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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, October 16, 2024
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Mayor:

Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Vice-Chair Meredith Harker
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Robert Knudsen

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/C.F.O.
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Taylorsville Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator

Excused: Chair Curt Cochran; Wayne Harper, Community/Economic Development Director; and Ben White, City Engineer

Vice Chair Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present except Chair Cochran who was excused.

1. Review Agenda

Vice Chair Harker reviewed the agenda. She explained that Tony Henderson had asked to present his report immediately following the citizen comments as he had a scheduling conflict. There were no objections to that request.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Excused: Chair Curt Cochran and Comm/Economic Development Director Wayne Harper

Others Present: Mark Chalk, Brad Christopherson, Wendy Christopherson, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Tony Henderson, Karina McLellan and Russ Wall

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Curt 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 except Chair Cochran who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – Youth Council (Opening Ceremonies for November 6, 2024 to be arranged by Council Member Harker)

Hallee Winberg directed the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Youth Council Advisor Kris Heineman recited a Franklin D. Roosevelt quote: *"We cannot always build a future for our youth; but we can build our youth for the future."* She explained that was the purpose of the Youth Council program-- to build these youth for the future and to teach them leadership skills, help them see the value of working well with others who may or may not be like them, and understanding the value of serving other people.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson had attended two ribbon cuttings at Legacy Plaza-- at PetCo and Five Below in October. There would be one more later in the week and then Legacy Plaza would be full. She enjoyed meeting with the business owners and appreciated the support of council members who joined her there, as well as ChamberWest.

ChamberWest's Board of Directors recently held a retreat, and the Mayor was in attendance to discuss how Taylorsville can fit into ChamberWest's goals and strategies for the coming year.

She attended a professional development event the day before where Congressman Burgess Owen spoke about key issues. She appreciated how supportive he had been of Taylorsville, and she mentioned that there was a good chance he might approve a grant application for some new police equipment for TVPD.

Taylorsville had recently celebrated its employees at Top Golf where everyone had a great time relaxing and golfing. She appreciated the Council's understanding of the importance of valuing city employees and agreeing to budget for the event.

Taylorsville's legislative team had met with Rep. Jim Dunnigan a couple of weeks before to discuss land use and affordable housing, among other things. Rep. Dunnigan had been working closely with the city and asking questions, with city representatives sharing Taylorsville's priorities.

At the invitation of Salt Lake County Council Member Suzanne Harrison, she and Council Member Knudsen had attended a community town hall. In addition to Council Member Harrison, they were joined by Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor Erin Litvack and West Valley Mayor Lang. Together they had a good discussion about the issues that were important to each entity.

Speaking of Salt Lake County, the final recommendations for the next round of TRCC funding (Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention) would be made at the end of the week. Taylorsville had submitted an application and Mayor Overson was confident that we would be awarded some funding, although how much was unclear at this point. That recommendation would be forwarded to Salt Lake County.

Taylorsville's annual art show was held the previous week at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. It was a remarkable event with many talented artists. She thanked the Council Members for supporting the Arts Council, and specifically Council Member Burgess for his work on the Board. She also wished to thank Ms. Heineman for helping set up for the event.

 The Mayor explained that 4700 South continued to be beautifully transformed and said it was amazing to see what the addition of some rocks and trees could do. She was delighted that the city could help beautify I-215 along with the state.

Regarding the Mid-Valley Express (formerly BRT), Taylorsville had the opportunity to add some personality to the project by choosing some art to be displayed at each station in the city. There would soon be a call for artists to submit proposals.

Phase 1 of the Taylorsville Park renovation would be finished by the end of the year. Playground equipment was in place although the skate park was not yet complete. She asked that skaters wait to use the facility until it was ready, although she understood it was difficult to be patient. She pointed out that 50% of the improvement project was funded by TRCC funds.

The 2024 General Election would take place on Tuesday, November 5th. There was no "early voting" in Taylorsville this year, although city hall would be a vote center on election day from 7am to 8pm.

 3.1 Public Safety Committee Report – Tony Henderson

Committee Chair Tony Henderson mentioned that the committee had been supporting the various safety and preparedness fairs around the valley. They were also at the Fall Festival and shared information to community members there. They had also been working with the police departments when neighborhood representatives had reached out about setting up neighborhood watch programs.

The committee was considering renewing the CERT program (Community Emergency Response Team) in the city and were in the process of trying to gauge the current level of community interest. If they decided there was enough support, they would advertise an initial meeting on social media.

The committee members participated in Taylorsville Dayzz by joining the Youth Council in putting wristbands on children. He thought they might expand that activity at the 2025 event.

Their largest event was the annual *Night Out Against Crime* and it was very well-attended. He enjoyed holding it in conjunction with the *Starry Nights on the Plaza* event and felt that boosted attendance.

1.3 Citizen Comments

Vice Chair Harker called for anyone interested in addressing the City Council to step forward and do so.

 Karina McLellan explained that she represented Ability Inclusion Services which was a non-profit entity serving adults with disabilities in Salt Lake County. She outlined many of the services they offered and invited the community to attend their annual art auction fundraiser on October 24th in West Valley.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of the Taylorsville Youth Council for 2024-2024 – Mayor Overson & Kris Heineman

 Ms. Heineman explained the Youth Council program for those who were unfamiliar with it. She described the Wreaths Across America program and explained that the students would be participating in it again this year. Their goal was to be able to place a fresh wreath on each of the 235 veteran graves in the Taylorsville Cemetery.

She and Mayor Overson then introduced each member of the 2024-2025 Youth Council before the Mayor administered the Oath of Office.

- Alexis Walker
- Ashton Christopherson
- Brinley Shields
- Bethany Dieckman
- Brittany Buchanan
- Charlie Cortes

- Emilee Taylor
- Emily Cottrell
- Hallee Winberg
- Hudson Hathaway
- Jackson Adams
- Kate Christopherson
- Leah Kessler
- Miles Harker
- Molly Osmond
- Peyton Burnett
- Savannah Peterson
- Sophie Scott
- Spencer Wall
- Sydney Thompson
- Tristan Nguyen

3. **REPORTS**

3.2 **Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District** – *Mark Chalk*

 General Manager Mark Chalk explained that every water system in the country was required to provide a lead service line inventory to the Environmental Protection Agency, as required under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions which aim to significantly reduce exposure to lead through drinking water.

The District had 17,354 water meters. They randomly selected a sample size of service lines to ensure a statistical confidence level of 95% and contacted those customers. The service line material needed to be verified in three distinct locations: between the main and the meter, between the meter and the home, and inside the home itself. Mr. Chalk said that no lead pipes had been found in Taylorsville thus far and he was almost positive there were none. But they still needed to go through the verification process.

Mr. Chalk wrapped up his presentation by announcing that the District had been named *Best Overall Water* by the American Waterworks Association.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no minutes to approve.

5. **PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters

6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no financial matters

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

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.

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

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

8.5 **Council Chair Cochran** – Excused

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

9.1 **Planning Commission Briefing Session** – Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – 6pm

9.2 **Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

9.3 **Let's Talk Taylorsville** – Wednesday, October 30, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

9.4 **City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

9.5 **City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

9.6 **Planning Commission Briefing Session** – Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 7 p.m.

10. **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

10.1 Taylorsville Arts Council Presents: **"Snoopy"** – November 21-23, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

10.2 Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 2, 2024 – 6:00 p.m. at city hall

10.3 ***Saturday with Santa*** – December 7, 2024 from 2pm to 4pm; Sponsored by the Historic Preservation and Parks & Recreation Committee

10.4 Taylorsville-SLCC Orchestra Concert – Saturday, December 7, 2024

10.5 ***Wreaths Across America*** ceremony at city hall (10:00 a.m.) followed by wreath placement at the Taylorsville Cemetery – Saturday, December 14, 2024

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

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

No closed session was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to adjourn, and Vice Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder



Approved 11-6-2024

