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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Bob Knudsen
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

Others Present: Connie Burgess, John E. Gidney, Grant Howarth, and Aimee Winder Newton

6:00 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Council members Barbieri, Burgess, and Cochran had all been reelected in the November 2023 general election. The oath of office was administered to all three.

6:15 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:18 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1. Review Agenda

Chair Knudsen explained that Agenda item #7.2 would be moved up on the order of items heard.

Councilmember Cochran pointed out that there were five Wednesdays in January and he wondered if a *Let's Talk Taylorsville* town meeting should be held. The council members agreed to hold one at 6:30 p.m. on January 31st.

2. Adjourn

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

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

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Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran
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
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Brittany Kempff, Econ. Dev/RDA Secretary
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner

Other Present: John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, and Grant Howarth

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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Councilmember Cochran (Opening Ceremonies for January 17, 2023 to be arranged by Chair Knudsen)

Councilmember Cochran directed the Pledge of Allegiance before City Council Coordinator Kris Heineman offered a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson congratulated Councilmembers Barbieri, Burgess, and Cochran on their reelection. She looked forward to an exciting 2024 with the City Council.

There had recently been a ribbon cutting for Jade's Corner Deli was now open on 4700 South. It was a fun event with many food choices offered.

Saturday with Santa was a well-attended event with many games and treats available. The Mayor expressed appreciation to the Historic Preservation Committee, the Parks and Recreation Committee, Youth Council, and Unified Fire for their help during the event which was a long-standing Taylorsville tradition.

For the second consecutive year, *Wreaths Across America* took place on December 16th with a ceremony held at city hall followed by the laying of wreaths on veterans' graves at the Taylorsville Cemetery. Mayor Overson said this was a very moving, inspiring event which she looked forward to having the city participate in for many years to come. She thanked the Youth Council, Honor 365, Taylorsville Jr. ROTC, Taylorsville Police, cemetery sexton Suzie Smith, and many volunteers who helped make it a great event.

Speaking of Honor 365, the non-profit organization donated a huge ham and large basket of groceries and asked that the city give both to a family in need. TVPD knew just such a family, and the mayor sincerely appreciated the generosity from Honor 365.

As was the case each December, there were many holiday activities to attend. She expressed her appreciation to the councilmembers for their participation and for representing Taylorsville so well.

The Youth Council was very busy over the holidays, helping at city hall as well as at the Heritage Museum. The kids were a delight and were now working on job shadowing of various city employees. Each would write a report on their experience, and she looked forward to reading about their impressions. It was a great learning experience for staff as well as the youth. Earlier today they had discussed various topics regarding elections, and the importance of serving one's community.

City representatives recently met with the Food Truck League to review how things had gone for *Starry Nights on the Plaza* last summer. The League was pleased with their sales and looked forward to participating again during Summer 2024.

Preparations were underway for the next legislative session which would begin in two weeks. There would be one more legislative policy meeting at the Utah League of Cities and Towns before then. Mayor Overson appreciated the League staff, ChamberWest, and John Hiskey for all that they did during this very busy time. The session was sure to be an interesting 45 days.

Taylorsville was fully staffed and ready to go for 2024. However, there was a need for a list of substitutes for school crossing guards, so she encouraged any interested parties to apply.

Mayor Overson pointed out that January 16th was Religious Freedom Day as designated by Congress in 1992. She explained that it was a foundational principle enshrined in the US Constitution. Gov. Spencer Cox had recently issued a proclamation reaffirming religious freedom and designating January 16th as Religious Freedom Day in Utah. She said it was a principle that was crucial to uphold and safeguard.

7.2 Resolution No. 24-01 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Proclaiming January 16th, Annually, as Religious Freedom Day in the City of Taylorsville .

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 24-01, proclaiming January 16th Annually as Religious Freedom Day in the City of Taylorsville. 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

1.3 Citizen Comments

Chair Knudsen invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the council on the topic of his/her choice.

Grant Howarth expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for supporting the idea of approving a proclamation regarding religious freedom. He explained that it was an inalienable right.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments on the agenda.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Fire Authority – *Captain Richard Rich*

 Unified Fire Captain Richard Rich reported on UFA activities during the 3rd quarter of 2023 (July through September 2023.) This included a total of 1,365 calls for service, 45% of which (621 calls) were classified as emergent. He presented a bar graph depicting the total number of calls during this quarter in each of the last four years. During Q3, UFA responded to the following fire calls in Taylorsville:

- 12 structure fires
- 10 fires in natural vegetation
- 5 fires involving outdoor rubbish
- 3 vehicle fires
- 1 fire *inside* a vehicle

The most prevalent medical calls during the quarter were:

- Sick Person (141)
- Motor Vehicle Crash (100)
- Short Falls <6 feet (84)
- Unconscious Person (64)
- Breathing Problem (64)

Other call types during Q3 were:

- Public Service Assistance (45)
- Unintentional Detector (35)
- False Alarm/False Call (19)
- Detector Malfunction (18)
- Flammable Spills & Leaks (10)

Captain Rich provided information regarding the number of calls that each station in or near Taylorsville, with station no. 117 remaining the busiest, with 56.93% of engine/truck responses and 44.76% of the medical calls.

Regarding emergency calls, 50% of them involved a response time of 04:52 or better and 90% of the calls showing an arrival time within 07:11.

Captain Rich also provided information regarding activities of the Fire Prevention Division which included occupancy inspections, fire protection system inspections, inspector plan reviews, fire protection system reviews, hazardous materials permits issued and 3rd party fire sprinkler/alarm inspections. This data was provided for Q1, Q2, and Q3 2023.

Data was presented which showed the types of fire calls experienced over the Independence Day and Pioneer Day holidays from 2018 through 2023.

Councilmember Cochran stepped out at 6:56 p.m.

Firefighter Thomas Elbrecht had been awarded the Carnegie Medal for his off-duty efforts in saving an injured avalanche victim. Additionally, Firefighter Ryan Love had been honored during Hispanic Heritage Month for his dedication and service to the Hispanic community through fire safety outreach and education.

Finally, Captain Rich updated the Council on UFA's Strategic Plan, a Truth in Taxation hearing, the budget process, recruiting efforts and the move into new fire station # 102 in Magna.

Councilmember Cochran returned to the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the December 6, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 24-02 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Zoning Amendment Affecting Several Sections of the Taylorsville Municipal

Code to Implement Utah Senate Bill 174, Related to the Subdivision Review Processes – *Jim Spung*

 Senior Planner Jim Spung explained that during the 2023 General Legislative Session, the Utah legislature amended the process by which cities and counties review and approve subdivision applications. The intent was to establish a more uniform, streamlined, and predictable subdivision review and approval procedure throughout Utah. Local jurisdictions were given until February 1, 2024 to adopt updates to their subdivision ordinances. He also pointed out that the amendments to Chapter 13.35 were no longer applicable.

Mr. Spung explained the following requirements regarding review of **preliminary subdivision plats**:

- Maximum of two review cycles
- Staff to provide initial review comments within 15 business days of completed application submission;
- Applicant required to provide written response to each staff comment;
- If applicant responds within 20 business days of staff's initial review, staff will then have 15 business days to review and provide comments for the 2nd submittal; however, if applicant fails to respond within 20 business days, staff will have 35 business days to review and provide comments for 2nd submittal.
- A review cycle is not considered complete until the applicant has adequately addressed each of the redlines identified by the city.
- Upon receipt of 2nd submittal, the city will notice and schedule a public hearing—of which only one is allowed.
- The Planning Commission is the preliminary subdivision plat land-use authority;
- No new redlines/comments may be made by the city after the first review cycle in responses to changes made by the applicant except to protect public health or safety or to enforce state or federal law;
- If the application complies with adopted local regulations, it shall be approved and proceed to the final review.

Regarding the review of **final subdivision plats**:

- Maximum of two review cycles
- Staff to provide initial review comments within 20 business days of application submittal;
- Applicant required to provide written response to each staff comment;
- If the final subdivision application complies with adopted standards, the city shall approve the final subdivision application.
- The Department Director is proposed to be the final subdivision plat land use authority, although the Mayor will still need to sign the mylar plat prior to recordation at the Salt Lake County Recorder's Office.

In addition to the other changes brought about by the passage of SB174, staff also recommended creating a new code section titled “Common Review Procedures” which would consolidate and streamline procedural steps applicable to multiple development application types. Mr. Spung briefly reviewed these changes for the Council.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-02, approving a Zoning Text Amendment Affecting Several Sections of the Taylorsville Municipal Code to Implement Utah Senate Bill 174, Related to the Subdivision Review Processes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

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

The motion passed 5-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Ordinance No. 24-01 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Establishing the 2024 Taylorsville City Council Meeting Schedule – Tracy Cowdell

 City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that both city and state law require that an annual meeting schedule be adopted by ordinance annually. Following the adoption, the schedule would be published as it was each year.

Mayor Overson pointed out that because Juneteenth fell on a Wednesday, it would be observed on Monday, June 17th. Therefore, there could still be a meeting on June 19th.

The City Council and Mayor further discussed the calendar and decided to eliminate the April 17th meeting as it coincided with a Utah League conference in St. George.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-01 as amended from the dais, establishing the 2024 Taylorsville City Council Meeting Schedule. 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

7.3 City Council Chair and Vice Chair Elections - *Jamie Brooks/Kris Heineman*

While Council Coordinator Kris Heineman distributed ballots to the council members, City Recorder Jamie Brooks explained that nominations had been received by three councilmembers. There were three nominations for Curt Cochran for Chair, two nominations for Meredith Harker for Vice Chair, and one nomination for Curt Cochran for Vice Chair.

The vote was unanimous. The Chair for 2024 would be Curt Cochran and the Vice-Chair would be Meredith Harker.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – expressed interest in changing city code to allow for a campaign donation over \$1,500 for those running to serve on the City Council. He recommended the limit be increased to \$2,000 or \$2,500 and pointed out that the maximum for a mayoral candidate's campaign was \$7,500.

Councilmember Harker asked what the reason was behind having such a limit. Mr. Cowdell responded that a previous Council had chosen to impose the limit years ago. He explained that while some people believed large donations resulted in greater influence over an elected official who received the donation, others felt it was a free speech issue and that one should be able to donate as much as one wished. The current limits had been in place for many years.

Mayor Overson stated that the topic could certainly be placed on a future agenda.

- 8.2 Council Chair Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

- 8.3 Councilmember Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

- 8.4 Councilmember 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, January 9, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
(For Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)

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 meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Board, after which a closed session would be held to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The meeting would adjourn immediately thereafter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

The city council meeting recessed at 7:43 in order to convene an RDA meeting. Minutes for the RDA meeting are kept with the RDA records.

Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned after the closed session at 8:27 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder