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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, November 15, 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

Excused: Councilmember Anna Barbieri

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:05 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except Councilmember Barbieri who was excused.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed.

Mayor Overson explained that she had met with the residents who spoke at the most recent City Council meeting regarding utility boxes placed in various yards by CenturyLink. She also met with

CenturyLink representatives and indicated that the problem will be resolved to the extent possible. In short, many of the boxes will be flush with the ground, although some are required to be on pedestals. Each affected address will be revisited by CenturyLink and she said that the city would closely monitor the situation.

Councilmember Burgess asked for guidance regarding receiving similar complaints from other residents. Mayor Overson recommended that anyone with a similar complaint contact city offices to ensure everything was done correctly.

At Councilmember Harker's request, Mayor Overson briefly reviewed the plan for the tree-lighting ceremony later in the month.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

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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

Excused: Councilmember Anna Barbieri

Others: Mark Chalk, John E. Gidney, Crystal Hulbert, Pam Roberts, Dennis Sanok, Shane Swensen, Rob Wood, and David Wright

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 – Mayor Overson (Opening Ceremonies for December 6, 2023 to be arranged by the Councilmember Harker.

 Mayor Overson directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a brief prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported on ribbon-cuttings at both Dirty Dough and Revity Medical. Revity focused on hormone replacement services, and the mayor was happy to welcome both businesses to Taylorsville.

ChamberWest's Annual Fall Conference had recently taken place and as always, Mayor Overson enjoyed having the opportunity to brag about the city. She appreciated all the work that ChamberWest did for the business community.

Speaking of ChamberWest, their Legislative Affairs Committee was currently refining their position papers in preparation for the next legislative session.

The life of Taylorsville High's Principal Lidell had recently been celebrated at a fun and touching event. Mayor Overson thanked Chair Knudsen and Councilmember Harker for attending and giving her the courage to recite a proclamation made in Ms. Lidell's honor.

There was a mural now on display on the second floor of city hall. She had been working for a year to get it on loan and was excited to have it in city hall.

The Mayor enjoyed celebrating Veteran's Day recently, along with Truewood Retirement. She had enjoyed sitting with and listening to veterans and learning from their experiences. Councilmember Harker's third-grade students had written some very cute letters to the vets. She enjoyed getting to thank them for their service.

Mayor Overson reminded everyone that there was still an opportunity to support those veterans interred at the Taylorsville Cemetery. The *Wreaths Across America* program hoped to collect enough funds to lay a wreath at the grave of each veteran.

1 There had been a recent meeting regarding two parks in the city which were the mayor's priority
2 for 2024. It was an opportunity to refine a vision for park upgrades which she hoped could begin
3 next year and continue in phases. A local family whose members were all avid skateboarders had
4 provided input on the skatepark.

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6 Mayor Overson wished to offer a shout-out to both Taylorsville Police and Unified Fire Authority
7 for their tireless work on behalf of city residents. She could not thank them enough. She also
8 explained that there was a UFA representative at development meetings who gave input on all new
9 construction. So they not only fought fires and responded to medical emergencies, but they also
10 ensured that new construction were constructed in such a way that emergency equipment could
11 get where it was needed during emergencies.

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13 Chief Cottam had presented at the city's recent quarterly staff meeting, discussing best practices
14 for interacting with city hall visitors who sometimes became hostile and challenging to deal with.

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16 The Mayor ended her remarks by explaining that there was a lot of work left to do before the end
17 of 2023. She pointed out that Team Taylorsville worked hard and when appropriate, could laugh
18 hard as well. She was grateful for everyone who did their part for the city.

19 20 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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

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25 Resident and Planning Commissioner David Wright explained that the Commission had recently
26 discussed mobility in the city. He felt there were plenty of roads in Taylorsville, and they did not
27 need to be widened. Enough had been done for cars, and it was time to focus transportation
28 planning on pedestrians and bicyclists.

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

31 32 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

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34 There were no appointments.

35 36 **3. REPORTS**

37 38 **3.1 Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District – Shane Swensen**

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40  Shane Swensen, Chief Engineer at the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
41 presented information regarding the Regional Water Treatment Plant Drought, Wildfire, and

1 Earthquake Resiliency Project. He stated that JVWCD needed the city's assistance with the
2 project. Mr. Swensen explained that JVWCD was a wholesale water provider that provided water
3 to approximately 800,000 residents of Salt Lake County. They provided it to Taylorsville-Bennion
4 Improvement District who in turn provided it to city residents. The Jordan Valley Water Treatment
5 plant was the largest municipal water treatment plant in Utah. He provided a brief explanation of
6 how water got from the plant to people's homes. The plant had been around a long time and now
7 needed to be upgraded. JVWCD was applying for \$46 million in FEMA grant funds to help pay
8 for this \$70 million project.

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10 Mr. Swensen explained some of the problems that could arise as a result of various effects from
11 Mother Nature and stressed the importance of mitigating the potential for service disruption to
12 hospitals and other recovery centers, continuing fire suppression capabilities and ensuring
13 continued residential sanitation needs.

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15 Mr. Swensen sought input from Taylorsville as well as the other communities they served. He
16 believed community support would increase the likelihood that FEMA would fund the project.

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18 Chair Knudsen asked what would happen if the funding was not awarded. Mr. Swensen responded
19 that JVWCD would then need to bond for the project as it was not a "want" but was a "need."
20 Councilmember Cochran asked how that would impact the average residential customer. Mr.
21 Swensen did not believe it would be a huge impact but agreed that there would be an impact.

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23 Councilmember Burgess asked what the chances were that the grant application would be
24 successful. Mr. Swensen reported that this was the third time they had applied for the grant and he
25 had been told they had come in second both previous times. He was very hopeful that their
26 application would be successful this time.

27 28 **3.2 Salt Lake County Public Works – Crystal Hulbert**

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30  Director of Salt Lake County Public Works Operations Crystal Hulbert explained that
31 trucks were currently being converted for the winter months. A flyer had been prepared to help
32 educate the public regarding what her crews could and could not do when it came to snow removal.
33 She explained that the first priorities were high traffic roads, school zones, steep hills, and arterial
34 and collector roads before most residential areas would be plowed. Things residents could do to
35 assist snow removal personnel:

- 36 • Refrain from parking on the street
- 37 • Be patient and understand that crews must prioritize
- 38 • If possible, refrain from driving during snow events
- 39 • Refrain from moving snow from driveways onto the roadways. (It could refreeze and cause
- 40 ice build-up.)
- 41 • Keep a safe distance when driving near plows

Ms. Hulbert addressed some of the reasons her crews pushed the snow where they did. She also mentioned some of the reasons residents might not have their street plowed right away. For example, snow might still be falling, crews might be focusing on the previously mentioned top priorities, cars might be parked on the roadway or perhaps the storm was particularly large or long-lasting.

Ms. Hulbert provided a phone number and email address for 24-hour dispatch dealing with any road maintenance issues, including snow removal.

3.3 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District – Pam Roberts

 General Manager/CEO Pam Roberts reported that the WFWRD Board of Directors had recently adopted the 2024 budget. Commercial pickup services would increase 10% across the board and there would be an 18% increase for recycling.

Ms. Roberts presented the results of a district-wide recycling survey that gleaned responses from approximately 5,000 residents. Overall, customers seemed quite supportive of and satisfied with current recycling services. She explained that landfill voucher use had gone down in Taylorsville, although it actually increased district-wide.

Residents had diverted approximately 18% of reusable waste from the landfill which had increased 3% since June. Unfortunately, the recycling sticker campaign had resulted in very little improvement.

3.4 Annual Comprehensive Financial Audit – Scott Harrington/Rob Wood

 Assistant City Administrator/CFO Scott Harrington explained that the budget committee had met the previous evening and provided some comments about the audit which had since been incorporated into the final draft. He then introduced Rob Wood of accounting firm HBME, LLC.

Mr. Wood presented information regarding the recent ACFA. He pointed out that it was a “clean” audit with no exceptions. He commended the city for having such a large and knowledgeable citizen budget committee. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Harrington and the rest of the financial staff for their continual hard work.

Mr. Wood explained that the storm drain fund had taken what was similar to a temporary loan from the general fund of approximately \$800,000. That was still on the books but would be going down. He had explained to the budget committee as well as Mr. Harrington that if it ended up being more of a long-term loan (longer than twelve months), the city should consider making it an interfund note with an interest rate at the PTIF (Public Treasurer’s Investment Fund) rate.

The current status of many funds was reviewed by Mr. Wood. He pointed out that the city had effective separation of duties and checks in place. In short, Taylorsville received the highest score it was possible to give.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – November 1, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the November 1, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

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 – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Barbieri – absent

8.3 Council Chair Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

1 **8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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3 **8.5 Council Member Cochran** – noticed many people burning leaves and wondered
4 what the law allowed. Mr. Taylor indicated he would review city code, determine
5 the specifics, and get back to him.

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

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9 **9.1 Thanksgiving Holiday: November 23-24, 2023 (City Offices Closed)**

10 **9.2 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00**
11 **p.m.**

12 **9.3 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

13 **9.4 Board of Canvassers Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

14 **9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.**

15 **9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

16 **9.7 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00**
17 **p.m.**

18 **9.8 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

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20 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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23 **10.1 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** – Monday, November 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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25 **10.2 Saturday with Santa** – Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 2pm to 4pm (Taylorsville
26 Bennion Heritage Center)

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28 **10.3 Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying** – Saturday, December 6,
29 2023 – Ceremony begins at 9am at City Hall with wreath-laying to follow at the
30 Taylorsville Cemetery.

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

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

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35 **MOTION:** **Councilmember Cochran** moved to convene a closed session to discuss pending
36 or reasonably imminent litigation and adjourn the meeting from there. The
37 motion was seconded by **Councilmember Harker**.

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39 **Councilmember Cochran** **Yes**

40 **Councilmember Barbieri** **Absent**

41 **Councilmember Harker** **Yes**

Councilmember Burgess **Yes**
Chair Knudsen **Yes**

The motion passed 4-0

The public meeting recessed at 8:01 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned from Room #202 at 9:09 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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