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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 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 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
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Councilmember Anna Barbieri

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 except for Councilmember Barbieri who was excused.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. Regarding the coming discussion pertaining to parking problems in the city, City Engineer Ben White explained that the city's parking problems were complex and not easily solved. He warned everyone not to expect to solve them that evening after just one discussion. City Administrator John Taylor explained that the evening's goal was to identify the current ordinance as well as some of the existing parking problems. Subsequent meetings would be necessary.

Chair Knudsen mentioned a possible problem with the timing of the left turn signal for eastbound traffic going east on 5400 South to north 2700 West. Mr. Taylor responded that although the City had no control over the timing of the signal, they could certainly ask UDOT to check it.

Councilmember Harker mentioned that the median on Redwood Road had clearly been cleaned up, as it looked much better.

There was a brief discussion regarding the lights at the pickleball courts as well as the dates for various upcoming city events.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Others: Carlton Christensen, Brad Christopherson, Kate Christopherson, Walker Christopherson, Wendy Christopherson, Richard Flink, Jay Fox, John E. Gidney, Chad Hathaway, Jennifer Hathaway, Marc McElreath, Dave Nicoll, Liz Nicoll, Dean Paynter, Andrea Pullos, Cassie Ulasich, Kimese Vanderlinden, Reagan Vanderlinden, Zack Vanderlinden, Arica Walker, and Kevin Walker

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 except Councilmember Barbieri who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Youth Council (Opening Ceremonies for November 1, 2023 to be arranged by the Councilmember Barbieri)

 Sydney Thompson directed the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Emily Cottrell shared a Nelson Mandela quote: *“It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.”* She explained that it was up to us to make the world a place in which we all want to live.

1.2 Mayor’s Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that Zions Bank had recently celebrated its 150-year anniversary. She enjoyed reminiscing with them about how much the city had grown since Zions first opened a branch in Taylorsville.

Geneva Rock and Beehive Insurance also celebrated the recent opening of their new Riverboat location. They would be a great addition to the Atherton Park area.

Other new businesses included Dirty Dough which had recently opened and would hold a ribbon-cutting in the near future.

A temporary fence had been erected near Planet Fitness in preparation for additional retain space. Ulta, Five Below, PetCo and Chipotle would all soon be in Taylorsville at Legacy Plaza.

All three pickleball locations in Taylorsville were now playable. Finishing touches were still being added such as benches and shelters. It was exciting to see how many people were making use of the courts and she greatly appreciated the TRCC funds that helped make the pickleball courts a reality for residents.

The mayor pointed out that a great deal of construction was present in the city. On 4700 South, a raised median had been installed and the road had been resurfaced. Crews were in the process of working on opening Sable Circle which would help residents in the area. She asked residents to continue to be patient, not just with the 4700 South area but also with the ongoing construction on Redwood Road

TVPD was observing breast cancer awareness this month by wearing pink polo shirts. It was her understanding that the council members had each been given one to wear.

Mayor Overson wished to extend her thanks to several former elected officials and staff for their vision regarding Centennial Plaza. She appreciated the planning and forethought that went into creating the beautiful community space outside city hall and loved watching the mature trees turn color as the weather began to cool.

The mayor looked forward to having a robust discussion later in the meeting regarding parking issues in the city. She said that it was greatly needed.

The mayor was especially excited to swear in the new Youth Council and she expressed appreciation to all the parents in attendance. She looked forward to a great year of activities and civics lessons for the young people.

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.

Cassie Ulasich explained that the new homes that had been built on 2200 West were supposed to be ramblers (according to the builder) but they were not built that way which had affected the views of some of her neighbors. She was most concerned about the fact that occupants parked several cars so close to the intersections that people couldn't see when they attempted to pull out onto the roadway. She did not feel that asking politely for the vehicles to be moved was an effective long-term solution. She felt that the parking problem was a clear crisis.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Youth Council Appointments and Swearing-In Ceremony – Kris Heineman/Mayor Overson

 Youth Council Coordinator Kris Heineman and Mayor Overson stepped forward to introduce the 2023-2024 Youth Council. They were:

- Brittany Buchanan
- Ryan Buchanan
- Peyton Burnett
- Kate Christopherson
- Walker Christopherson
- Tanner “TJ” Clark
- Emily Cottrell
- Bethany Dieckmann
- Ben Eberly
- Mason Harker
- Miles Harker
- Ryan Haroldson
- Hudson Hathaway
- Kenzie Hathaway (also a Youth Ambassador)
- Tristan Nguyen
- Elijah Nicoll
- Emilee Taylor

- Sydney “Syd” Thompson
- Reagan Vanderlinden
- Alexis “Lexi” Walker

Kenzie Hathaway and Walker Christopherson explained some of the activities the Youth Council had been involved in the previous school year. This included *Wreaths Across America* which raised funds to ensure that every veteran buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery had a wreath placed on his/her grave at Christmas time. Ms. Hathaway also described a service project she would soon be spearheading.

Ms. Heineman then called the youth councilors forward, after which Mayor Overson administered the oath of office to each.

3. REPORTS

3.1 UTA Presentation Regarding Updates on Funding, Project Bid, Construction and Status of the Mid-Valley Bus Rapid Transit System – Carlton Christensen/Andrea Pullos

 UTA Executive Director Jay Fox, Board Chair Carlton Christensen and Project Manager Andrea Pullos updated the City Council on various aspects of the BRT project. Ms. Pullos explained that the BRT system was seven miles long and would take riders from West Valley City Hall to the Murray Central Transit Station. It would go down 4700 South and would have twenty-five stops along the alignment. They anticipated approximately 1,900 riders on the new system per day with 15 minutes between electric buses during peak times. Due to some grant funding, the fare would be free for the first five years of service. A large part of the funding for the project (64%) was from federal funding, with 34% coming from state funds and 2% from donations of land made by West Valley, Salt Lake Community College and UDOT. Ms. Pullos went on to describe the process that had taken place since an initial public open house in 2018 to the construction bid which was currently in process. She anticipated that the successful company would get a notice to proceed in January. UTA had been working with city staff to determine what types of meetings would be necessary for stakeholders and more information about those meetings would be available at some point in the future.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – October 4, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes for the October 4, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Discussion Regarding Review of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Update Project; Chapter 13.04: Development Standards – *Jim Spung*



Senior Planner Jim Spung reminded the City Council of the five goals of the project. They were:

1. Streamline development review procedures and increase predictability of land use decisions;
2. Consider the needs of the City both now and in the future;
3. Align the Land Development Code with the General Plan and state statutes;
4. Enable great design and a diverse mix of land uses;
5. Make the LDC more user-friendly through logical structure, graphics, tables, and illustrations.

Detailed information about the project could be found at taylorsvilleut.gov/government/land-development-code-update.

Mr. Spung explained that tonight's presentation involved proposed updates to the city code regarding signage and advertising. He began by discussing the United States Supreme Court's 2015 decision in *Reed v. Town of Gilbert* as an example of what can happen when a city attempts to regulate signage based on its content. He explained that a good rule of thumb was that if one had to read a sign in order to understand the regulations, then it violated the content-based standards. Mr. Spung indicated that the LDC would eliminate references to the content of a sign other than a few exceptions noted in the *Gilbert* decision. In short, the code could regulate the number, sign, location, construction and amount of time a sign could be displayed, but it could not regulate the subject matter of those signs.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 23-24 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Victims of Crime Act Grant in the amount of \$76,449.76 to be Used to Support the Taylorsville City Police Department Victim Advocacy Program – *Scott Harrington*



Assistant City Administrator/CFO Scott Harrington explained that this grant would provide funding for a victim advocate in the police department for two years, and he recommended approval.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-24, accepting a VOCA grant in the amount of \$76,449.76 to be used to support the Taylorsville City Police Department Victim Advocacy Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Absent
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

Chair Knudsen

Yes

The motion passed 4-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding Taylorsville City Ordinance Chapter 11.20 (Parking) – John Taylor



City Administrator John Taylor explained that the number of complaints regarding parking problems in the city had substantially increased, and what worked 30 years ago did not necessarily work today. He then turned the time over to City Engineer Ben White to lead the discussion.

Mr. White pointed out that unlike popular belief, homeowners did not own the parking spaces in front of their houses. It was not unlawful to park in front of someone else's home, so that was not something the city was going to regulate.

Services that could be negatively impacted by on-street parking issues included:

- Snow plowing
- Garbage collection
- Street sweeping
- Mail delivery
- Emergency services
- School busses

Mr. White reviewed current parking restrictions instituted by state code as well as city code and then presented information regarding on-street parking regulations in other nearby municipalities.

Some options to address the problems were:

- Prohibiting on-street parking
- Prohibiting all overnight parking
- Restricting overnight parking in the winter
- Limit on-street parking to one side of the street only
- Paint and sign any "known" parking problem areas
- Overnight parking in front of registered addresses only
- Parking by permit on a large scale

Councilmember Harker spoke in favor of finding the simplest solution and thought perhaps that was to merely enforce the parking regulations that were already on the books. She also did not feel one solution would necessarily be right for the entire city.

Mayor Overson agreed that simple was best, but pointed out that the problem itself wasn't simple at all. It was important to educate the public about the various requirements regarding parking near intersections, whether a crosswalk was present, etc.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – expressed concern about...
- 8.2 Councilmember Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Council Chair Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.5 Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 Veteran's Day Observed: Friday, November 10, 2023** – *City Offices Closed*
- 9.6 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.7 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.8 Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23-24, 2023** – *City Offices Closed*

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS⁴

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

- 10.1 Trick or Treating on the Plaza** – Saturday, October 20, 2023 from 4pm to 6pm
- 10.2 Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- 10.3 Saturday with Santa** – Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.
- 10.4 Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying** – Saturday, December 16, 2023; Ceremony begins at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall with the laying of the wreaths to follow at Taylorsville Cemetery

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knudsen adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.