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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, October 4, 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
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:02 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.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:05 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 Bob Knudsen
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic /Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

Excused: Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO

Others: Rachel Anderson, Dominic Burchett, Dale Cherrington, Ben James, Jody James, Kelly Garcia, Lynn Handy, Tony Henderson, Tony Hill, Amy Layton, Jill Leyva, Marc McElreath, and Dean Paynter.

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 – *Council Chair Knudsen* (Opening Ceremonies for October 18, 2023 to be arranged by the Youth Council.

Chair Knudsen directed the Pledge of Allegiance. He then offered some comments about how making regular, small acts of kindness was just as important as making grandiose gestures.

1.2 Mayor's Report

1  Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the Fall Festival hosted by the Historic Preservation
2 Committee. She enjoyed celebrating the Jones home and museum, and the fact that the building
3 was now on the National Register of Historic Places.
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5 *An Evening of Art* was held recently where two artists spoke to those in attendance. Katrina Berg
6 brought some of her paintings and spoke about her art. Gordon Swensen discussed his
7 photography as well. Artists brought gifts to raffle off and the proceeds would go to the *Plaza +*
8 *Art* program.
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10 Mayor Overson hosted the Tourism, Recreation Culture & Convention committee recently to
11 tour Centennial Plaza, the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center and the Murray Arts Center. The
12 purpose was to show the committee some of the completed projects that were at least partially
13 funded with TRCC funds.
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15 The mayor explained that she recently had the opportunity to have lunch with Rep. Jim
16 Dunnigan as well as representatives from Congressman Burgess Owens' office. They discussed
17 future funding opportunities.
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19 Earlier in the day she and Kris Heineman had finished interviewing Youth Council applicants.
20 They would be sworn in later in the month.
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22 Regarding 4700 South, Mayor Overson explained that the traffic signal at Chentelle Drive had
23 been removed earlier in the week. A raised median would be created between 2700 West and I-
24 215. In addition, the Sable Circle cul-de-sac would be opened up to provide access to 4700 South
25 for the southern portion of the neighborhood. These changes were expected to improve the flow
26 of traffic on 4700 South between Redwood Road and 2700 West.
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28 Mayor Overson shared an email about police employee Elena Sanderson who had done an
29 excellent job of helping a citizen who was confused and upset when she first arrived at the police
30 department but was described as "relaxed and happy" after Ms. Sanderson had assisted her.
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32 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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34  Chair Knudsen invited any members of the audience who wished to address the City
35 Council to step forward and do so.
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37 Kelly Garcia, Taylorsville resident, expressed concern about a home across the street from her.
38 She said the home was sold recently and was currently being remodeled in anticipation of
39 becoming a half-way house for recovering drug addicts—specifically six single males who
40 would be rotated out of the home every ninety days. She expressed concern for the safety of

neighborhood children and hoped for some assistance in figuring out how to co-exist with these future neighbors.

City Administrator John Taylor responded that agenda item 7.2. was pertinent to Ms. Garcia's concerns and he invited her to remain for that portion of the meeting.

Taylorsville resident Jody James expressed concern about short-term rentals in her neighborhood. She was interested in learning about city regulations that pertained to such rentals.

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Knudsen closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Lee Bennion to Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Harker

 Councilmember Harker explained that Lee Bennion, a descendant of the original Taylorsville residents and a life-long city resident was interested in serving on the Historic Preservation Committee.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to appoint Lee Bennion to serve on the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri

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

The motion passed 5-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Fire Service Area Regarding Discussion of a Proposed Tax Increase – Chief Burchett/Rachel Anderson

 UFSA District Administrator Rachel Anderson gave a brief overview of the UFSA, explaining that it was the taxing entity that most Unified Fire Authority member cities belonged to. She explained that it was the funding mechanism for fire and EMS services in those

1 communities. The UFSA anticipated the need for a tax increase for each of the next two years
2 and state statute required that they provide a report regarding that increase to the legislative
3 bodies of those member cities. Ms. Anderson explained that a tax increase was needed to achieve
4 the following:

- 5 • Maintain recommended 4-handed crews in all UFA stations
- 6 • Upgrade fire stations as needed
- 7 • Meet the general cost of service issues
- 8 • Maintain the board-approved minimum fund balance of 15%

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10 Ms. Anderson explained that UFSA had increased taxes previously in 2008 and again ten years
11 later in 2018. An increase was necessary once again and she anticipated a 12% increase in 2024
12 with potentially a smaller one the following year.

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14 Chief Dominic Burchett explained some of the cost increases that inflation had brought to the
15 firefighting and EMS industry. The cost of a full set of turnout gear had gone up by 61% since
16 2018, fuel costs were up 40% since then, and the cost of medical supplies had increased by 15%.
17 Unified Fire sought to recruit and retain the best firefighters and paramedics, and their entry-
18 level wage had been increased 11.37% to maintain that level of staff quality. Chief Burchett
19 noted that it was challenging for his employees who made entry-level wages to afford a home in
20 the communities they served.

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22 The costs of fleet vehicles had increased as well. A fire engine now cost 32% more, while
23 ambulances were up 27%, and ladder trucks were up a phenomenal 69%. Most of these vehicles
24 typically needed to be replaced every nine years so there was a replacement plan in effect.

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26 Five fire stations had recently been retrofitted seismologically while an additional twenty
27 stations had received non-structural retrofits. The cost of building a fire station had almost
28 doubled since 2018, going from \$290/sq foot to \$554/sq foot.

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30 Chief Burchett turned the time over to Tony Hill, the Chief Financial Officer of Unified Fire. Mr.
31 Hill explained that UFA's call volume had increased by 28% and indicated the proposed tax
32 increase would mean approximately \$49.67 more per year for the average homeowner and an
33 additional \$90.30 for a commercial property. There would be a public hearing held so that
34 residents of the effected communities could weigh in on the proposed increase. It would be held
35 on December 5th at 6pm at the UFA boardroom which was located at 3380 South 900 West.

36 37 **3.2 Public Safety Committee Report – Tony Henderson**

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39  Committee Chair Tony Henderson presented information regarding committee
40 activities since his last council report. They had added a committee member since then and
41 instead of hosting their own booth at Taylorsville Dayzz, they helped the police department at

1 theirs. They had been taking inventory of all neighborhood watch signs which had then been
2 mapped by GIS planner Karyn Kerdolff. The committee also participated in the *Night Out*
3 *Against Crime* in August.

3.3 Parks and Recreation Committee Report – Jared Smith

7  Committee Vice-Chair Amy Layton updated the city council on the committee's
8 recent activities. They included:

- 9 • *Ride, Roll or Stroll* along the Jordan River Parkway
- 10 • Movies on the Plaza
- 11 • Taylorsville 5K Race
- 12 • 9/11 Day of Service

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14 There were also events planned in the future such as the *Trick or Treat* event later in the month
15 and *Saturday with Santa* on December 9th. Ms. Layton thanked the city for the new pickleball
16 courts which were being used by many.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – September 20, 2023 City Council Meeting

22 **MOTION:** Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve the minutes for the September
23 20, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by
24 Councilmember Harker.

26 Councilmember Burgess	Yes
27 Councilmember Harker	Yes
28 Chair Knudsen	Yes
29 Councilmember Cochran	Yes
30 Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

32 The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

36 There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 23-26 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring
Certain City-Owned Property as Surplus – Scott Harrington

 Because Scott Harrington had been excused from the meeting, City Administrator John Taylor presented this agenda item. He explained that the city had over 20 bicycles that had not been claimed by their owners. Staff hoped to surplus them and donate them to West Valley Fire where they would be rehabbed and sold, with proceeds benefitting kids who had been injured in fires.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve Resolution No. 23-26, declaring certain city-owned property as surplus. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

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The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding the Fair Housing Act – Tracy Cowdell/Jim Spung

 Senior Planner Jim Spung explained the importance of the Fair Housing Act and provided a brief history of various federal fair housing laws that had been passed to prohibit discrimination of various types when it came to housing opportunities. Specifically, the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 made it illegal to create housing-related policies and practices which discriminated against someone based on his/her disability or familial status. Mr. Spung stated that drug and alcohol addiction were considered disabilities.

Mr. Spung then turned the time over to City Attorney Tracy Cowdell. Mr. Cowdell went into greater detail regarding the stance that the Department of Justice and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) had taken regarding fair housing legislation.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – will be out of town for the next meeting & would like to attend via Zoom

1 **8.3 Council Chair Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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3 **8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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5 **8.5 Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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

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9 **9.1 ~~Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:00~~**
10 **~~p.m.~~ **Canceled****

11 **9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

12 **9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

13 **9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

14 **9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00**
15 **p.m.**

16 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 4, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

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18 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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21 **10.1 “Trick or Treating on the Plaza”** – Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to
22 6:00 p.m.

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24 **10.2 “Taylorsville Art Show”** (Sponsored by the Taylorsville Arts Council), October
25 21, 2023, 2pm to 7pm, Mid-valley Performing Arts Center

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

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

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30 There was no need for a closed session.

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32 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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34 **MOTION:** **Councilmember Cochran** moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by
35 **Councilmember Harker** and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned
36 **at 8:38 p.m.**

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40 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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