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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Mayor Overson

Others: Jim Dunnigan

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

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

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. It was announced that Mayor Overson was attending a ribbon-cutting but would get to the regular city council meeting as soon as she could.

Councilmember Harker mentioned that the *Trick-or-Treat on the Plaza* event would take place on October 21st. She encouraged everyone to sign up for a table to distribute candy to children.

Saturday, September 9th was an annual day of service, and it was stated that there were many volunteer opportunities that could be found on the city's website.

Councilmember Harker also requested signage at the new pickleball courts. City Engineer Ben White indicated he was working on it.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Jaren Fowler, Police Lieutenant
Wayne Harper, Comm./Economic Development Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner

Others: Melanie Bennett, Jim Dunnigan, John E. Gidney, Dennis Sanok, and Howard Wilson

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 council members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Councilmember Burgess (Opening Ceremonies for September 20, 2023 to be arranged by Councilmember Cochran.

Councilmember Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance before Chair Knudsen offered some thoughts on the importance of being kind to others. He included a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that she had just come from a ribbon-cutting for the Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce which was now located in Taylorsville. It was a great opportunity to support local Hispanic businesses.

Another new business had recently opened in Taylorsville which was Smart Staffing Solutions. Their business was matching people to jobs. The mayor explained that it was a very dynamic business with other locations in Utah. She was excited that they had chosen to add a site in Taylorsville.

The ChamberWest gala had been held the previous week where Hidden Peaks Coffee of Taylorsville won the *Small Business of the Year* award. She greatly appreciated the city's partnership with ChamberWest.

A quarterly staff meeting was held the previous month and city staff learned about cybersecurity in order to keep city data secure. It was a great learning experience for everyone involved.

Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson had recently invited Mayor Overson and other female mayors in the Salt Lake Valley to attend an Elizabeth Smart Foundation seminar. It was a very hands-on presentation of self-defense techniques which the mayor found to be both enlightening and intimidating.

Seventeen new sculptures were recently unveiled at Centennial Plaza as part of the *Plaza + Art* program. Artists essentially lent the pieces to the city to display for one year. She appreciated the Council seeing the wisdom of providing funding to bring art to the community.

A local church group had recently invited Mayor Overson to attend a pancake breakfast and answer questions about city activities. She enjoyed these opportunities to have informal dialogue about the city with interested residents.

The Annual Volunteer Appreciation event was held the previous week and she explained it was a wonderful opportunity to mingle and celebrate volunteerism in Taylorsville.

The Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) was holding their annual conference that week at the Salt Palace Convention Center. Mayor Overson and several councilmembers were attending the three-day event, and it was a great opportunity to network with their counterparts in other cities.

There were only two more *Starry Nights on the Plaza* events this season and she encouraged everyone to stop by the following Friday where there would be a kids market and a *Touch-a-Truck* event.

Mayor Overson explained that the city administration was concerned about parking in the city, and she knew that the city council had concerns as well. She felt that it was time to have a serious, in-depth discussion about potential solutions with the police department, code enforcement, the Council and city administration. She asked the councilmembers to review the code and contemplate potential solutions in anticipation of that discussion.

The mayor invited Howard Wilson to step forward and meet her at the podium. She presented Mr. Wilson with a plaque expressing the city's appreciation for his many years of service on the Arts Council.

1.3 Citizen Comments

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

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Arts Council Report – Susan Holman

 Interim Arts Council Chair Susan Holman reported on the Arts Council activities in recent months:

- Ira Gershwin review in February
- Symphony in March

- 1 • *Into the Woods* on Centennial Plaza in June
- 2 • *Taylorsville's Got Talent* in June
- 3 • *Footloose* in July
- 4 • Symphony and Art Show on October 27-28, 2023
- 5 • Jukebox musical review scheduled for the following weekend
- 6 • Art Show in the Centennial Room of the Midvalley Performing Arts Center
- 7 • Marvelous Wonderettes in November

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9 For those who were unable to see *Into the Woods*, she had asked one of the performers to perform
10 a musical number during the Council meeting.

11 12 **3.2 Taylorsville Dayzz Report – Jim Dunnigan**

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14  Taylorsville Dayzz Committee Chair Jim Dunnigan reported on the 2023 Taylorsville
15 Dayzz event. He first wished to thank many volunteers without whose help the event would not
16 have been possible. He specifically mentioned Howard Wilson, Susan Holman, Gordon Wolff,
17 Nancy Henderson, John Gidney, Troy Buchanan, and Councilmember Harker who were all present
18 that evening. Together they had volunteered “dozens and dozens” of hours toward the event. In
19 fact, he mentioned that there were roughly two dozen committee members who had donated their
20 time. Additionally, the event involved:

- 21 • More than 70 parade entries
- 22 • More than 150 entries in the car show
- 23 • 40 food booths
- 24 • 70 exhibit booths
- 25 • 16 cannons
- 26 • 4 skydivers
- 27 • 2 nights of fireworks

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29 Mr. Dunnigan wished to thank the following organizations for participating in the event:

- 30 • Boy Scout Troop #111
- 31 • Kearns Cheer Squad
- 32 • Kearns Football
- 33 • Kearns Student Leadership
- 34 • Taylorsville High Dance
- 35 • Taylorsville High Key Club
- 36 • Taylorsville High Student Government
- 37 • Youth football
- 38 • Taylorsville ROTC
- 39 • Missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ

- Heritage Park Stake
- Community Service workers from the justice court

In addition to the hundreds of hours of work performed by the committee members themselves, collectively these groups donated 1535 volunteer hours. Finally, Mr. Dunnigan wished to thank Terry Lamb for editing a video montage that he then presented during the council meeting.

3.3 Green Committee Report – Mark Wendel

 Green Committee Chair Mark Wendel listed the committee members. They were Kathleen Richins, John Purvis, Marsha Mauchley, McKenna Tupa'i, Kurt Hansen, David Hubert, Richard Jarret, and Councilmember Burgess.

Mr. Wendel reported on some activities that the committee had been involved with since his last update.

- Field trip to recycling center
- Informative presentation by sustainable landscape expert Cynthia Bee
- Annual City-wide clean up event held in June at Taylorsville High School
- Pilot recycling program at Vista Park

Mr. Wendel thanked several groups and individuals for helping with the city-wide cleanup event. Specifically, he thanked the police department, the THS football team and their coaches as well as many local residents.

3.4 West Valley Animal Services – Melanie Bennett

 West Valley Animal Services Director Melanie Bennett updated the Council on shelter activity over the second quarter of 2023.

She explained that 735 animal licenses had been issued in the city thus far in 2023, in addition to 131 Millrace dog park tags. Each of the three office technicians had assisted more than 600 people per month from January through March and over 700 per month during April through July. Response times had continued to improve once officers were given specific areas of responsibilities.

A total of 333 animals had been impounded in Taylorsville during the 2nd quarter as compared to 161 impounded during the 1st quarter. Animal adoptions totaled 159 during the quarter. Ms. Bennett pointed out that the standard of care for a healthy animal (and not all in their custody were healthy) was fifteen minutes per animal per day. Their monthly average was 165.10 animals and there were typically three technicians on duty during the day working ten-hour shifts. That number of animals required 13.76 hours per day for care but again, the technicians only worked ten-hour

shifts. Although 2,685 animals had been rescued or adopted since January, there were still 222 homeless animals in the shelter when she left it earlier that day.

Ms. Bennett described various adoption events that the shelter had participated in during the last several months. She wrapped up her presentation by discussing a dog that Salt Lake City Police had adopted from the shelter and trained him to become a certified narcotic sniffing dog.

Councilmember Harker stepped out of the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – August 16, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the August 16, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 4-0

Councilmember Harker returned to the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Discussion Item – Review of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Update Project (Part 1) – *Jim Spung*

 Senior Planner Jim Spung reviewed the development standards in Chapter 13.04—specifically, parking and loading, landscaping and buffering, and fences and walls. He reminded the councilmembers that the goals of this project were to:

- Streamline development review procedures and increase predictability;
- Consider the needs of the City both now and in the future;
- Align the Land Development Code with General Plan and State Statutes;
- Enable great design and a diverse mix of land uses; and
- Improve user-friendliness through logical structure, graphics, tables and illustrations.

Mr. Spung would review Subdivision Standards with the councilmembers around November 15th with Administration and Procedures scheduled to review around June 21st.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no “other matters” on the agenda.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – explained that some residents in his district might attend the next Council meeting to express concerns about a rash of traffic accidents.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Chair Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Harker – explained that the median on Redwood Road in front of Crossroads Shopping Center looked horrible due to litter. It needed to be cleaned up.

8.5 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 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 and Live Entertainment at City Hall

1 **10.2 “Fall Festival”** Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Committee; Saturday,
2 September 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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4 **10.3 “Trick or Treating on the Plaza”** – Saturday, October 21, 2023

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6 **10.4 “Taylorsville Art Show”** – October 26-28, 2023 Mid-Valley Performing Art
7 Center

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9 **11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)**
10 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

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12 There was no need for a closed session.

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14 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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16 Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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20 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

21 *Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder*
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