

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Mayor:

Kristie S. Overson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/C.F.O.
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, Government Affairs

Excused: Council Member Curt Cochran

BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Meredith Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:02 p.m.

1. Review Agenda

She congratulated everyone on a successful Taylorsville Dayzz.

When addressing agenda item 7.2, the chair mentioned a correction that was needed in the updated plan as it related to the city's history.

The Council and staff then had a discussion regarding what was needed in order to receive alerts/notifications in the event of large-scale emergencies.

Mayor Overson mentioned that the annual ChamberWest gala was scheduled for September 10. Additionally, the Utah League of Cities and Towns Fall Conference would be held in downtown Salt Lake City October 1-2. Registration information would be forthcoming at a later date.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance-

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Others Present: Susan Holman, James Kelsey, John Purvis, Robert Rampton, Kathleen Richins, Mark Wendel, and Jacob Young

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Harker 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 except Council Member Cochran who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – Council Member Knudsen (Opening Ceremonies for August 6, 2025 to be arranged by Council Member Cochran)

After leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Council Member Knudsen shared a personal story about an article he had written for the Taylorsville Journal's Council Corner regarding friend and former council member Dan Armstrong who had recently passed away. He had originally planned to write about freedom but felt somehow compelled to write about Dan instead, and he later received a text from Dan's widow thanking him for the tribute which she had seen on Dan's birthday. Council Member Knudsen emphasized the importance of following one's instincts and then shared a quote from Mr. (Fred) Rogers about the importance of using what we have in life.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson provided a comprehensive report regarding a variety of events and activities in the city:

- She highlighted the successful ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Taylorsville Park and Summit Park, expressing excitement about completing phase 1 of both parks through partnerships with Salt Lake County and TRAX funding. Both events were well attended by families, and council members participated in testing the new playground equipment.
- Mayor Overson mentioned some incidents of disrespect and vandalism at the new parks. She encouraged community pride in these new spaces, noting that security cameras had been installed.
- Addressing concerns about watering at Summit Park, the mayor explained that new parks required extra watering initially. She assured everyone that city staff were working on fine-tuning the watering system between grass, park strips, and water-wise areas.
- The mayor thanked Dina Blaes for leading a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Fingerprinting Utah, an established Taylorsville business now in a new location. She emphasized the city's partnership with Chamber West in welcoming and celebrating local businesses.
- Mayor Overson discussed the Waterways yard makeover, expressing excitement about the project's completion. Homeowners Leslie and Greg were pleased with the finished project, which was designed to be maintainable and to improve their front yard's appearance.
- The mayor reported on the July 1st transfer of control of Bangerter Highway to Utah Highway Patrol. This change would allow Taylorsville officers to focus more on city streets and neighborhoods. She noted that UHP had already been proactive in enforcement.
- Mayor Overson praised the success of Taylorsville Dayzz, highlighting various events such as the 5K run, parade, and fireworks. She thanked the public safety team for their efforts in ensuring a safe and enjoyable event.
- The mayor mentioned saying goodbye to retired employees and welcoming new team members, emphasizing the positive aspects of change and gaining fresh perspectives.

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Harker briefly reviewed various upcoming city-sponsored community events.

1.4 Citizen Comment Period

The chair then reviewed the citizen comment procedure before inviting anyone interested in addressing the City Council to step forward and do so. However, there was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Robert Rampton to the Taylorsville Arts Council – *Mayor Overson*

Mayor Overson introduced Robert Rampton as a new appointee to the Taylorsville Arts Council. She highlighted his 40-plus year career as a designer and illustrator, expressing excitement about his addition to the group.

Mr. Rampton then stepped to the podium and shared that he had been a Taylorsville resident since 1988. He mentioned his recent retirement and his desire to stay busy and contribute to the community. Mr. Rampton discussed his background in automotive art and illustration, as well as his ongoing writing projects.

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the mayor's appointment of Robert Rampton to the Taylorsville Arts Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and passed unanimously 4-0 on a roll call vote.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Green Committee Report – *Mark Wendel*

Green Committee Chair Mark Wendel reported on the committee's more recent activities:

- The committee hosted two events in spring (March 27th and April 24th) in support of the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy's Localscapes program.
- Mr. Wendel noted that a Taylorsville yard was chosen for a makeover, partly due to the committee's support and interest in the program.
- A committee member was focused on reducing recyclables in the waste stream at Vista Park, and Mr. Wendel reported that progress was ongoing.

- Taylorsville's annual cleanup event was held on May 17th. The event saw some changes including the discontinuation of household hazardous waste and electronic waste disposal as both were available elsewhere. Mr. Wendel provided statistics on various types of waste collected, noting increases in bulk waste and other recyclables. He highlighted the participation of the Other Side Boutique for collecting donations. He thanked various individuals and organizations for their support at the event, including the city council, administration, Council member Burgess, the Taylorsville High football team, Coach Rosie, Taylorsville High's principal, Texas Roadhouse, and Redwood Recycling.

3.2 Senior Center Report – Olivia Snyder

Salt Lake County's Olivia Snyder introduced herself and explained that she was filling in at Taylorsville's Senior Center and was currently the manager at the Sunday Anderson Senior Center in downtown Salt Lake City. She presented a report on the center's activities and use, explaining there had been a very slight decrease in daily attendance during Q2 of the current year compared to Q1.

There had also been a decrease in meals served, partly attributed to the discontinuation of to-go meals at the end of Q1 last year. However, the center did still allow seniors to bring their own containers to take leftovers home.

Ms. Snyder mentioned that the center had been without a program coordinator for about a year, which affected some programming. Recent help from coordinators from other centers had allowed for more variety in programs. Despite the slight decrease in overall attendance, recreation activities saw an increase in Q2.

Ms. Snyder noted positive feedback from seniors about the new Taylorsville Park, mentioning increased activity and life in the area. She also explained that two of the county's senior centers would be closing—Sunday Anderson and the Tenth East Center. The latter was expected to open again in 12-18 months after a remodel.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – June 18, 2025 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025 City Council as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri and passed unanimously 4-0 after a roll call vote.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters

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200 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**
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204 **7. OTHER MATTERS**
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206 **7.1 Presentation from Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Regarding**
207 **Proposed Property Tax Increase – *Jacob Young***
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209 City Administrator John Taylor introduced JVWCD Deputy General Manager Jacob Young who
210 presented information regarding a proposed district-wide tax increase. He explained that it was
211 needed to fund critical infrastructure, address growth throughout the service area, and meet
212 operational and maintenance needs.
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214 The agency's total budgeted annual revenue for the year was just over \$111 million, with 30% of
215 that coming from taxes. An 11.1% increase was proposed which would generate an additional \$3.1
216 million in revenue. For a home valued at \$630,000, the increase would amount to less than \$12
217 per year.
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219 Mr. Young outlined several major projects, including treatment plant upgrades, and water storage
220 reservoirs. He concluded his remarks by announcing a Truth in Taxation public hearing which was
221 to take place at 6pm on August 11 at the JVWCD office.
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223 Council members asked questions about the location of new water storage reservoirs and the
224 specifics of the treatment plant upgrades.
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226 **7.2 Resolution No. 25-23 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting the**
227 **Salt Lake County Emergency Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan –**
228 ***Jay Ziolkowski***
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230 Jay Ziolkowski presented information regarding the update of Salt Lake County's Emergency
231 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan. The plan was an update to the 2019 version and would
232 typically be updated every 5-6 years in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management
233 Agency (FEMA).
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235 The plan aimed to address hazardous events, mitigation efforts, and reclamation processes at local,
236 state, and national levels. It involved coordination between all municipalities within Salt Lake
237 County in order to ensure comprehensive life safety and property conservation measures.
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The proposed resolution included a clause allowing minor editing without requiring the council's re-approval of the document. Mr. Ziolkowski explained that it would be used in conjunction with city engineering, planning, and zoning efforts to mitigate and help with reclamation for potential hazardous events.

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 25-23, a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville adopting the Salt Lake County Emergency Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knudsen and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

Chair Harker commented that in addition to JWCD, the Granite School District was also planning for a significant tax increase as a result of unfunded mandates and budget increases.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

The dates of upcoming planning commission and city council meetings were briefly reviewed by Chair Harker.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess, and Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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