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**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**  
**Council Chambers, Room No. 140**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

Council Chair Curt Cochran  
Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Robert Knudsen

**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  
Ben White, City Engineer

**Excused:** Council Member Anna Barbieri (although she was present electronically for the regular meeting.)

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

Chair Curt Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:02 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except Council Member Barbieri.

**1. Review Agenda**

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. Mayor Overson explained that the THS Girl's Softball Team had postponed their appearance and would not be present that evening.

Chair Cochran and Council Member Burgess both mentioned they would be out of town during Taylorsville Dayzz so would not be appearing in the parade.

Council Member Harker expressed interest in having the “Big K” sign removed from the Volta property. City Administrator John Taylor and City Engineer Ben White responded that they would look into the situation.

## **2. Adjourn**

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

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## **6:30 REGULAR MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

### **Council Members:**

Council Chair Curt Cochran  
Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker  
Council Member Anna Barbieri (electronic)  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Robert Knudsen

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**Others:** Brittany Buchanan, Ryan Buchanan, Peyton Burnette, Tanner Clark, Bob Christensen, Bradley Christopherson, Kate Christopherson, Walker Christopherson, Wendy Christopherson, Emily Cottrell, Bethany Dieckman, Ben Eberly, John E. Gidney, Ellie Gomez, Lynn Handy, Mason Harker, Miles Harker, Ryan Haroldsen, Hudson Hathaway, McKenzie Hathaway, Marc McElreath, Brian Miller, Tristan Nguyen, Dean Paynter, Dallas Parker, Emily Taylor, Sydney Thompson, Reagan Vanderlinden, and Lexie Walker.

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Chair Cochran 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 – Youth Council (Opening Ceremonies for June 19, 2024 to be arranged by Mayor Overson.**

Walker Christopherson directed the Pledge of Allegiance before McKenzie Hathaway commented on her experiences on the Youth Council. She also shared some inspirational quotes.

**1.2 Mayor's Report**

 Mayor Overson explained that the Taylorsville High Softball team had cancelled their appearance that evening and would instead be recognized during the June 19th meeting. She then presented a comprehensive report, highlighting the remarkable success of the recent city-wide cleanup event. She also mentioned her participation in the Salt Lake County Library's summer reading challenge and attendance at Arcadia Elementary School's 5th-grade graduation. Furthermore, the Mayor spoke positively about the free lunch programs provided by Granite School District as well as Salt Lake County's *My County Rec Pass* program. This program allowed free access to 17 recreation centers in the County for school kids aged 5-18. Mayor Overson spoke about how great it was to ensure kids had free access to these amenities.

Mountain America Credit Union held a flag raising ceremony recently at their Sandy headquarters. Mayor Overson had been in attendance as had other local dignitaries as Mountain America honored their employees who had served in the military.

The Council of Mayors subcommittee was analyzing potential sites for a winter overflow shelter. They worked with Salt Lake County, the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, the State Office of Homeless Services, and other cities to review/tour the various sites and recommend one for the coming winter season.

The *Plaza+Art* selection committee had met to select new art to be displayed at Centennial Plaza beginning in September. The current collection of sculptures could be viewed until that time.

The Taylorsville Arts Council had a crosswalk musical the previous weekend wherein they would dance in a crosswalk until the light turned green for vehicular traffic. Everyone was safe and had fun as they promoted the *Disaster!* musical which would be presented July 8-13<sup>th</sup> at the Midvalley Performing Arts Center.

The Taylorsville Temple dedication had been held the previous Sunday and it was now open. It was hoped that traffic patterns in the area would normalize.

Taylorsville Park was currently undergoing renovations. A site plan could be found in the lobby of city hall for those interested in reviewing it. Mayor Overson pointed out that the City had saved up for this project and had planned for it for several years.

The southbound Redwood Road lane had been repaved and was back open for travel. The project also involved new sidewalks and light fixtures.

The Mayor and Youth Council had recently spent time cleaning up the cemetery following the Memorial Day weekend. They later tie-dyed shirts that they planned to wear during the Taylorsville Dayzz parade later in June.

The Utah Peace Officers Association recently held their annual K-9 Competition. Officer Moore and Turbo won the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Patrol/Building Search
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Patrol/Area Search
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tactical Obstacle Course
- Decoy "Choice" Award

Officer Palmer and Koda won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Place award for Vehicle Narcotics Search

### **1.2.1 Taylorsville High Girls Softball Team Recognition**

This item had been postponed by the team.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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

Robert (Bob) Christensen had lived in the city for over 40 years and wanted to know what had to happen to limit the number of vehicles allowed to be parked at any single residence. There was one home in his neighborhood with 10-12 vehicles. Mr. Taylor asked to meet with Mr. Christensen and discuss the situation.

Brian Miller shared potential solutions to noise pollution from the Salt Lake International Airport. He asked that the Mayor and City Council send a letter asking Salt Lake City to institute his suggestions.

Dallas Parker expressed his concern about a rumor that the Salt Lake County Recreation Center in Taylorsville was going to be shut down. He was assured this was inaccurate and that Salt Lake County planned only a remodel for parts of the facility.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Youth Council Report – Youth Council

 Youth Council/City Council Coordinator Kris Heineman invited McKenzie Hathaway to share a slide show she had put together as the Youth Council Public Information Officer. The slide show depicted various activities that the teens had taken part in over the course of the school year.

##### 3.1.1 Youth Council Senior Recognition

Mayor Overson and Ms. Heineman introduced each of the graduating seniors on the Youth Council, reading a bio of each, including sharing information regarding their plans for the future.

- Ben Eberly
- Ellie Gomez
- McKenzie Hathaway
- Mason Harker
- Reagan Vanderlinden
- Ryan Buchanan
- Ryan Haroldsen
- Tanner “TJ” Clark
- Walker Christopherson

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 4.1 Minutes – City Council Meetings of May 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024

**MOTION:** Councilmember Knudsen moved to approve the minutes for the May 1, 2024 and May 15, 2024 City Council meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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| Council Member Burgess  | Yes                  |
| Council Member Harker   | Yes                  |
| Chair Cochran           | Yes                  |
| Council Member Knudsen  | Yes                  |
| Council Member Barbieri | (No audio available) |

The motion passed 4-0

206 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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208 There were no planning matters on the agenda.

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210 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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212 6.1 **Resolution No. 24-11** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-  
213 End Final Amendments to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget – ***Scott Harrington***

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215  Asst. City Administrator and CFO Scott Harrington explained there had been one  
216 change since the Council had last reviewed the 2023-2024 budget. \$30,000 had been added to  
217 parks utilities.

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219 **MOTION:** Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 24-11, approving  
220 the Year End Final Amendments to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget. The  
221 motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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223 Council Member Barbieri Yes (via text)  
224 Council Member Knudsen Yes  
225 Council Member Burgess Yes  
226 Chair Cochran Yes  
227 Council Member Harker Yes

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229 The motion passed 5-0

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231 6.2 **Resolution No. 24-12** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting a Final  
232 Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025 –  
233 ***Scott Harrington***

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235  Mr. Harrington explained there had been no updates or changes to this budget since  
236 the Council reviewed it two weeks before.

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238 Council Member Knudsen was grateful that some items had been cut from the budget in light of  
239 the proposed increase to property taxes. He asked if there were any specifics as to what the  
240 increased tax revenue would pay for.

241 Mr. Harrington responded that it would most likely be for roads, parks, or some combination of  
242 the two. There was then a thorough discussion regarding the proposed tax increase and  
243 allocation for infrastructure, parks, roads, economic development, and police needs.

Mr. Taylor added that certain capital projects had been planned and saved for over the past ten years. An increase was necessary to fund projects for the *next* decade. This was largely because Taylorsville was a “pay as we go” city which was preferable to carrying a large amount of debt.

Council Member Knudsen agreed that it was best not to bond for these things. Still, he wished to ensure that taxes were not going to be increased more than was necessary.

Council Member Harker pointed out that it was important to remember that decisions were not just being made for today but also for the City’s *future* needs.

Chair Cochran and Mr. Harrington discussed the fact that costs for many projects were steadily increasing, so delaying them meant paying higher prices.

Mayor Overson explained that the proposed budget was based on priorities that the Council had shared with the Administration and also with citizen surveys which identified services and projects that residents indicated a desire to see. She pointed out that the reason that Salt Lake County’s Valley Regional Park took so long to complete was a lack of funding. The proposed budget would make it possible to complete projects rather than leave them half-finished for an extended amount of time. While there were a variety of services or activities that could be cut from the budget, there would be a cost to making those cuts (such as a reduction in services). She stressed that there was nothing extravagant in the budget.

Council Member Knudsen understood the importance of keeping up on infrastructure maintenance. Still, he wished to satisfy himself as well as his constituents, that the additional funds were absolutely necessary.

Chair Cochran noted that several members of the budget committee were present. He asked if any of them wished to address the Council, but they declined. Lynn Handy pointed out that he had shared his thoughts on the proposed budget at the previous public hearing.

Council Member Burgess asked if every department’s budget had been examined for potential cost savings. Mr. Harrington indicated that was correct. For example, more than \$110,000 had already been removed from the police budget.

Council Member Burgess wished to understand if the City had enough officers for its population since it was his understanding that 1,000 residents per officer was sufficient, and Taylorsville currently had one for every 900 residents. Mr. Taylor explained that the 1:1000 ratio was approximately fifteen years old and no longer held true. Today’s problems and crime were very different than they were fifteen years ago.

Council Member Barbieri appreciated everyone's comments. She felt this was a good budget that had been well thought out. The Administration seemed to be very cognizant of where each dollar would go and that was in line with how they traditionally functioned.

Council Member Burgess expressed concern that the City could be over staffing the police department and was not sure how to investigate that possibility. Mr. Taylor did not believe that TVPD was overstaffed. He believed that it was on the lower end of average staffing levels but would have to double-check that. He did know that Taylorsville's per-officer costs were lower than that of most other nearby departments. Council Member Burgess asked for some documentation that he could review.

Mr. Taylor wished to ensure that the council members understood that the City was currently building Phase I of the parks improvements which had previously been funded. Phase II was what the proposed tax increase would go towards.

Council Member Burgess preferred a 10% increase each year rather than one as large as the currently proposed 25%. He was under the impression that the 1:1000 was ideal, so if we currently had 900 residents per officer, he did not understand why another officer was being requested in the budget.

Chief Brady Cottam interjected that South Salt Lake with a population of about 26,000 had 76 sworn officers. Murray had approximately 50,000 residents and he believed they had 70 officers. Therefore, by comparison, TVPD's staffing was quite lean, particularly considering the number of calls for service it handled.

Council Member Burgess found that information helpful.

**MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 24-12, Adopting a Final Budget for FY2024-2025 beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.**

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| <b>Chair Cochran</b>           | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Burgess</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Harker</b>   | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Barbieri</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Council Member Knudsen</b>  | <b>No</b>  |

**The motion passed 4-1**

## **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 Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

**8.3 Council Member Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

**8.4 Council Member Harker** – asked about repainting the lines on Redwood Road & 6200 South. Mr. Taylor indicated that UDOT planned to do the work the following Monday.

**8.5 Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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

**9.1 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**9.2 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

**9.3 Planning Commission Briefing & Meeting**– Tuesday, June 25, 2024 - **CANCELLED**

**9.4 City Council Briefing & Meeting** – Wednesday, July 3, 2024 - **CANCELLED**

**9.5 Planning Commission Briefing & Meeting**– Tuesday, July 9, 2024 - **CANCELLED**

**9.6 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

**9.7 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, July 17, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

**9.8 Planning Commission Work Session & Meeting** – Tuesday, July 23, 2024 - **CANCELLED**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**10.1 “Starry Nights on the Plaza”** Food Trucks and Live Entertainment at City Hall  
Friday Nights 5pm-8pm through September 13, 2024

**10.2 Taylorsville Dayzz** – June 27-29, 2024

**10.3 Night Out Against Crime** – Friday, August 2, 2024 from 5pm to 8pm (Sponsored by the Public Safety Committee)

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

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

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369 **MOTION:** Council Member Knudsen moved to recess the public meeting, convene a  
370 closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and then  
371 adjourn from there. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.  
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373 Council Member Knudsen Yes

374 Council Member Barbieri Yes

375 Council Member Harker Yes

376 Council Member Burgess Yes

377 Chair Cochran Yes

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379 The motion passed 5-0

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381 The meeting recessed at 8:22 p.m.

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383 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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385 The meeting adjourned from Room #202 at 8:47 p.m.

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389 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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