally filed as felonies will now be filed in the Justice Court. He suggested that this needs to be monitored, but a spike in drug-related offenses in the Court will likely be seen. He said there may be extra bandwidth in judge capacity, but noted that this is governed by State law. He observed that there is not a current surplus of court personnel or room for much adjustment in other fixed Court costs. He cited variable Court costs depending on case load. Mr. Cowdell stated that, from his experience, he does not see where cuts could be made in the Taylorsville Court. He noted that Clerks are operating with a leaner staff than in the past. He relayed that some things in the Taylorsville Court have been decriminalized and are going to the Administrative Law Judge, which takes away from Court revenue and may increase some revenue related to the administrative law process.

Mr. Cowdell expressed that there is an expensive cost to protecting people's interest and rights. He suggested that the Court is never going to be revenue neutral and there will always be a deficit there. He cited options such as going to a professional Court Administrator, but said that also adds to costs. He said that any Court revenue should be viewed as helpful; however, the Judge's mission is not to bring in revenue but to meet out justice. He reiterated that maintaining and operating a Justice Court is always going to be expensive.

[8:24:56 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong observed that more than half of the City's budget is going to public safety and the Justice Court. He acknowledged that, considering national situations, cities will continue to pay more for safety and litigation.

[8:25:28 PM](#) Mayor Johnson admonished the Court not to give money away. He said that criminals need to pay for a defense and those responsibilities should not be waived.

[8:26:01 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson explained that Justice Courts are not designed to be revenue generators and are subject to legislated funding changes. He said that the Court is intended to deal with problems in the City. He anticipated that quite a few court cases will be added to the Taylorsville Court due to legislative changes and a clerk or two may need to be added. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Cowdell and cannot see any cuts that can be made to the Court. He said the City's only options are to either operate its own Justice Court or contract with someone else to do it. He added that control over the judiciary branch of government is a misnomer and the separation of powers is by design.

[8:29:27 PM](#) Mr. Taylor relayed that Judge Marsha Thomas and Clerk of the Court Kary Webb have taken a hard look at ways to accomplish savings in the Court and will continue to do so.

[8:30:00 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess complimented the Court for being conscientious and said he trusts the judicial branch to do its best. He inquired whether having the Fund Balance at 18% will take care of the City in an emergency. Mr. Harrington agreed that 18% is sufficient. He noted that a small additional amount will probably fall to the Fund Balance this year, unless it is transferred to the Capital Fund.

[8:31:54 PM](#) Vice-Chair Burgess confirmed that the increase to employee compensation could be taken from the Capital Fund. He stated that he wants to do what is reasonable to keep good personnel. He referenced the potential expense of training new employees.

[8:32:38 PM](#) Mr. Harrington observed that the City currently looks good for the next couple of years in regard to economic development activity. He clarified that the Fund Balance is at roughly \$760,000 this year.

[8:33:39 PM](#) Council Member Barbour asked that Mr. Harrington regularly remind the Council of the Capital Fund trigger in order to be prepared.

[8:34:08 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson asked for clarification on a minimum annual transfer of \$500,000 to the Capital Fund. Mr. Harrington explained reasons to transfer a minimum of \$500,000 annually for capital projects. Council Member Christopherson asked that discussion regarding a policy for transfers to the Capital Fund be added to a future agenda.

[8:35:31 PM](#) Chair Overson questioned whether beautification walls on the east side of Redwood Road are included in the proposed budget. Mr. Harrington clarified that funding for east-side walls on Redwood Road is not in the budget. He relayed that there is a capital project included for walls on 2700 West, going from the gas station down to the library, but that is the only wall project in this budget.

[8:36:08 PM](#) Mr. Taylor explained that it is impossible to do a beautification project with just walls on the east side of Redwood Road, as curb/gutter realignment, storm drain realignment, etc. would also be needed. He indicated that the City has federal money for Redwood Road beautification between 4100 South and 4700 South, which will require a match of \$460,000 in the next couple of years. He cited the possibility of trying to get an extension from 4700 South to 5400 South to include bus turnouts, realignments, curb/gutter, walls, etc. Mr. Taylor said this has not yet been worked out, but potential costs for needed improvements on the east side alone are about \$500,000. He indicated that the match is a much better alternative, but would push the project out a number of years.

[8:37:13 PM](#) It was confirmed that roughly \$400,000 is being transferred to capital infrastructure, of which \$200,000+ is allocated to Redwood Road for the match of federal funds.

[8:37:51 PM](#) Council Member Barbour asked about the \$200,000 amount set aside for a garage.

[8:38:07 PM](#) Mayor Johnson cited reasons for doing walls on 2700 West, as it is a main thoroughfare for parades. He acknowledged that there are other areas in the City in need of walls. He explained that a garage is needed to protect City trucks, plows, etc. and equipment that will need to be moved from the Food Pantry. He indicated that the original conceptual estimate for a garage was \$350,000 and the \$200,000 amount is a placeholder to save toward a potential garage next year. Mr. Taylor gave clarification on equipment that is coming out of the Food Pantry for placement in the City Center parking lot. It was clarified that federal CDBG funding requires that the equipment currently located at the Food Pantry be moved out of sight.

[8:41:13 PM](#) Chair Overson stated her appreciation that Administration is looking ahead at future needs for equipment. The Mayor cited City equipment that is being affected by adverse weather and the potential expense for replacing such. Council Member Barbour observed that, although she sees a great need for wall projects in the City, currently owned property must also be maintained. Mr. Taylor noted that any future garage will include aesthetics to match City Hall.

[8:42:10 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong inquired what will happen to the old fire station building and questioned whether City equipment could be housed there. Mr. Taylor said it is currently unknown whether that structure will need to be demolished. Mr. Harrington cited logistical problems with using the old fire station. Mayor Johnson noted that it would cost as much to renovate the old station and make it structurally sound as it would to build a new garage.

Mr. Taylor confirmed that the old fire station property belongs to the City and there is no plan to deed it over to the Unified Fire Authority (UFA). He relayed that Fire Station 118 and that associated parking lot property will be deeded over to UFA fairly soon, but Station 117 remains the City's property. It was noted that the reason for some delay in deeding Station 118 to UFA is the subdivision of City Center property.

[8:44:24 PM](#) Mayor Johnson thanked City Council Members and employees for helping to make right decisions on behalf of the City.

[8:44:42 PM](#) Chair Overson stated that she would like to see some money put toward a "Remember Me Garden," possibly located at the Senior Center. She shared her belief that this is a worthwhile project. Council Member Dan Armstrong confirmed that the LARP Committee is meeting tomorrow, May 14, 2015. He said he will ask for discussion on the "Remember Me Garden" at that time. He suggested getting a couple of new bids on the project. Chair Overson agreed that the initial bid seemed too high, but said she would like to see the project started. Mayor Johnson observed that utilizing volunteers for the project is a good idea.

[8:47:06 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson asked for clarification on money received for the sale of some of the City Center property. Mr. Harrington indicated that those funds are currently in the General Fund, but the plan is to transfer that amount to the Capital Budget for next year. He stated his understanding that the Council wishes to leave that amount for development of City Center property. He noted that this can be changed if desired.

[8:47:53 PM](#) Community Development Director McGrath clarified that there is currently no contract in place for the conceptual design of City Center open space, but some preliminary designs exist. Mr. Taylor explained that the contract for design has expired, but can be easily renewed.

[8:48:18 PM](#) Mr. Taylor confirmed that no news has been received on the Performing Arts Center. Council Member Brad Christopherson indicated that a City Center Park is a priority for next year. Mr. Taylor said he recommends putting in a line item for the City Center Park. Mr. Harrington relayed that there is a \$500,000 amount in the Parks Fund for the City Center Park that could be used for design, etc.

[8:49:54 PM](#) Mayor Johnson suggested waiting until the St. Mark's facility is finished in two or three months to see what that entails for sure. Mr. Harrington clarified that there is \$525,000 in the budget for the Parks Project that was taken from the \$1.2 million proceeds.

[8:50:50 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess asked about funding for signs at the Taylorsville Cemetery. Mr. Harrington said those minimal costs for cemetery signs can be covered in the current budget once the type of signs desired is determined.

[8:51:27 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked for clarification that \$525,000 is in the City Center Parks Project Fund, but the remainder is still in the Capital Fund. Mr. Harrington confirmed that the remainder is in the Parks Capital Fund, contingent on a transfer done this year.

[8:52:10 PM](#) Chair Overson asked Council Members how they would like to proceed on the budget at this point. Mr. Harrington confirmed that two public hearings will be held during the May 20, 2015 City Council Meeting for both the year-end amendments to the current year's budget and for next year's proposed budget. He noted that resolutions to adopt those budgets will be included on the May 20th agenda, following the public hearings, in the event the Council is ready to adopt the budgets; if not, they will be pushed to the next regular City Council Meeting for further consideration.

[8:53:07 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson outlined his suggested change to the tentative budget with a 1% COLA, plus a 2% merit increase. The Council was polled, as follows: Armstrong – 2%; Burgess – 2%; Christopherson – 3%; Barbour – 3%; and Overson – 3%. The majority consensus of the Council was to include a budget adjustment to reflect a 3% increase to employee compensation.

[8:55:03 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson cited a \$200,000 underspend amount in the current budget that is going to the Fund Balance. He suggested that some of that could be allocated to the compensation adjustment.

The general consensus of the Council was to also add \$5,000 in the budget for a "Remember Me Garden."

[8:55:54 PM](#) Mayor Johnson commented on the \$14,000 bid originally brought by Keith Sorensen for the "Remember Me Garden" and said some aspects of the project could be delegated to volunteers.

[8:57:16 PM](#) Chair Overson indicated she would still like to discuss walls and gain a better understanding of those plans, but does not want to prolong discussion in this meeting.

[8:58:20 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson observed that the City is in good financial shape compared to previous years and the budget process is going well. He said he foresees a good financial future for the City.

[8:59:14 PM](#) Mayor Johnson noted the need to be cautious and watch the people's money.

[8:59:34 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burges added his concern over being careful with taxpayer funds.

[9:00:36 PM](#) Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington confirmed recommended changes to be made to the proposed budget, as follows: add \$5,000 for the “Remember Me Garden;” and add an additional 2% to compensation for salary increases. He indicated that he will make those changes and distribute the new proposed budget as soon as possible.

[9:00:39 PM](#) Chair Overson complimented Administration on the proposed budget.

[9:00:52 PM](#) Mayor Larry Johnson thanked his team in Administration for making good budget recommendations.

7. Other Matters

[9:01:30 PM](#) There were no other matters.

5. Adjournment

[9:01:32 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the Special City Council Meeting. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Overson for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, and Armstrong-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:01p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-03-15

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