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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 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 Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Mark McGrath, Long-Range Planner
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Councilmember Burgess; Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney; Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO

Others: Grant Howarth, and Gordon Willardson

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 Councilmember Burgess who was excused.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. Chair Knudsen asked if agenda item #3.1 was intended to fall under the heading of financial matters. Council Coordinator Kris

Heineman responded that it was, but that she had moved it forward in the agenda so that Joan White would not have to wait as long to present.

Councilmember Harker and Councilmember Cochran mentioned that they expected some members of the public to comment about utility boxes that had recently been placed in the yards of several residents by CenturyLink.

Councilmember Harker thanked those who participated in the recent Trick or Treat event. She agreed that the limited parking made this event challenging and said it was possible it would not be held at Centennial Plaza in the future. Instead, the Parks and Recreation committee was considering helping to sponsor a similar event that took place at the state complex farther north on 2700 West.

City Administrator John Taylor explained that Councilmember Burgess was not feeling well and would therefore not be in attendance that evening.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Anna Barbieri
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
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Councilmember Burgess, and Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO.

Others: Reid Erakson, Grant Howarth, Don Hughes, Marc McElreath, Norm Nova, Jim J. Slade, Joan White, Gordon Willardson, and David Wright

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except Councilmember Burgess who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Councilmember Barbieri (Opening Ceremonies for November 15, 2023 to be arranged by Mayor Overson.

 Councilmember Barbieri directed the Pledge of Allegiance, before sharing the following quote from Henry David Thoreau: *"Nature has many scenes to exhibit, and constantly draws a curtain over this part or that. She is constantly repainting the landscape and all surfaces, dressing up some scene for our entertainment. Lately we had a leafy wilderness. Now bare twigs begin to prevail. And soon she will surprise us with a mantel of snow. Some green she thinks so good for our eyes that, like blue, she never banishes it entirely from our eyes, but has created evergreens."*

Councilmember Barbieri then offered a brief prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the recent Trick or Treat event held at Centennial Plaza. She said there were far more attendees than had been anticipated and she was anxious to hear what the Parks and Recreation Committee decided to do in the future.

The Arts Council recently hosted the Taylorsville/SLCC Symphony in presenting a Halloween concert. There was also an art show held at the Centennial Room in the MidValley Performing Arts Center.

The Taylorsville Exchange Club recently observed the National Exchange Day of Service by providing underwear, socks and hats to both Fremont Elementary and Taylorsville Elementary Schools. She enjoyed joining the Exchange Club as they delivered these necessities to the schools. Club members had also donated their time to *The Haunted Woods* in Murray during the previous week. The Murray Exchange Club would reciprocate at a future Taylorsville event.

The previous week was also Red Ribbon week, so she and Chief Cottam had visited Councilmember Harker's 3rd grade class at Calvin Smith Elementary and spoke about the

1 importance of staying away from drugs and other harmful things and being good citizens. She
2 enjoyed the opportunity to educate kids about civic matters.

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4 The city had already run out of the free leaf bags that were distributed each year to city residents.
5 Once full, the bags could be dropped off at either Valley Regional Park or Vista Park.

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7 Speaking of parks, they had now been winterized for the season which meant that park restrooms
8 would no longer be accessible until the Spring. She reminded everyone that although they could
9 use the parks during the day, they were all closed after it became dark.

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11 Mayor Overson explained that she enjoyed sitting on many boards to ensure that Taylorsville had
12 a seat at the table and a voice amongst the decision-makers for things that affected city residents.

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14 The mayor was saddened to report the recent passing of Taylorsville High principal Emme
15 Liddell. She then read a proclamation in Ms. Liddell's honor which highlighted her 31-year
16 career in public education and the love she had for her exceptional family.

17 18 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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

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23 He first read into the record a comment that he had received via email regarding the lack of street
24 lights on Redwood Road.

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26 Terri Hanks spoke about a utility box at least three feet high which was recently placed in her
27 yard by CenturyLink. She understood that there was an easement that gave them the right to
28 install their equipment, but the boxes were eyesores and made their property look horrible. She
29 knew that it was possible to bury the equipment so that the top of the box was flush with the
30 ground but CenturyLink had refused, claiming that the city would not allow it.

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32 Norm Nava also had a new utility box placed in his backyard. Several CenturyLink
33 representatives told him it could be replaced with one flush to the ground but eventually he was
34 told that even though CenturyLink had the flat boxes, they would not use them here.

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36 Reid Erikson found a new utility box in his yard and pointed out that no one at CenturyLink had
37 contacted him to let him know they'd be accessing the easement and installing another box. He
38 said there were so many utility boxes in his neighborhood that it looked like a cemetery with
39 headstones.

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Don Hughes reported a new unsightly utility box in his yard as well which made a total of *three* boxes on his property. He also asked that a nearby park be locked up at night to reduce the chances of crime taking place.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

City Attorney Tracy Cowdell arrived at 7:10 p.m.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1 (Per Agenda) Resolution No. 23-27 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Grant from the Zoo, Arts and Parks Program



Joan White pointed out that the language on the agenda and resolution was incorrect in that the grant was from the Zoo, Arts and Parks program and not the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement. She explained that this grant would fund tours provided to local school kids as well as the Fall Festival and the *Saturday with Santa* event.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-27, a resolution accepting a ZAP grant in the amount of \$5,500. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 4-0

3. REPORTS

3.2 Police Department Report and Swearing-In of Officer M. Fullwood – Chief Cottam

Chief Cottam invited Officer Michael Fullwood to step forward and be sworn. The oath of office was administered by the city recorder, after which Officer Fullwood was congratulated by city administration and the City Council.

 The Chief explained that Officers Teynor and Lutz were members of the National Guard and had recently presented the City with a Patriotic Employer award in appreciation of their constant support.

Chief Cottam then asked Donny Gasu and Brandy Stephens to join him at the podium while he explained that Sherry Durfee had been named as the Police Employee of the Month for July 2023. He explained that TVPD had the best civilian staff in the state and Ms. Durfee was an integral part of that staff. She had a great deal of experience which made Mr. Gasu's and Ms. Stephens' jobs easier.

C.J. Moore had been named the Police Employee of the Month for June 2023. Officer Moore and K-9 Turbo stepped forward to be recognized for winning several awards, specifically the top Narcotics Detection Team in Utah. Chief Cottam stated that being a K-9 handler was a 24/7 job and that Officer Moore was phenomenal at it.

 Chief Cottam then presented his report to the Council, focusing on data from July through September. He provided statistical data on criminal activity in each of the five-council districts, while providing similar data from 2021 and 2022 as a comparison. He briefly reviewed maps which showed the location of traffic accidents that had occurred during the 3rd quarter of 2023 and also showed the locations where traffic citations had been issued. A bar chart was used to illustrate the number of citations issued as opposed to warnings, and Chief Cottam also provided data regarding the *types* of citations issued. He then gave an overview of the activity level of the police department's civilian staff regarding the processing of GRAMA requests, expungements, case screenings for district and justice courts and victim advocate services. Finally, Chief Cottam provided information regarding officer response times to various call types.

The Chief explained that when speaking with school kids, he suggested they wave at police officers when they saw them. He reminded everyone that the officers are human beings who appreciated a greeting, were entitled to take a periodic break as call volume allowed and could sometimes be found doing paperwork in their patrol vehicles which served as their "offices." He also explained that if an officer activated his/her lights and sirens to get through an intersection, it was often because the call they were on didn't warrant lights and sirens for the whole drive, but it was still important for the officer to arrive as soon as possible. In some instances, it was best not to arrive on certain situations with a siren blaring, but again—it was important to get to many scenes as quickly as they could.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – October 18, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 4-0

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5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Discussion of “Introduction” Chapter of General Plan – Mark McGrath

 Long-Range Planner Mark McGrath explained that the population of Salt Lake County was expected to increase by almost 500,000 people by the year 2060. Utah County was expected to increase even more. Therefore, it was critical to have an updated, well-thought-out general plan to guide land use in Taylorsville. He explained that the General Plan would be separated into nine separate chapters, with Chapter 8 having been adopted in 2022. Each chapter would summarize existing conditions, followed by the objectives, strategies, and recommendations for a community vision. He then briefly summarized chapters one and four for the council members.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS (continued)

6.1 Resolution No. 23-28 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Financing for Certain Vehicle Leases

Mr. Taylor explained that city administration sought to lease ten new Ford F-150 pickup trucks and two new Ford Explorers for the police department. The lease was for up to \$750,000 at no more than 8% interest. Twelve older vehicles would then be surplus. Eventually he hoped to have a four-year rotation of the police fleet.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-28, approving financing for certain vehicle leases. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

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

The motion passed 4-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Public Hearing Receive Public Comment Regarding Needs for the Upcoming 2023-2024 Plan Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

 Mr. McGrath explained this was the first step for the CDBG process for the 2023-2024 program cycle. It was a required step in the process and was designed to allow the public to provide input on program funding.

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. There was no one who expressed a desire to comment, so Chair Knudsen closed the public hearing.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – Had visited Valley Regional Park earlier and noticed it was in beautiful shape. Thanks to those who were responsible for that.

8.3 Council Chair Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Council Member Cochran – Asked if Salt Lake County was still tasked with the maintenance and upkeep of Millrace Park Pond. Mr. Taylor responded that it was. Apparently, there were complaints regarding water quality in the fountain.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Veteran's Day Observed: Friday, November 10, 2023: City Office Closed

9.2 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9.3 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

- 1 **9.4** City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2 **9.5** City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
3 **9.6** Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23-24, 2023: **City Offices Closed**
4 **9.7** Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
5 **9.8** Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
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7 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

8 *(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*
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10 **10.1 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
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12 **10.2 Saturday with Santa** (Sponsored by the Taylorsville Historic Preservation
13 Committee) Saturday, December 9, 2023 1:00 p.m.
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15 **10.3 Wreaths Across America Event** (Sponsored by the Taylorsville Youth Council)
16 Saturday, December 16, 2023; Ceremony begins at 10am at Taylorsville City Hall
17 with Wreath Laying at Taylorsville Cemetery Following the Ceremony
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19 **11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)**

20 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*
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22 There was no need for a closed session.
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24 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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26 **MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to adjourn, and Chair Knudsen declared**
27 **the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**
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31 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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