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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, August 21, 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 Anna Barbieri
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
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Jim Spung, Senior Planner
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Community/Economic Development Director Wayne Harper

Others: Doug Olsen

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

The briefing session convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Agenda

Chair Cochran briefly reviewed the agendas for the regular city council meeting and the Truth in Taxation meeting.

Mayor Overson asked if the Swearing-In and TVPD report could take place prior to the 7:00 p.m. Truth in Taxation meeting so that those present for the Truth in Taxation hearing would be present to hear it. Chair Cochran agreed.

Council Member Harker asked if Jim Dunnigan would be reporting on 2024 Taylorsville Dayzz at some point. Council Coordinator Kris Heineman responded that he was scheduled to do so in September.

Council Member Barbieri explained that Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District had a shortage of qualified drivers there would be fewer dumpsters available for the SCRP program that year.

Council Member Harker asked City Engineer Ben White for a status update on the street light replacement program. He responded that most of the lights south of 6200 South had been replaced, as had those west of Bangerter Highway.

2. Adjourn

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

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

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Council Member Anna Barbieri
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Council Member Bob Knudsen

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator
Christopher Bown, Judge
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Danielle Hansen, Police GRAMA Coord.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator

Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Jordan Lenz, Police Detective
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Brady Sargeant, Police Officer
Brandy Stephens, Police Office Manager
Ben Sullivan, Police Officer
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Community/Economic Development Director Wayne Harper

Others: Lynn Handy, Cheneil Hill, Dani Houston, Ben James, Jody James, Nicole McDermott, Marc McElreath, and Doug Olsen


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 – Council Member Knudsen (Opening Ceremonies for September 4, 2024 to be arranged by Council Member Burgess.

Council Member Knudsen led those gathered in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then shared comments regarding a recent conflict he had witnessed, including the following quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: *"Peace cannot be achieved through violence. It can only be attained through understanding."* He stressed the importance of remaining level-headed and striving to understand other viewpoints. He concluded his comments with another Emerson quote: *"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."*

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson shared that Senator Karen Mayne had recently passed away. The Mayor explained that she had been very passionate about the west side of the valley, assertive in her responsibilities as a Senator, and a tireless public servant.

Taylorsville Police had been holding tryouts for the SWAT team. This involved extensive training as well as interviews. The Mayor had the opportunity to witness some of the training and commented on the level of commitment of those who had applied to be a part of this team.

Mayor Overson had recently participated in a *Women in Business* lunch where she enjoyed making connections with business owners throughout the valley. They learned about being business

123 leaders and she greatly appreciated ChamberWest's efforts on behalf of their membership. She
124 explained that the City would attend the Chamber's annual gala where Sen. Wayne Harper was
125 slated to be recognized as Legislator of the Year. Nothing Bundt Cakes had been nominated for
126 Small Business of the Year, Markosian Auto had been nominated for Best Place to Work, and Jim
127 Dunnigan had been nominated for Volunteer of the Year.

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129 The Mayor had recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Council of Governments (aka COG)
130 where Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson presented information about the proposed Human
131 Services, Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform Action Plan. More information regarding
132 that plan would be forthcoming. Also discussed at the COG meeting was the need for shelter for
133 the homeless community not just in the winter when it was dangerously cold outside, but also now
134 possibly in the summer months when temperatures became dangerously high.

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136 Mayor Overson mentioned that applications for funding via the Tourism, Recreation, Culture and
137 Convention (TRCC) Support Program had been submitted, and COG would be meeting later in
138 the week to begin reviewing them. Final selection would take place in September. As always, there
139 were requests for much more funding than was available.

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141 John Hiskey and the Mayor recently met as members of the Legislative Policy Committee of the
142 Utah League of Cities and Towns in preparation for what was anticipated to be an intense
143 legislative session in 2025. There were many issues of concern to Taylorsville, as well as other
144 Utah cities and towns.

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146 The Mayor reminded the Council Members that Taylorsville had entered into an agreement which
147 involved relocating raccoons and skunks that became nuisances for residents. She received
148 feedback from one such resident who had recently shared his appreciation for the service.

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150 Regarding ongoing construction in Taylorsville, Dominion Energy would soon be replacing a
151 high-pressure gas line on 1300 West. The new line would run up the middle of the northbound
152 lanes which would be closed from Winchester to 6200 South possibly for the rest of the year.
153 There would be no on-street parking during this time frame, and she acknowledged this would be
154 an extremely challenging time for those who lived on and travelled along 1300 West.


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156 As for the 4700 South construction project, people were finding different routes, which was
157 causing additional traffic delays, and moving traffic into some residential neighborhoods which
158 did not typically see it. She conceded it would be a long, difficult inconvenience which was
159 unfortunately necessary. She thanked affected residents for their patience.

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161 The Taylorsville Park project was going well. The basketball court had been poured, and the
162 skatepark had been designed and would soon be poured as well. Mayor Overson estimated that
163 Phase I would be complete by the end of the year.

Schools in the Granite School District were back in session. Crossing guards were trained and in place. The Facilities staff had trimmed trees around school zone and traffic signs. She asked that drivers keep an eye out for students both in and out of crosswalks.

The Mayor reported that two robotic, electric, programable mowers had been purchased. The intent was to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and monitor their efficiency. Staff hoped to determine if using such mowers could save both time and money. If a savings was realized, they might also be used in the cemetery and some parks.

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. However, he pointed out that comments for the proposed tax increase would be heard during that specific hearing which would take place shortly.

Cheneil Hill handed Chair Cochran some photographs she had taken, explaining that she wished to discuss a critical safety issue at 1300 West Atherton Drive. She indicated that it affected both her family and the entire community. She stated she was deeply worried about safety of her children in the area and indicated that children could not even play in their own yards. She also mentioned there was a property in the area that had been unoccupied for over a decade which added to the problem. She asked that the City invest in solutions such as flashing solar signs. She wished for swift, decisive actions on these matters.

Chair Cochran explained that some comments had been submitted earlier by those unable to attend the meeting. They would be added to the permanent physical record.


There was no one else who expressed a desire to comment, so Chair Cochran closed the Citizen Comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments on the agenda

3. REPORTS

3.1 TVPD Swearing In Ceremony – Jamie Brooks

 City Recorder Jamie Brooks administered the oath of office to Ben Sullivan before he was congratulated by the City Council and Administration.

3.1.1 Taylorsville Police Department Report – Chief Cottam

Chief Brady Cottam began his report by presenting the following awards:

- Danielle Hansen - Police Employee of the Month for March 2024
- Brady Sargent- Police Employee of the Month for April 2024
- Jordan Lenz - Police Employee of the Month for May 2024

Chief Cottam then presented statistical data for Q1 of 2024 and broke the data down by council district. He presented charts which illustrated the location of all traffic accidents in the city as well as all citations issued in Taylorsville for the quarter. He explained that there was a constant effort to increase efficiency and be more proactive. Chief Cottam displayed bar graphs which compared the number of written citations to warnings given, and also provided information regarding the various locations of drug offenses throughout the city.

As for work completed by the civilian staff during the quarter, the court liaison had screened 204 cases. The evidence manager had accepted 1,093 pieces of evidence and disposed of and/or released 178 pieces. Sixty-eight items had been submitted to the lab.


The GRAMA coordinator had processed 1,417 records requests not including requests for body-cam footage, and staff had completed 122 expungements. Regarding the victim advocates, they had handled the following during the quarter:

- Total clients served: 193
- Information/referrals provided: 516
- Provided Personal Advocacy: 2
- Provided Emotional Support: 64
- Justice System Assistance: 174
- Other Services: 242

Chief Cottam wrapped up his report by reviewing response times for various call types (Priority 1-3).

The meeting recessed at 7:19 p.m. to hold a special Truth in Taxation meeting. The regular meeting reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

3.2 Taylorsville Municipal Justice Court Report – Judge Christopher Bown

 Judge Bown greeted the Council and introduced the new Clerk of Court, Stacy Robbins. Ms. Robbins brought a wealth of experience not just from our justice court but also from a court in Texas. The Judge mentioned how helpful it was to have a Clerk of Court with court experience and indicated she was a great hire.

Two other new clerks had been hired, bringing the court staff to full strength.

Judge Bown then presented statistical data regarding the number of cases filed as well as the amount of time it took to dispose of each case types:

Criminal Cases –

1098 criminal cases filed in 2023

644 traffic cases filed thus far in 2024

The goal was to dispose of these cases within 180 days which was happening 91% of the time.

Traffic Cases-

8,267 traffic cases filed in 2023

4561 traffic cases filed thus far in 2024

The time to disposition goal was 90 days for these matters, and the goal was realized 90% of the time.

Small Claims Cases-

552 small claims cases filed in 2023

253 small claims cases filed thus far in 2024

The time to disposition goal was 270 days which was being met over 99% of the time.

Other things of note-

Passed a security audit by Bureau of Criminal Identification

WebEx Changes

Retention Election in November (For more information, see judges.utah.gov)

Prosecutors and public defenders were doing well

3.3 West Valley Animal Services – Melanie Bennett

 Doug Olsen, Field Supervisor at West Valley Animal Services explained that Ms. Bennett was unable to attend, so he would present the report on her behalf.

Mr. Olsen displayed a photo of a dog named Alaska who had been in the shelter for over two months and was available for adoption.

He then presented statistical data regarding various call types and response times for the first half of 2024. Specifically, 210 animals had been adopted/rescued, 63 had been involved in the TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) program or otherwise relocated, 46 had been euthanized, 149 had been returned to owner.

Mr. Olsen then explained that the Division had increased park patrols to educate residents about leash and licensing laws. He also expected to see an uptick in trap and releases now that Taylorsville was participating in the Urban Wildlife program.

Fewer dog licenses and park permits had been issued in the first half of 2024 compared to the same time frame last year. The shelter continued to track response times for different call types and was comfortable with what the data showed.

Mr. Olsen indicated that the shelter continued to be “constantly” full.

This year there had been 828 animals spayed or neutered by July 31st and the same number of procedures had been performed during that period in 2023. 1608 animals had been adopted/rescued so far in 2024, which was up from 1574 in 2023.

The shelter had held several free, low-cost vaccination/micro-chip clinics earlier in the year for both dogs and cats. Two adoption events were sponsored by the Bissell Pet Foundation and another four were sponsored by Best Friends Animal Society.

Mr. Olsen wished to thank Taylorsville for recognizing some of their employees at the city’s Annual Employee Appreciation event. They appreciated being included. Speaking of awards, Cesar Anaya was recently honored by *Code 3 Associates* and was participating in a program that would give him college credits.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – July 31, 2024 *Let’s Talk Taylorsville Meeting* and August 7, 2024 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes for the July 31st and August 7th meetings as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.


Council Member Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes

Council Member Harker Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 **Ordinance No. 24-05 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Several Sections of the Taylorsville Municipal Code, to Align with City Standards with Utah Senate Bill 13 Related to Charter Schools, Home-Based Microschools, and Micro-Education Entities and Corresponding Definitions – Jim Spung**

 Senior Planner Jim Spung explained that the text amendment was in response to Utah Senate Bill 13 which was recently approved. The bill required cities to update their land use standards to allow home-based microschoools and micro-education entities in all zoning districts except for Open Space. He provided a snapshot of what the bill entailed and explained that Taylorsville's land use table had now been updated to include both new uses. Certain standards had been adopted such as:

- Parking, traffic and hours of operation;
- City business license requirements;
- Standards within each zone pertaining to setback, height, bulk and massing regulations, off-site parking, curb cut, traffic circulation, and construction staging;
- Imposing regulations on the location of a project that were necessary to avoid risks to health or safety.

Staff proposed the following regulations for micro-education entities:

- Must have a secure, outdoor play area that was located a minimum of five feet from a vehicle parking, access, or circulation area. The area must also be secured with a self-latching gate and be well-maintained.
- Must have a minimum of one ADA compliant passenger loading zone on-site;
- Would not be allowed within 660 feet of a sexually oriented business;
- Must have updated minimum vehicle parking standards

Council Member Harker asked if there was a limit to how many of these entities could be within a single area (as there was with daycares). Mr. Spung responded that microschoools could not be closer than 300' to one another one or to a home daycare.

Mr. Spung pointed out that the planning commission had expressed concerns about the legislature's over-reach, but cities' hands were essentially tied once the bill was approved. The Commission eventually decided to send a positive recommendation to the Council.

Council Member Knudsen expressed his appreciation to the Planning Commission for reviewing the proposed text amendment so closely. He agreed it became challenging when the state legislature mandated certain things in the city.

Council Member Harker asked about class size maximums for these types of entities since home daycares were limited to twelve children. Mr. Spung responded that there was a limit of 16 students which was the number mandated by the legislature.

Mr. Cowdell pointed out that cities had very little discretion on this. There was a strong and well-organized homeschool lobby which had convinced the legislature to pass this bill. Our job was to comply.

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-05, an Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Zoning Text Amendment to Several Sections of the Taylorsville Municipal Code, to Align with City Standards with Utah Senate Bill 13 Related to Charter Schools, Home-Based Microschools, and Micro-Education Entities and Corresponding Definitions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Council Member Harker	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Council Member Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

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 Council Member Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Council Member Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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407 **8.3 Council Member Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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409 **8.4 Council Member Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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411 **8.5 Council Chair Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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413 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**
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415 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**
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416 **9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**
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417 **9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**
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418 **9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**
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419 **9.5 Planning Commission Work Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:00**
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421 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**
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423 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**
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424 *(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*
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426 **10.1 “Starry Nights on the Plaza”** on Friday nights at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.
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428 **10.2 Farmer's Market:** Tuesday Evenings 5pm – 9pm through September 4, 2024 on
429 Centennial Plaza
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431 **10.3 “Kids Entrepreneur Market”** – Friday, September 6, 2024, 5pm – 8pm at Starry
432 Nights on the Plaza
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434 **10.4 Fall Festival** at the Taylorsville-Bennion Historic Museum on Saturday,
435 September 21, 2024 from 10am to 1pm (Sponsored by the Historic Preservation
436 Committee)
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438 **10.5 Plaza + Art Unveiling** on September 27, 2024 at 5pm
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440 **11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)**
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441 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*
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443 There was no need for a closed session.
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445 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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