

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Council Chairman Dama Barbour
Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief

Excused: Council Member Brad Christopherson

Citizens: Ken Acker, Jeremy Robertson, Kevyn Smeltzer, Tiffanie Pulley, UFA Fire Fighters,

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:03:11 Chairman Dama Barbour conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:03 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were

present except Council Member Brad Christopherson who was excused. Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

18:03:59 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Chair Barbour asked that a review of committees and the potential need for new members be conducted during a future Work Session in September. It was determined that the appointments scheduled for the regular meeting tonight will be tabled, pending this review. Council Member Overson suggested that this matter also be reviewed by the Ordinance Review Committee. Council Member Burgess requested that Community Council volunteers also be involved in this discussion. Council Chair Barbour suggested re-visiting this matter in September at a City Council Work Session.

18:09:18 Council Member Overson inquired about the appeal window in regard to the appeal matter scheduled for tonight's regular Council Meeting. Community Development Director Mark McGrath gave clarification on the timing of the appeal. City Administrator John Inch Morgan reminded the Council that this matter is simply to determine whether to hear the appeal, remand it back to the Planning Commission or deny the appeal. He added that it would be inappropriate to solicit testimony, etc.

18:11:55 Council Member Ernest Burgess inquired about the need for crossing guards to ensure the safety of children at the elementary school located at 2200 West and 4100 South. Mr. Morgan cited ongoing discussion between Chief Wyant and the Chief of Police in West Valley City regarding jurisdiction of the area. He noted that there are policy issues that need to be resolved. He confirmed that there is agreement between all parties that a crossing guard is needed at this location. He agreed to bring a report to the Council next week and indicated he believes that this matter should be resolved before the school year starts.

3. Adjourn

Chair Barbour declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Specialist

Excused: Council Member Brad Christopherson

Citizens: Ken Acker, Jeremy Robertson, Kevyn Smeltzer, Tiffanie Pulley, Daryl Gudmundson, UFA Fire Fighters, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Wendi Wengel, Israel Grossman, Brent Garside, Teresa Rechtenbach, Pam Manson, Michael Jensen, Keith Sorenson, Royce Larsen, Jon Fidler, Dave Ballou, Nathan Beckstead, Brett McIff, Lynn Handy, Blaine Averkamp, Tally Pond, Jerry Fullmer, Wes Fulton, Jim Haslam, Reo Castleton, John Harris, Ross Fowlks, Jason Wilcox, Laural Wilcox, Nathan Beckstead, Kathy Hulse, Dave Rechtenbach

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:30:11 Chairman Dama Barbour 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 except Council Member Brad Christopherson who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance – *Daryl Gudmundson*

18:41:24 Daryl Gudmundson directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Reverence – *Daryl Gudmundson* (Opening Ceremonies
For July 17, 2013 to be arranged by Council Member Overson)**

18:31:04 Daryl Gudmundson offered the Reverence by presenting a reading from Francis Scott Key about the American flag.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:41:28 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

18:42:50 Jeremy Robertson, representing the IAFF Local 1696, stated that he is the President of the local union consisting of 425 fire fighters who work for the Unified Fire Authority (UFA). He cited three purposes for his comments: (1) to relay the union's great anticipation of the scheduled report from the Ad Hoc Committee; (2) to provide additional information from a unique perspective; and (3) to request that the fire fighter group be added to an August agenda to make a formal presentation from their perspective. He noted that there are 27 UFA fire fighters who are residents of Taylorsville.

18:46:07 Dama Barbour indicated that a report will be scheduled accordingly during an August Council Meeting.

18:47:33 Rhetta McIff read an email prepared by her husband, Brett McIff, regarding his concerns over whether impartial and biased opinions are being expressed by the Ad Hoc Committee regarding fire services.

18:49:51 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Barbour closed the citizen comment period.

18:49:59 Chair Barbour recognized members of Scout Troop 636 in attendance.

1.4 Mayor's Report

18:50:40 Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach reported on new playground equipment recently installed at Bennion Park. He illustrated pictures of the new playground. He relayed that this equipment was installed by volunteers and neighbors in Taylorsville following a fire at the park on April 27, 2013. Mayor Rechtenbach noted that the project was completed at \$5,000 under budget. The Mayor thanked Neighborhood Services Coordinator Rhetta McIff for her fine efforts in managing the project.

18:55:58 The Mayor reported on the upcoming Annual Neighborhood Cleanup sponsored by Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. He noted that residents can obtain information on when dumpsters will be in their neighborhoods at the Wasatch Front Waste website.

18:57:08 Mayor Rechtenbach reported on the success of the recent Taylorville Dayzz event. He thanked Taylorville Dayzz Chairman Jim Dunnigan, Vice Chairman Steve Ashby, the Taylorville Arts Council, and the Unified Police Department for their efforts in making this a successful event.

The Mayor estimated that nearly 20,000 people attended the Taylorville Dayzz event on Saturday evening, June 29, 2013. He noted that the fireworks for Taylorville Dayzz are all donated.

18:58:47 Chair Barbour also thanked the Exchange Club and the Lions Club for their participation with Taylorville Dayzz.

2. APPOINTMENTS

Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to table the scheduled appointments pending further review at a future Council Work Session regarding the number of members currently appointed to Taylorville Committees. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-excused, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

2.1 Tristen Wilson to the Arts Council – *Mayor Rechtenbach*

This appointment was tabled pending further review of city committees.

2.2 Keith Sorenson to the Budget & ED Committee – *Chairman Barbour*

This appointment was tabled pending further review of city committees.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Quarterly Report Unified Police Department – *Deputy Chief Wyant*

19:01:20 Chief Tracy Wyant asked for a moment of reflection for the 19 fire fighters who recently lost their lives during the fire in Mesa, Arizona. He then reported on services provided by the Unified Police Department (UPD) during the previous quarter.

Chief Wyant reviewed statistics for calls within each Council District. He cited an overall reduction of 4.3% in calls for service.

19:04:53 Council Member Kristie Overson requested a brief description of a fraud case. Chief Wyant gave explanation and stated that these offenses are following a valley-wide trend.

19:05:43 Council Member Overson relayed a commendation she received from a resident in her district for UPD services, in particular Chief Wyant and Detective Scott Lloyd, for the Neighborhood Watch program in her area.

19:07:53 Council Member Burgess asked for further explanation about fraud incidents. Chief Wyant noted that the majority of fraud cases stem from businesses along the Redwood Road Corridor and 5400 South, with some occurring along 4700 South. He added that most cases are related to credit card and check fraud. Council Member Burgess called for suggestions to help citizens protect themselves against these types of incidents. Chief Wyant cited the need to educate residents about keeping valuables out of sight in vehicles and homes. He suggested that these steps can help curb offenses. Chief Wyant commented that all personal information that comes through the mail should be shredded to minimize the possibility of identity theft.

19:10:51 Chief Wyant cited circumstances that have attributed to increases in criminal activity.

19:12:08 Chief Wyant described calls during the previous quarter for District 5. He explained how Districts 4 and 5 are divided in regard to tracking calls.

19:13:10 Council Member Burgess questioned what citizens can do to help mitigate criminal activity. Chief Wyant cited the need to increase educational efforts. He suggested additional lighting in neighborhoods and additional law enforcement presence.

19:15:23 Chief Wyant reviewed average response times and illustrated traffic accidents occurring during the third quarter.

19:16:37 Chief Wyant reviewed the summary of citations issued, along with statistics for the Street Crimes Unit and Pooled Services.

19:19:52 Council Member Burgess asked about progress on sexual assault cases. Chief Wyant stated that an excellent job is being done in responding to these types of incidents.

19:20:09 Chief Wyant reviewed code enforcement activities. He noted that the Code Enforcement Department was transferred to Community Development as of July 1, 2013, but said the UPD will continue to work closely with this department on some of the more challenging circumstances. Chief Wyant described the Officer Bicycle Program. He reported

that the program began in April, 2013. He stated that the effectiveness of this program has been very good.

19:21:18 Chief Wyant described school presentations that have been given. He noted that all of the Taylorsville elementary schools were visited this year. He indicated that this program will continue when schools are back in session.

19:21:43 Swift Water Rescue Training Devices were reviewed by Chief Wyant, who gave a brief history and stated that the program for officers began in June, 2013. He informed Council Members that his goal is to have all officers trained on this device during the coming year.

19:22:42 Council Member Kristie Overson thanked Chief Wyant for providing incident reports and numerous texts in regard to happenings in her Council District. She indicated that she appreciates being informed.

19:23:42 Council Members Burgess, Barbour, and Johnson also expressed appreciation for the efforts of officers in their Districts.

3.2 Quarterly Report WVAC - *Officer Nathan Beckstead*

19:24:41 Officer Nathan Beckstead asked that Kelly Davis be excused from tonight's meeting. He then reported on animal services provided to the City of Taylorsville by West Valley Animal Control during the previous quarter.

19:25:25 Officer Beckstead reviewed the top five types of calls relating to animal services and outlined statistics for field operations and activities. He relayed that citizens utilizing the dog parks are good at policing themselves.

19:26:47 Officer Beckstead reviewed calls for services during the previous quarter and noted that calls are down from the previous year due to education efforts, etc.

19:27:29 Officer Beckstead reviewed response times during the fourth quarter and indicated that the 20-minute response time has been met 100% of the time. He reported that adoptions are down from the last quarter. He cited adoption programs that are currently underway. He relayed that euthanizations have significantly decreased. He stated that "return-to-owner" numbers are up and shelter intakes are down.

19:29:50 Council Member Burgess questioned how young kittens that come into the shelter are handled. Officer Beckstead cited circumstances surrounding young kittens that attribute to illness, i.e. lack of a nursing mother to sustain them. He relayed that many times rescue programs have been able to take custody of kittens and place them in adoptive homes.

19:30:26 Officer Beckstead reported on shelter operations and “save rates.” He relayed that pet license sales are down for the fourth quarter. He indicated that pet licensing is actively pursued.

19:32:54 Officer Beckstead reviewed statistics for adoptions and rescues during the previous quarter.

19:33:54 Officer Beckstead reported on community involvement and ongoing programs. He outlined goals for animal services. He referenced participation of the Best Friends Society and also several veterinarians throughout the valley that contribute services at a reduced rate.

19:36:00 Officer Beckstead described the “Spring Fling” yard sale fundraiser for animal services. He cited benchmarks for success that are being implemented.

19:37:05 Council Chair Barbour cited two calls in her district that were handled very well.

19:37:26 Council Member Overson commented that reports have greatly improved and asked that Officer Beckstead pass this information on to Kelly Davis.

3.3 Quarterly Report Public Works - *Kevyn Smeltzer*

19:38:11 Kevyn Smeltzer reported on public works services provided to Taylorsville during the previous quarter.

19:38:18 Mr. Smeltzer described recently implemented standards for sign retro-reflectivity requirements and reviewed compliance deadline dates. He noted that the deadline date has recently been changed from 2012 to 2015. He relayed that the deadline for street marker sign compliance is 2018.

19:41:13 Mr. Smeltzer cited proposed combined assessment methods in regard to city signs, i.e. control signs, visual nighttime inspection, and expected sign life. He reviewed the current status of signs in Taylorsville, as follows: approximately 1400 highway signs; approximately 1100 street markers; and 75 signs remaining to be updated by the compliance deadline.

19:43:34 Council Member Burgess inquired about the price for replacing signs. Mr. Smeltzer indicated that the cost is \$50 to \$100 per sign, depending on the size.

19:44:37 Chair Barbour thanked Public Works for improvements made on Bastille Drive.

3.4 Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Services - *Janice Auger Rasmussen*

19:44:57 Chair Barbour explained that several months ago, the City Council determined to form an Ad Hoc Committee to explore fire service issues in Taylorsville. She thanked the 10-member committee for their efforts in that regard.

19:45:58 Committee Chair Janice Auger Rasmussen introduced a report from the Ad Hoc Committee regarding fire services in Taylorsville.

19:47:21 Ms. Rasmussen relayed that the committee worked 400 to 500 hours holding committee meetings, reading data, performing interviews and studying historical response data. Ms. Auger noted that one of the committee members, Justin Perkins, was unable to attend this meeting but participated fully and was an important part of the process. She also stated that Brent Garside has chosen not to participate in this evening's presentation.

19:49:57 Ms. Rasmussen commented that the information gathered is very specific to Taylorsville. She thanked Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski for the many hours he spent with the committee. She also recognized committee members and specifically Wendi Wengel for designing and coordinating the web site containing the committee's report. Ms. Rasmussen asked that this website be provided through the City's web page and other media. She introduced Blaine Awerkamp, who analyzed and prepared the historical response data. It was noted that Mr. Awerkamp has compiled data from about 12,000 "911" calls into the information presented.

19:53:04 Mrs. Rasmussen referenced three sections of the committee's report to be presented, as follows: (1) historical response data presented by Blaine Awerkamp; (2) frequently asked questions; and (3) pros and cons of both sides of the issue.

19:53:57 Blaine Awerkamp presented historical response data for Taylorsville Fire and Medical Incidents. He thanked Chief Jay Ziolkowski, Jeremy Robertson, and Mike Kelsey for their cooperation and input.

19:56:50 Mr. Awerkamp reviewed data related to the two Taylorsville fire stations and the personnel that are assigned to provide fire services to Taylorsville.

19:58:39 Mr. Awerkamp reviewed the number of fire incidents per year over the last three years and outlined fire station zones for Taylorsville incidents.

20:00:45 Mr. Awerkamp explained the designation of different types of emergency calls and illustrated the classification of fire and medical incidents. He noted that the majority of calls are

for false alarms and only 2.5% of calls are for actual fires. He relayed that some calls are for hazardous materials. He observed that this is similar to national trends and Taylorsville is not unique in this regard.

20:03:56 Mr. Averkamp reviewed the priority dispatch system and explained that classifications for medical calls are made at the time of a "911" call. He outlined estimated incidents and future growth anticipated for Taylorsville. He noted that Taylorsville's cost for services is going up 5%, but calls are not increasing. Mr. Averkamp observed that Taylorsville stations are very busy compared to other stations within the UFA. He complimented fire fighters at those stations.

20:08:42 Mr. Averkamp cited statistics for the average number of calls per day for the three stations that cover Taylorsville. He compared Taylorsville incidents versus response by stations to incidents. He outlined responses per day by all four stations responding in Taylorsville. He reviewed the number of calls over particular days of the week and illustrated the busiest hours of the day for incidents.

20:14:55 Mr. Averkamp reviewed the frequency of time between calls. He noted that 11% of calls occur within 30 minutes of each other. He commented that 50% of the calls occur within 3.5 hours of each incident.

20:16:22 Mr. Averkamp outlined statistics for incidents where Taylorsville provided aid to other cities. He observed that Taylorsville is an importer of services. He reviewed the number of Kearns responses in Taylorsville and those received from outside assistance. The question was raised whether Taylorsville is too busy to take the calls. Mr. Averkamp relayed that it takes about an hour to take care of a medical call.

20:20:21 Mr. Averkamp reviewed equipment that is used for responding to incidents and relayed that the heaviest equipment (ladder truck) responds to calls most often.

20:21:52 Council Member Overson questioned whether the Powerpoint presentation is available. Mr. Averkamp acknowledged that it will be on the Ad Hoc Committee website. Council Member Overson thanked Mr. Averkamp for the tremendous amount of time he has donated in preparing the information provided. Mr. Averkamp noted that he has tried to be unbiased and factual in organizing the information.

20:24:02 Council Member Burgess and Council Member Johnson raised questions about the number of emergency personnel that go out on incidents.

20:25:51 Chair Barbour noted the need for Council Members to review the information provided on the website at <http://www.tvillefirevote.com/>.

20:26:02 Ms. Rasmussen introduced the second part of the presentation as "Frequently Asked Questions." She noted that the questions listed were prepared based on questions that the Ad Hoc Committee raised and questions asked by other concerned citizens during the research process. Ms. Rasmussen clarified that the questions are grouped into four sections.

20:26:51 Ms. Rasmussen gave explanation as follows: Tally Pond will address the first portion of questions titled "Background" and "Issues of Cost;" Jerry Fullmer will then address the sections listed as "Issues of Services" and "Issues of Transparency, Responsibility and Policy;" Wendi Wengel will give input to support the answers to questions; and at the end of the presentation, the committee will entertain questions from Council Members.

20:29:02 Chair Barbour thanked Wendi Wengel for representing her district on the Committee.

20:29:53 Ms. Wengel stated that her participation on this committee came about because of her love of the City and her desire that citizens and businesses receive the best care and value for services. She also referenced a hope that the best information available is provided. She noted that she is very grateful for the fire fighters and the job they do for Taylorsville.

20:30:19 Mr. Pond inquired about the whereabouts of Council Member Brad Christopherson. Chair Barbour noted that Council Member Christopherson is excused from this meeting due to a long-planned family vacation.

20:30:54 Tally Pond read "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers," as listed below. (For further review of the "Exhibits" refer to the website located at www.tvillefirevote.com.)

A - BACKGROUND

1. What is the "District"? The Salt Lake Valley Fire Service Area District (created in 2006) is frequently called the "District" and will be referred to as the "District" in this document.
2. Why was the "District" created? The Salt Lake County Council decided to create a taxing/bonding authority to fund fire protection services. A few cities joined the "District" in recent years. **EXHIBIT A**
3. What is UFA? The Unified Fire Authority (created in 2004) is a legal entity providing contract fire protection services to the "District" and to several individual cities. **EXHIBIT A**

B - ISSUES OF COST - EXHIBIT C

1. in a letter to citizens, Taylorsville City stated a need to repair the Redwood Road fire station; also build a third station; that joining the "District" would allow funding of the capital costs. The ad hoc committee has concluded that these may not be an immediate need and if any capital expense is necessary, the City can issue its own bonds. Note: bond ratings of both entities have recently been downgraded, and there is no monetary advantage to belonging to the "District" as they have the

same bond rating as Taylorsville. Further, buildings constructed by the "District" typically are built at a higher per sq. ft. cost than buildings built by municipalities. **EXHIBIT B**

2. Taylorsville City Council declared their intent to join the "District" and to reduce City property taxes. Would those decisions be "revenue neutral"? No. Combined taxes paid to the City and the taxes paid to the "District" would be significantly greater than current Taylorsville City property taxes (About 150% of current city tax)

3. By not joining the "District" will my taxes go down? No. Taylorsville City's cost for fire services will likely increase either way. However, the trend towards increasing cost has been greater within the "District" than within entities with local control.

4. Will the landslide at Kennecott impact the "District"? Kennecott is requesting a revaluation of their property. If successful, they will pay less property tax. The result is that other members of the "District" will likely pay more to achieve the same level of service. Kennecott currently pays 26% of "District" taxes.

5. Can costs be reduced in some other way? Yes. Many cities in the U.S. are implementing innovative service protocols that are cost-saving. **EXHIBIT E**

20:36:43 Ms. Rasmussen gave clarification on comparisons between taxes paid to the District and taxes paid to UFA. She noted that this is a "what if" situation. She added that exhibit C shows the actual amount paid to the UFA in the first column and the second column is what would have been paid to the District if the City had joined when the District first began. She commented that the difference is \$5.3 million. She indicated that the same information is shown in the service graph.

Mr. Pond observed that the information presented is important and that citizens still have a few months to read through the information and gain a better understanding before the vote takes place.

20:38:57 Jerry Fulmer, of District 1, read the questions and answers for #C and #D, as listed below. (For further review of the "Exhibits" refer to the website located at www.tvillefirevote.com.)

C - ISSUES OF SERVICE

1. Why have other cities chosen not to join the "District"? To maintain local control and respond to specific needs/concerns of their own communities and because of excessive costs. **EXHIBIT D**
2. Are there viable solutions, other than joining the "District"? Yes. Many cities provide emergency services in unique ways. Taylorsville could select any variation or combination of other methods. **EXHIBIT E**
3. By joining the "District" will the services be better? No. The services would remain the same. The "District" contracts with UFA for firefighting services and Taylorsville City contracts with UFA for firefighting services.

4. If the "District" doesn't provide firefighting services, what does it provide? A separate taxing and bonding authority.
5. By joining the "District" will response times be better? No. The response time will be the same whether or not we join the "District". Response time is based on location of stations and availability of crews.
6. What gives Taylorsville the most flexibility in managing fire protection services: Local control. This allows innovation and creative service protocols and requires the Taylorsville City Council to meet specific needs of the community. It requires the Council to evaluate all City needs as it creates budgets/policies. Levels of service for all members of the "District" are set by the "District" Board (where Taylorsville would have 1 vote in 8, about 12%).
7. Does the "District" embrace innovation? Not currently, however the trend for not sending fire trucks on medical calls is expanding nationwide to reduce expenses. **EXHIBIT F**

D - ISSUES OF TRANSPARENCY/RESPONSIBILITY/POLICY

1. By joining the "District" are we giving up "local control"? Yes. Only one of the Taylorsville elected officials would become a representative on the "District" board (1 vote in 8, about 12%). **EXHIBIT A**
2. By continuing to contract with UFA are we giving up "local control"? No. The City Council maintains control of negotiating annual contract terms with the "UFA" as in the past.
3. If we don't join the "District" now and that choice seems prudent in the future, can we join later? Yes. Two years or more after the referendum, the City Council can again vote to join the "District."
4. How hard is it to leave "UFA"? It requires a one-year notice from the Taylorsville City Council.
5. How hard it is to leave the "District"? It would take a majority vote of the citizens of Taylorsville and a majority vote of the City Council. The City would also retain liability for a share of any outstanding bonds.

20:47:35 Ms. Wengel stated that while the report was being compiled, the committee invited other involved cities, the IAFF group, and Chief Jay Ziolkowski to review the information and give feedback/input in order to ensure correct data was gathered for the Ad Hoc Report

20:47:52 Mr. Fullmer questioned the process for how the City first determined to join the District. He cited budgeting for only half a year of fire services, subsequent petitions, and the upcoming referendum. He summarized that he cannot understand the need to join the District when the services already provided are sufficient and adequate to meet the needs of the City. He suggested that the benefits of joining the District are greater for unincorporated cities.

20:49:52 Ms. Rasmussen presented three scenarios, as follows: (1) Taylorsville joins the district; (2) Taylorsville continues to contract with UFA; and (3) Taylorsville considers contracting with an independent provider. She introduced three people who will present these options, as follows:

Jim Haslam (Council District 3); Tiffanie Pulley (Council District 1); and Wes Fulton (Council District 5).

20:51:19 Jim Haslam presented arguments for and against joining the Fire District. He stated arguments for joining the District are that it is a single tax levy which includes building an additional fire station and a rebuild of station #17. He observed that Taylorsville may benefit more from shared capital expenses due to other faster growing cities with higher property values in the District. He suggested that with fire taxes going directly to the District, Taylorsville City's management and direct oversight would be eliminated.

Mr. Haslam presented arguments for not joining the District, as follows: As the District grows and other cities participate, the City will keep its one vote as a District member. Mr. Haslam cited an instance involving Eagle Mountain where the District accepted their entrance without having Board approval. Mr. Haslam commented that municipal property tax rates within the District have increased proportionately more than municipal city taxes. He stated that Fire District costs, as presented, are considerably higher per square foot compared to city designed and built buildings. He suggested that combined taxes for the Fire District and the City will be significantly greater than the current taxes in place. He relayed that in order for the City to withdraw from the District, it would require a unanimous vote from residents. Mr. Haslam observed that all entities in the District must have the same type and level of services, and services are not tailored to local needs.

20:56:04 Mr. Haslam suggested that a third station in the City is not justified. He summarized that the bottom line is local control. He added opinion that the City is large enough to need local control.

20:56:51 Tiffanie Pulley observed that Taylorsville is not like any other City in the valley. She stated that Taylorsville's demographics and population are unique. She gave a brief overview of the process leading up to the formation of the Ad Hoc Committee and their ultimate findings and recommendations. She thanked concerned citizens in attendance for their interest in understanding and gaining information to make the best decision for Taylorsville City.

Ms. Pulley observed that fire services for Taylorsville are currently contracted and can be re-negotiated annually, responding to local needs and innovative protocols. She noted that the Council determines staffing and levels of service. She explained that financial needs are weighed against other needs of the City by the City Council. She observed that cost trends have been consistently lower compared to those of the District. She stated that Taylorsville will benefit more by building fire stations and addressing its own needs, rather than competing with other fast growing cities in the District.

Ms. Pulley observed that if Taylorsville does not join the District, capital needs must be funded by the City.

21:00:26 Wes Fulton reviewed scenarios for and against utilizing independent options for fire services. He thanked Janice Auger Rasmussen for heading the Ad Hoc Committee. He cited his responsibility to review independent options available should the City decide not to join the District and consider such options. He stated that the City Council would weigh the financial needs against all other financial needs of the City; there would be more representation and transparency, and no annual contracting. He noted that Taylorsville could co-op with Metro Fire in purchasing advantages and joint special services. Mr. Fulton observed that the City would have local control over the level of service and emergency vehicle protocol and Taylorsville would benefit more by building the fire station it needs rather than competing with other fast growing cities in the District.

Mr. Fulton also presented arguments against contracting with an independent service, i.e. there would be a greater start-up cost. He suggested that ongoing annual costs would also likely be higher as the City would be trying to provide services as a stand-alone contract. He cited a final argument that the capital needs would need to be funded by the City.

21:02:48 Council Member Johnson thanked Committee Member Brent Garside for his participation.

21:03:27 Council Members thanked Ms. Rasmussen and the Ad Hoc Committee again for their efforts. Mrs. Rasmussen recognized the high expertise of participating committee members.

21:05:13 Brent Garside asked to make comments at this time. Chair Barbour indicated that his comments would not be allowed now and must be saved for the next citizen comment period.

3.5 Unified Fire Authority - *Chief Jensen or Designee*

21:05:09 Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Chief Michael Jensen thanked Chief Wyant for his acknowledgement of the 19 fire fighters who recently lost their lives in Arizona. He noted that this devastating loss greatly affected UFA personnel. He also relayed that the State of Utah is currently in a severe state of drought and asked that citizens act accordingly.

21:07:16 Chief Jensen noted that he has not had opportunity to review the Ad Hoc Committee Report and has not been contacted by the committee or had any communication with them. He asked that UFA be given opportunity at a future Taylorsville Council Meeting to present a prepared and informed response to the report. Chairman Barbour stated that such a report would be scheduled.

21:08:29 Chief Jensen stated that he would like to briefly discuss staffing and response times to calls. He noted that the Board reviews this information and makes decisions that will not put people at risk, but also researches how other agencies are operating and if they are being effective and efficient with new forms of response. Chief Jensen explained the new callout process in West Jordan by stating that they are putting one person on a battalion chief wagon to perform assessments. He explained that they are taking a person who is on shift, removing them from their shift, and placing them on the response rig to respond alone. He added that the District Board is monitoring this type of response, but has taken the position that they do not want to decrease the level of service going to individuals immediately until results are compiled.

21:09:37 Chief Jensen addressed station costs in the valley in order to have "apples to apples" comparisons. He said that the Big Cottonwood Station is a huge outlier and skews comparisons. He stated that to make accurate comparison, the Big Cottonwood station should be removed. He added that the engineering snow loads for the Big Cottonwood station are 10 times what they are in the valley. He emphasized that a better analysis would be of station costs in the valley itself.

21:10:44 Chief Jensen commented on the huge change that came about through the creation of UFA and innovations in the provision of service that have come about since that time. He stated that the model did not exist prior to that time. He stated that UFA is, and has been, the change agent for fire service in the state of Utah for the past decade. He noted that Chairperson Auger Rasmussen should agree, as she is one of the people who helped to found the UFA.

21:11:28 Chief Jensen made reference to the entrance of Eagle Mountain into the UFA. He stated that it was not done prior to the Board. He commented that there is a process set out in State Statute and the District followed that process. He said the District could not unilaterally allow any entity into the District or the UFA without holding public hearings, public votes and without coming back to the UFA. He reiterated that there is a public process in place that must be adhered to.

21:12:14 Chief Jensen thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for their extensive time and efforts to educate citizens within their community. He stated that if anyone has questions or concerns, they are welcome to attend CERT training or any other community events as a means of education.

21:13:34 Chair Barbour indicated that Council Members are very overwhelmed and have a lot of information to digest in regard to fire services.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – SCCM 06-12-13 & RCCM 06-19-13

21:14:01 Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-excused, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Consideration of an Appeal Request for an Animal Hobby Permit on Property Located at 4425 South Jarrah Street (1265 West) - *Mark McGrath*

21:14:48 Community Development Director Mark McGrath reviewed the history of this appeal request for an animal hobby permit. He explained that there are currently three options before the Council, as follows: 1) Uphold the decision made by the Planning Commission; 2) Remand the appeal back to the Planning Commission for further consideration; or 3) Hear the appeal. He stated that if the Council chooses to hear the appeal a date will be scheduled at least 14 days from today's date to allow time for sending out a public notice to surrounding neighborhoods and ensure that proper notification is made.

Mr. McGrath relayed that the appeal is for an animal hobby permit which is available to residents in the City to have more than two dogs, provided that the animals are sterilized. He noted that this particular application involves five dogs. He illustrated a map of the property location and explained that the property owner previously owned two of the dogs, and at some point a member of the family moved in with the property owner and brought three additional dogs to the residence. He noted that the dogs vary in types and size. Mr. McGrath informed Council Members that West Valley Animal Services received a complaint on the property regarding barking and the number of dogs on site. He reported that West Valley Animal Services followed up on the complaint by notifying the property owner that it is illegal to have five dogs on the premises without an animal hobby permit. The owners were informed that they would need to get a permit from the City. The property owner has followed up and made application for the animal hobby permit.

Mr. McGrath reported that the Taylorsville Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on the application on May 14, 2013. He explained that when public notice was sent, there were a number of complaints from the surrounding community, i.e. odors from the property, the number of dogs, and also a barking complaint.

Mr. McGrath relayed that when the Planning Commission held its hearing on May 14, 2013, no one from the public attended to voice their complaints in person; however, the City received both verbal and written communication from the surrounding community prior to the meeting. He reported that after hearing the testimony and taking the matter under consideration, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to deny the animal hobby permit. Mr. McGrath stated that the applicant subsequently submitted an appeal letter to the City within 10 days, as required by Taylorsville Ordinance, and the matter has now been brought before the City Council. Mr. McGrath reminded the Council of the three options up for decision.

Council Member Johnson asked for clarification regarding whether ordinance regarding animal hobby permits limits the maximum number of animals for a residence at six. Mr. McGrath stated that such limitations are being discussed, but have not been formally adopted. Mr. Johnson asked how many complaints were received about the property. Mr. McGrath replied that there were three individual complaints.

21:21:03 Chair Barbour reiterated that there are three options before the Council: (1) remand the matter back to the Planning Commission; (2) uphold the denial; (3) or schedule a date for a hearing before the Council. Council Member Johnson asked if the decision of the Planning Commission was made because the residents who complained did not attend the meeting. Mr. McGrath stated that he believes the Planning Commission seriously considered the input received outside of the public hearing in making their decision.

21:22:19 Council Member Burgess **MOVED** to schedule a hearing before the Council. Council Member Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. A poll was taken as follows: Council Member Overson-no; Council Member Johnson-yes; Christopherson-excused; Council Member Burgess-yes; Council Chair Barbour-no. **The motion failed due to a tie vote.**

21:22:50 Council Member Overson **MOVED** to uphold the Planning Commission's decision. Council Chair Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. A poll was taken as follows: Council Member Overson-yes; Council Member Johnson-no; Christopherson-excused; Council Member Burgess-no; Council Chair Barbour-yes. **The motion failed due to a tie vote.**

21:23:51 Council Member Overson noted the need to postpone this decision until five members of the Council are in attendance. Council Member Overson **MOVED** to continue this matter to the July 17, 2013 City Council Meeting. Chair Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. **All Council Members present voted in favor.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

21:25:23 There were no financial matters.

7. OTHER MATTERS

21:25:25 There were no other matters.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

21:25:30 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

21:26:25

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.3 Town Hall Open House – Wednesday, July 17, 2013 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 6, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.7 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

21:26:28

- 10.1 *Meet the Candidates Night* – Tuesday, July 16, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall, Council Chambers – Hosted by ChamberWest – Come out and meet your Taylorsville Candidates before the Primary Elections on August 13, 2013.
- 10.2 *Early Voting for Primary Municipal Election, July 30 through August 9, 2013* (weekdays only), 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Taylorsville City Hall, Room 110
- 10.3 *2013 Primary Municipal Election* – Tuesday, August 13, 2013 – Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact Cheryl Cottle at 801-955-2006 for additional information on polling locations.

11. CLOSED SESSION

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

21:27:02 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-excused,

Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

21:28:21 Chair Barbour called for a five-minute recess before convening the Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION - Sale or Purchase of Real Property

Those in attendance at the Closed Session were: Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, City Administrator John Inch Morgan, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Johnson, and Overson; City Attorney John Brems; Economic Development Director Donald Adams; Economic Development Specialist Wayne Harper; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle. Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn this Closed Session at 10:00 p.m. and convene the regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-excused, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-excused, Barbour-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 08-07-13