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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, December 6, 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
Hon. Chris Bown, Justice Court Judge
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Jeff Gallegos, Clerk of Court
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Brad Christopherson and Dennis Sanok

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:19 p.m.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. It was determined that City Administrator John Taylor would handle agenda item 6.1 since Mr. Harrington would not be present.

2. Adjourn

Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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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

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 Harker* (Opening Ceremonies for January 3, 2024 to be arranged by Councilmember Cochran)

 Councilmember Harker led the Pledge of Allegiance before welcoming Julie Clemmons who had been invited to help get everyone in the Christmas spirit. Ms. Clemmons sang *Mary Did You Know?*

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson congratulated Councilmembers Barbieri, Burgess and Cochran who had won reelection to an additional four-year term.

The Mayor pointed out a tree in the council chambers which had been purchased at the Festival of Trees and donated to the City by the Boynton family. It had a military theme and would lend itself beautifully to the Wreaths Across America ceremony later in the month.

Jade's Corner Deli had been recognized the previous week with a ribbon-cutting. Enjoyed celebrating new businesses in the city. The food was delicious and as always, she thoroughly enjoyed welcoming new businesses to Taylorsville.

Mayor Overson explained that she attended a Council of Mayors meeting each month as well as a Council of Governments meeting on a quarterly basis. Regular topics of discussion with both groups were homelessness and the affordable housing crisis. She hoped that together they would find good solutions to both very serious problems. She told those gathered that they could expect to hear more about each in the future.

The Mayor had recently attended a Wasatch Choice Vision Workshop hosted by the Wasatch Front Regional Council with representatives of other cities as well. She described it as a great experience to network with neighboring cities and discuss how to connect our own cities with trails and also with our neighboring municipalities. She had appreciated the opportunity to collaborate.

The Taylorsville Food Pantry had recently received a remarkable donation of 14,000 lbs (7 pallets) of food valued at almost \$50,000. The donation had been made by Daily's Premium Meats, and Mayor Overson wished to thank them for their extreme generosity. She also wished to thank the dedicated volunteers who kept the Pantry functioning on a weekly basis.

At the invitation of Congressman Burgess Owens, she had recently attended the Hispanic Heritage Congressional Recognition ceremony at the State Capitol. The purpose of the ceremony was to honor those who had made a real difference serving their communities. She was particularly grateful to be able to celebrate the efforts of Taylorsville resident Jair Benitez.

Taylorsville's 2nd Annual tree-lighting ceremony had taken place the previous week. The madrigal choir from Taylorsville High entertained the crowd of about 250 people. Hot cocoa was enjoyed by all before the countdown to the tree-lighting took place. In the Spring, the tree would be planted in a city park.

The Chairs of all the city committees recently met with Jay Ziolkowski and City Attorney Tracy Cowdell to learn about city policies/procedures that they needed to keep in mind during their volunteer work. She greatly appreciated their efforts in providing this training to the chairs.

Summit Vista had recently hosted their "Iron Person" race. Approximately 40 participants swam a total of 4,000 meters, biked 112 miles and ran a 26.2-mile marathon over the course of two

months. She said it was thrilling to see what these seniors accomplished, and she was honored to participate in the medals ceremony.

The City's Holiday Open House took place the previous day to welcome contractors, local businesses, and elected officials of other cities. She said it was a great turnout and she thanked those councilmembers who attended.

A 2nd annual *Wreaths Across America* ceremony would take place on Saturday, December 16th to honor those veterans interred at the Taylorsville Cemetery. The program would begin at 10:00 a.m. in the council chambers of city hall, with the actual laying of the wreaths taking place shortly thereafter at the cemetery.

Mayor Overson read a letter of thanks she received the previous day regarding the police department's efforts during a recent operation to reduce retail theft.

1.2.1 Eagle Scout Recognition for Liamm Passey

 Mayor Overson wished to recognize high school senior Liamm Passey who was recently featured in the December issue of the *Taylorsville Journal*. Mr. Passey had earned all 139 merit badges which was something that only .01% boy scouts accomplished. She shared how very proud she was of Mr. Passey, who said that anyone could do what he did. They just needed to put their mind to it and keep moving forward one badge at a time.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Knudsen invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the Council on the topic of their choice. However, there was no one who indicated a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Resolution No. 23-30 A Resolution Appointing Scott Lloyd to Deputy Chief – Chief Cottam

 Chief Cottam explained that he had met Scott Lloyd when they attended the police academy together in 1994. He had served Taylorsville for 20+ years already and the Chief explained that Lloyd was exactly the type of person he sought when staffing the TVPD. He could not say enough about Lloyd's character and strong skill set as a leader.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 23-30, appointing Scott Lloyd to Deputy Chief. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

Deputy Chief Lloyd spoke briefly about his love for Taylorsville before posing for photos with command staff, with his family and with the city council and administration.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Senior Center Report – Mike Potter

 Mike Potter, manager of the Senior Center, reported that their holiday lunch was slated for December 12th and he invited the Council and Administration to stop by to say hello to the seniors.

Mr. Potter explained that on average, the center served 79 meals per day, with a total of 17,632 meals served thus far in 2023. The Taylorsville Senior Center served more lunches than any other senior center in Salt Lake County. He was pleased with the new bus driver that had recently been hired.

He looked forward to warmer weather when he expected his clientele to make use of the new pickleball courts.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – November 15, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes for the November 15, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

Mr. Cowdell asked Chair Knudsen if he would consider moving agenda item # 7.1 forward since Judge Bown and the clerk of court were present. Chair Knudsen was agreeable.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 23-29 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Requesting the Recertification of the Taylorsville Justice Court – Tracy Cowdell

Mr. Cowdell explained that one of the purposes of the recertification process was to act somewhat like an audit—to ensure compliance with legal standards and certain state requirements for having a Tier 1 court. Both he and Judge Bown were comfortable recommending that the council approve Resolution No. 23-29 as presented.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 23-29, requesting the re-certification of the Taylorsville Justice Court. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Discussion Regarding the Taylorsville General Plan Update, Chapter 4: *Mobility* – Mark McGrath

 Long-Range Planner Mark McGrath presented information to the City Council regarding changes made to Chapter 4: *Mobility*. He reminded the council members of the five guiding principles that would be threaded throughout the general plan. They were:

- Balance, Diversity, and Social Equity
- Stewardship
- Resilience

- Civil Beauty and Character
- Health and Wellness

There were also the four fundamental specific strategies that had previously been identified. They were:

- Strength in community identity and character
- Create vibrant economic centers and mixed-use neighborhoods;
- Maintain and create distinguishable, stable, and desirable neighborhoods;
- Create a multi-modal community;

One aspect of the chapter that he still intended to develop was to identify a way to quantify the above strategies so that success could be measured.

Mr. McGrath displayed information regarding the existing bus routes that travelled through Taylorsville as well as statistical data pertaining to the increase of annual average daily traffic in the city from 2011 to 2019. He also pointed out that for a city the size of Taylorsville, the number of existing trails and bicycle lanes was inadequate. He had heard the same from members of the public. He pointed out that Taylorsville was the largest city in Salt Lake County that was not currently tied into the regional transit system, despite being the second most densely populated city in Utah and right in the middle of the Salt Lake Valley.

Mr. McGrath explained that the document being drafted sought to find a better balance of transportation modes in the city and to advocate for a new transit line in the city. Active transportation improvements needed to be prioritized and the streets needed beautification. It would increase civic pride and economic development. He pointed out that there was a great deal of grant funding available for projects like these and he believed that if the city made it a priority, a great deal could be accomplished in active transportation improvements in Taylorsville.

Councilmember Harker was excited about the plan and hoped she would be able to enjoy more trails while she was still young enough to ride her bike.

Councilmember Cochran inquired if there had been any traction on the idea of having an elevated trail system above the canal. Mr. McGrath indicated he had heard no more discussion on the idea.

Councilmember Cochran also asked if there was any talk of a subway system in Utah. Mr. McGrath responded that there had been discussions at one time, but the cost was prohibitive.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 *Fraud Risk Assessment Report – Scott Harrington*



City Administrator John Taylor presented this item as Mr. Harrington was not present. Mr. Taylor explained that the State Auditor required that the City Council be provided with an assessment of the city's level of fraud risk. The assessment consisted of a series of questions with point values totaling 395. Any score higher than 355 was considered a low risk and Taylorsville's score was 375. In short, the City had been found to have a "very low" risk of fraud.

7. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.2 Councilmember Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Council Chair Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4 Council Member Harker** – Reminded everyone that the *Saturday with Santa* event would take place the following Saturday.
- 8.5 Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, December 20, 2023 – **Cancelled**
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, December 26, 2023 – **Cancelled**
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, January 3, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, January 3, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.7 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.8 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 10.1 *Saturday with Santa*** – **Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 2pm – 4pm**
1488 West 4800 South (Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center)
- 10.2 *Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying at the Taylorsville Cemetery*** – **Saturday, December 16, 2023**; Ceremony begins at 10am at Taylorsville City Hall with the wreath-laying to follow at the cemetery

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to recess the public meeting and convene a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The meeting would adjourn from there. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

The meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. before reconvening in a closed session in Room No. 202 at 8:03 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

