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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Bob Knudsen
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
Councilmember Anna Barbieri
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Councilmember Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/C.F.O.
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Agenda

Chair Knudsen called the briefing session to order at 6:02 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

The agenda for the regular City Council meeting was reviewed by Chair Knudsen.

City Attorney Tracy Cowdell mentioned that he did not get a copy of the franchise agreement associated with Resolution No. 23-11 into the packet. He explained that it was a standard

agreement but that it was up to the council if they moved forward with that item or tabled it until they had the opportunity to review the agreement.

Regarding Resolution No. 23-20, Mr. Cowdell pointed out it was proposed by Deputy Chief Miller just over a day ago. If approved, it would provide an additional tool for law enforcement when having contact with gang members at Taylorsville Dayzz.

Councilmember Burgess mentioned a constituent whose yard was recently dug up by Google. She indicated she had received no prior notice or information about what was being done. Mayor Overson asked that Councilmember Burgess provide her with the name and contact information of the resident so she could get in touch with her.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Terryne Bergeson, Planner
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Community/Econ. Dev. Director
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Brittany Kempff, Economic Development
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner

Others: Sally Beesley, Tony Henderson, Mike Potter, Elias Pylidis, Dennis Sanok, and Gordon Willardson

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted, wherein all councilmembers were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Councilmember Cochran* (Opening Ceremonies for July 19, 2023 to be arranged by *Councilmember Barbieri*)

Councilmember Cochran directed the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Mr. Cowdell offered a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson explained that she had attended a ribbon-cutting at Feast Box. She said it was a great place for meat lovers to dine.

The mayor had the opportunity to participate at *Splish Splash Story Time* at the Taylorsville Recreation Center where she was able to read to children in the shallow end of the swimming pool.

Attendance was increasing each week at *Starry Nights on the Plaza*. Mayor Overson expressed her appreciation to Councilmember Harker and the Parks and Recreation committee as well as Mr. Harrington who handled the audio/video equipment for the event.

The City-wide cleanup event was very successful, as always. The mayor thanked Councilmember Burgess, code enforcement, the police department and the Taylorsville High football team and coaching staff for their help.

Earlier in the day Mayor Overson had joined ChamberWest for a golf event at Stonebridge Golf Club. There were 192 golfers, and it was a golden opportunity to meet with community and business leaders.

She recently attended a UFA board meeting wherein fireworks were discussed. She reminded everyone on which dates they could be sold and discharged. UFAs website had an interactive map where residents could see where certain personal fireworks were allowed.

The Plaza+Art committee had chosen new pieces which would soon replace those currently on display at Centennial Plaza. She encouraged anyone who hadn't yet seen the 14 current sculptures to take a walk along the plaza and view them before they were replaced by the new pieces.

There was a great deal of construction taking place on Redwood Road, particularly towards the north end near Carriage Square which was also undergoing some upgrades. The work on Redwood was a UDOT project and anyone interested in seeing learning more about that and other state projects could go to udot.utah.gov/projects.

Flooding season was nearly over, and sandbags could be taken to Atherton Drive until mid-July, at which time Salt Lake County would haul them away.

Taylorsville Dayzz would start the following evening and promised to be a fun, family-friendly event lasting through the evening of June 24th.

Mayor Overson concluded her comments by expressing her appreciation to city staff for all that they did for the city.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Knudsen reviewed the citizen comment procedures for the audience before calling for any comments from the public.

Dale Wood explained he had a neighbor whose tree hung over his fence. Several limbs had broken off into Mr. Wood's yard. He had spoken with the owner of the tree who suggested that Mr. Wood was responsible for any part of the tree that hung over his property. He felt that city code should specify whose responsibility it was. He also expressed concern about an ongoing problem with dogs running at large in his neighborhood. He mentioned that he had a hard time getting through to animal control on the telephone.

There was no one else who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Lynn Edward Kelly to the Public Safety Committee – Chair Knudsen

 Chair Knudsen explained that Mr. Kelly had a family emergency and was unable to be present that evening. He invited Tony Henderson to step forward and provide some information about Mr. Kelly's interest in serving on the committee.

MOTION: Chair Knudsen moved to approve the appointment of Lynn Edward Kelly to the Public Safety Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

2.2 **Resolution No. 23-12** A resolution of the City of Taylorsville consenting to the appointment of Brittany Kempff as a Deputy City Recorder – **Mayor Overson**

Mayor Overson explained that with Jean Ashby's impending retirement, it was necessary to appoint Brittany Kempff as a deputy city recorder so that once trained, she will be authorized to act on the city recorder's behalf in her absence.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-12, consenting to the appointment of Brittany Kempff as a Deputy City Recorder. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

The Oath of Office was then administered to Ms. Kempff.

2.3 **Resolution No. 23-15** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville reappointing David Wright to the Planning Commission as a District 3 Representative – **Wayne Harper**

2.4 **Resolution No. 23-16** A resolution of the City of Taylorsville reappointing Gordon Willardson to the Planning Commission as a District 5 Representative – **Wayne Harper**

 Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper explained that Commissioners Wright and Willardson had both done excellent jobs on the Planning Commission and they wished to continue to serve in that capacity. He and Mayor Overson were pleased to recommend the reappointment of both.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 23-15 and Resolution No. 23-16, reappointing David Wright and Gordon Willardson to the Planning Commission, representing Districts 3 and 5 respectively. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Senior Center Report – *Mike Potter*

Taylorsville Senior Center Manager Mike Potter mentioned that a Volunteer Appreciation event would take place the following day. He also reported on the number of meals served by Senior Center staff—breakfasts, lunches, and “to go” meals that seniors could pick up and take home to enjoy. He compared those numbers to the same period in 2022. Mr. Potter noted that there was a need for an additional part-time van driver.

3.2 Unified Fire Report – *Captain Richard Rich*

 Unified Fire Captain Richard Rich presented the City Council with a report of UFA activities in Taylorsville for January through March of 2023. He reviewed call volume, types of calls, and response times, particularly on emergent calls for service. Captain Rich also reported several staff retirements and promotions that had taken place in recent months.

UFA had established a Strategic Planning Work Group from a broad spectrum of agency employees. The group had been tasked with developing the 2024 – 2026 Strategic Plan.

Captain Rich provided several tips and suggestions for ensuring that recreational fires were appropriate and safe. He also reviewed current statutes pertaining to the sale and use of fireworks. He concluded his comments by explaining that Chair Knudsen had participated in Fire School 101

to become more familiar with the various tasks UFA performed in their efforts to provide fire protection and rescue services for Taylorsville.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – June 7, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes from the June 7, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 23-08 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Taylorsville Municipal Code Chapter 13.25 related to updates to water efficient landscaping standards – *Terryne Bergeson*

 Planner Terryne Bergeson explained the subject matter of the proposed ordinance and indicated it was a result of the city's desire to support water conservation efforts and also to help residents take advantage of reimbursement programs administered by the state. Some changes proposed in the ordinance were that lawn would be prohibited in new park strips and that if irrigation was installed in park strips, it needed to be a drip system rather than a traditional sprinkler system.

There were also some proposed changes for commercial properties. Specifically, landscaped area of commercial buildings was not to exceed 20% lawn cover and there was to be no lawn in parking lots.

Councilmember Harker wished to confirm that park strips of new homes could no longer have grass in them. Ms. Bergeson confirmed that was correct but pointed out that existing park strips with grass were grandfathered in.

Councilmember Cochran expressed concern about an inconsistency in language where some portions of the ordinance used the word “encouraged” as opposed to “required.” Mr. Harper

explained that for residents to be eligible for state reimbursement, the ordinance language had to match that of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

Councilmember Barbieri expressed concern that the ordinance seemed to encourage removal of trees and other foliage from park strips which reduced shade and increased heat which resulted in a need for more water rather than less. Therefore, she questioned whether the proposed ordinance would truly result in water conservation.

Councilmember Cochran asked Mr. Cowdell to weigh in on the proposed ordinance and its effect on property owners' rights.

Mr. Cowdell responded that as policy makers, the Council had to balance individual civil liberties with the collective good of the community. He described the proposed ordinance as "aspirational" and said it was more of a carrot than a stick. It did not require that anyone change their park strip, but if someone *did* decide to do so, it provided standards.

Councilmember Barbieri stated that she was not interested in codifying something that was unenforceable.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to deny Ordinance No. 23-08.

The motion died for lack of a second.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Ordinance No. 23-08, approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Taylorsville Municipal Code Chapter 13.25 related to updates to water efficient landscaping standards. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Barbieri	No
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 4-1

- 5.2 Review of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Update project Chapter 13.01, *General Provisions*, and Chapter 13.06 *Administration & Procedures* – **Jim Spung****

 Senior Planner Jim Spung updated the City Council on proposed changes to chapters 13.01 and 13.06 of Taylorsville's Land Development code.

Councilmember Cochran stepped out of the room at 8:09 p.m. but returned at 8:12 p.m.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 **Resolution No. 23-17** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the City of Taylorsville, Sandy City, West Jordan City, South Jordan City and West Valley City to create a consortium relating to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026 –*Scott Harrington*

 Assistant City Administrator/CFO Scott Harrington explained that this agreement had already been in place but needed to be updated every three years.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-17, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with various other local municipalities to create a consortium relating to the HOME Investment Partnerships Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2026. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

- 6.2 **Resolution No. 23-18** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville determining the certified tax and levying of taxes upon all real and personal property within the City of Taylorsville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. –*Scott Harrington*

 Mr. Harrington explained that the City had to declare the certified tax rate every year. It was typically done when the budget was adopted but Salt Lake County had not gotten the rate to Taylorsville until about June 12th. The tax rate would be 0.000731, which was slightly lower than the rate for FY22-23 since house values had increased.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 23-18, determining the certified tax and levying of taxes upon all real and personal property within the City of Taylorsville for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

6.3 **Resolution No. 23-19** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville declaring certain city-owned property as surplus property – **Scott Harrington**

 Mr. Harrington explained that there were five vehicles and two trailers (model dates of 2002 to 2007) that were no longer of use to the city. All but one had mechanical issues.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-19, declaring certain city-owned property as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

6.4 **Resolution No. 23-21** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement #SF23040 between Salt Lake County and the City of Taylorsville for Bailiff and Security Services. – **Scott Harrington**

 Mr. Harrington explained that the contract included a modest increase but that it was still within the amount budgeted.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve Resolution No. 23-21, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement #SF23040 between Salt Lake County

and the City of Taylorsville for Bailiff and Security Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 23-11 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving a franchise agreement with Syringa Networks, LLC – ***Tracy Cowdell***

 Tracy Cowdell explained that Syringa Networks was a tech company based in Boise, Idaho. They were interested in providing small cell towers and broadband services to businesses in Taylorsville. This was the city's standard franchise agreement, and it would allow Syringa to use easements to provide their services and would pay the city a franchise fee. Mr. Cowdell pointed out that Syringa had been thoroughly vetted and he believed they would make a good corporate partner for Taylorsville.

MOTION: **Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-11, approving a franchise agreement with Syringa Networks, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.**

Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7.2 Resolution No. 23-20 A Resolution of the Taylorsville City Council designating certain areas where orders to disperse are authorized and gang loitering is prohibited – ***Chief Brady Cottam***

Chief Cottam and Sgt. Dustin Fowler to explain to the Council some of the things that made the police department interested in presenting this resolution to the City Council.

Chief Cottam introduced Sgt. Dustin Fowler of the Metro Gang Unit. Sgt. Fowler explained that he had worked in the Metro Gang Unit for five years and had during that time he had seen a rise in juvenile violence in the country. For example, three-quarters of the youth currently in the Salt Lake Valley Detention Center were there on homicide charges.

Recent legislation provided law enforcement with an additional tool to help prevent gang problems at the Taylorsville Dayzz events. Approving Resolution No. 23-20 would allow the police department to utilize that tool.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution No. 23-20, designating certain areas where orders to disperse are authorized and gang loitering is prohibited. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Chair Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Councilmember Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration

8.5 Councilmember Cochran – expressed interest in having the facilities manager update the council on city facilities, parks and other assets. Mayor Overson responded that parks were under Salt Lake County's purview and Mr. Harrington pointed out that city buildings were taken care of in the annual budget.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

10.1 *Starry Nights on the Plaza* – Food trucks, live entertainment, and movies at city hall every Friday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.

10.2 Taylorsville Dayzz – June 22-24, 2023

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to recess the regular meeting and convene a closed session in Room No. 202 to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, with the meeting adjourning from there. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

The public meeting recessed at 8:34 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned from Room No. 202 at 9:15 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Approved 7-19-23