

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Council Chambers, (Room No. 140)
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Terryne Bergeson, Planner
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Ben White, City Engineer
Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement

Excused: Assistant City Administrator & Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington,

1. Review Agenda

Chair Harker began the briefing session at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

She briefly reviewed the agenda of the regular meeting.

Council Member Barbieri asked the rest of the Council how often they wished to receive a report from Wasatch Front Regional Council. They opted for one report in the spring and one in the autumn to report on the SCRP (Seasonal Container Reservation) program.

Upon further discussion, the Council expressed a desire to have a discussion at the next meeting regarding how often they wished to hear from various outside entities beyond WFWRD.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

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Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Dan Christensen, Police Sgt.
Michael Clark, Police Officer
Andre Gocke, Police Officer
Bryan Lutz, Traffic Enforcement
Maria Pontoja, Police Officer

Others: Lynn Handy and Dean Paynter

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Harker 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 Barbieri*

Council Member Barbieri led a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Overson reported on several recent ribbon-cutting events.

Mayor Overson shared her experiences participating in Veterans Day events, including at Ivy Brook Assisted Living where she spoke with veterans and attended an assembly at Calvin Smith Elementary School. She expressed how meaningful it was to experience both ends of the spectrum—elderly veterans and young children learning about Veterans Day.

The Mayor also reported on a meeting with the Farmers Market representative to review the past summer's activities and plan improvements. She mentioned that attendance had been lower than the previous year, and while the organizer had suggested relocating to Taylorsville Park, this would not be possible next year due to planned renovations. Therefore, the Farmers Market would remain at City Hall on Centennial Plaza on Tuesday nights for 2026.

Mayor Overson attended Chamber West's annual fall conference and praised Dina Blaes for participating in a breakout session titled "Future Forward, Economic Growth in Our Cities." She emphasized the importance of collaboration among west side businesses and neighboring cities.

The Mayor and several Council Members spoken to Mr. Roach's Civics class at Eisenhower Junior High, continuing the tradition of helping students learn about local government and elected officials.

Mayor Overson reported on internal discussions regarding Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, noting that staff led by Jay Ziolkowski were conducting a thorough evaluation of this contract to ensure residents were receiving good value for their money.

She attended a Taylorsville High School fundraiser for auditorium upgrades, which raised approximately \$35,000. She mentioned several Council Members were also in attendance.

Finally, Mayor Overson discussed the Youth Council's progress with the *Wreaths Across America* program. She reported that they had secured 225 wreaths and needed sponsors for 56 more by the following Friday. The Youth Council would also begin decorating city hall for Christmas.

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Harker briefly reviewed various upcoming city events.

1.4 Citizen Comments

Chair Harker opened the citizen comment portion of the meeting. However, there was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so she closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Taylorsville Police Department Report & Swearing-In Ceremony – *Chief Cottam*

City Recorder Jamie Brooks administered the Oath of Office to the following Taylorsville Police officers: Michael Clark, Andre Gocke, and Maria Pantoja.

The officers were then congratulated by the city council and administration, after which Chief Cottam pointed out that both Officers Clark and Gocke were Marine Corps veterans while Officer Pantoja was brand new to the profession.

Chief Cottam began his report by presenting Police Employee of the Month Awards for July, August and September 2025. He then presented statistical data for the quarter, pointing out that the number of traffic accidents had decreased from an average of nearly 5 per day when the department first formed to approximately 3-3.5 per day currently. He noted that less construction on city streets had contributed to this improvement.

The Chief reviewed statistics on various types of crimes, traffic citations, and response times, indicating that nothing remarkable stood out in the data. He expressed satisfaction with the department's performance and highlighted that officers were making good decisions about when to pursue or call off high-speed chases.

Chief Cottam shared that he and three TVPD officers had participated in a 315-mile bicycle ride from Idaho to Ogden, Utah over four days to raise funds for rifle-rated ballistic vests for officers.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – November 5, 2025 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve the minutes for the November 5, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 25-11 Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance regarding a Development Code Text Amendment to Section 13.26.090(A)(3) of the Taylorsville Municipal Code Amending Standards Related to On-Premise Directional Signs – Terryne Bergeson

Ms. Bergeson presented a proposed amendment to the sign ordinance, explaining that the changes were initiated by IHC's request for larger directional signs at their new Wasatch Canyons Primary Children's Behavioral Health Center.

The proposed amendments included:

- Increasing the maximum size of directional signs from 5 square feet to 16 square feet
- Increasing the maximum height from 4 feet to 6 feet outside visibility triangles
- Adding a provision limiting the business name or logo portion to 4 square feet
- Adding language to ensure clear visibility in parking lots

Ms. Bergeson shared examples of current directional signs and proposed larger signs, noting that the Planning Commission had voted 5-0 to forward a positive recommendation with the addition of the clear visibility triangle language.

A representative from the sign company hired by Intermountain Healthcare explained that the larger signs were needed to help ambulances, patients, and visitors navigate the healthcare campus efficiently, especially given that people typically visit hospitals under stressful circumstances.

Council Member Barbieri asked questions about engineering stamps for signs, with the sign company representative explaining that all ground-mounted signs required stamped engineering plans for footings, but this was typically included in sign packages without additional cost to businesses.

MOTION: Chair Harker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-11, Approving a Zoning Text Amendment to the Taylorsville Municipal Code, Section 13.26.090(A)(3), Amending Standards Related to On-Premises Directional Signs. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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)

There were no items for subsequent consideration raised by the City Council.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

Chair Harker briefly reviewed the dates and times of upcoming public meetings.

10. CLOSED SESSION

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

