

**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*  
**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**Council Chambers – Room No. 140**  
**2600 W Taylorsville Blvd**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Elected Officials Present**

Mayor Kristie S. Overson  
Council Chair Meredith Harker  
Council Vice Chair Robert Knudsen  
Council Member Anna Barbieri  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Curt Cochran

**Staff Present**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Admin.  
Terryne Bergeson, Planner  
Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement  
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Ben White, City Engineer

**Others Present:** Emily Cottrell

Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. She was joined by Youth Council Member Emily Cottrell who was shadowing her to learn more about being a council chair. A roll call took place, and all council members were present.

**1. Review Agenda**

Chair Harker and Ms. Cottrell briefly reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the upcoming *Saturday with Santa* event, and Council Member Barbieri mentioned that she was unable to attend.

Council Member Burgess looked forward to discussing city parking issues which was scheduled for January.

**2. Adjourn**

The briefing session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

---

**6:30 PM REGULAR SESSION**

## ATTENDANCE

### **Elected Officials Present**

Mayor Kristie S. Overson  
Council Chair Meredith Harker  
Council Vice Chair Robert Knudsen  
Council Member Anna Barbieri  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Curt Cochran

### **Staff Present**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Admin.  
Terryne Bergeson, Planner  
Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement  
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.  
Ben White, City Engineer

**Others Present:** Emily Cottrell, Joe Salisbury, Nathan Sutterfield, Evan Tyrrell, and Mark Wendel

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

Chair Harker called the regular session to order at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was conducted, and all council members were present.

### **1.1 Pledge of Allegiance & Reverence – Mayor Overson**

Mayor Overson invited those in attendance to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, after which she offered a prayer.

### **1.2 Mayor's Report**

Mayor Overson began her report with celebration, announcing the completion of Bangerter Highway construction. She described attending the celebration where "all the orange cones are gone" and intersections at 4700 South, 9800 South, 13400 South, and 2700 West in Bluffdale were completed. She noted it was "quite a party" with school children participating in games and activities, signing a poster marking the construction's completion.

The Mayor praised the Youth Council's dedication, highlighting how they spent hours during their day off from school decorating City Hall for the holidays. She detailed upcoming Youth Council service opportunities including *Saturday with Santa* and *Wreaths Across America*, announcing they exceeded their goal of 281 wreaths by sponsoring 319 total, with an extra 38 counting toward next year's goal.

Mayor Overson then expressed gratitude for community service, sharing four specific examples of "good things happening in our city." First, she recognized Sergeant Carver who, along with Sergeant Fox from West Valley Police, had cooked Thanksgiving breakfast and dinner for years for public servants working on the holiday. She emphasized this wasn't a budget item but done "out of the goodness of their hearts."

Second, she described a Taylorsville family who made 57 meal kits the Saturday before Thanksgiving, including southwestern black bean soup kits, "Thanksgiving in a bag" kits with everything but the turkey, and other casserole kits, which were distributed through the food pantry.

The Mayor then shared impressive statistics from the food pantry, noting it had served 552 people on November 1st, 702 people on November 8th, 617 people on November 15th, and 674 people on November 22nd. She detailed the staggering amounts of food distributed throughout the year: over 50,000 pounds of meat, over 70,000 pounds of bread and bakery items, over 90,000 pounds of dairy products, over 125,000 pounds of produce, and over 425,000 pounds of dry goods.

Finally, the Mayor shared a video about Wes from Speed Kleen Laundromat, a local business owner who annually prepared and donated food baskets distributed by Taylorsville Police Department victim advocates to families in need. She concluded her report emphasizing how fortunate Taylorsville was to have businesses and residents "who have big hearts and they just want to help out and make our city better."

### **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events – Chair Harker**

Chair Harker provided a brief overview of upcoming city-sponsored events. Further details on each were available through the city's website.

### **1.4 Citizen Comments**

There was no one who expressed a desire to address the City Council.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

### **2.1 Appoint Jeannine Russell to the Taylorsville Arts Council – Mayor Overson**

Mayor Overson explained that Ms. Russell approached her at an event and asked how to get involved. The Mayor described Ms. Russell as "really dynamic" and noted that she would "add some energy to the Arts Council." She explained that Ms. Russell was unable to be present that evening due to illness, but she recommended her appointment to the Taylorsville Arts Council.

**MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to appoint Jeannine Russeell to the Taylorsville Arts Council. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

### **2.2 Appoint Nathan Sutterfield to the Green Committee – Mark Wendel**

Green Committee Chair Mark Wendel introduced Nathan Sutterfield noting he was a political science major who attended Utah State and Snow College. He was originally from Springville but had been a "proud Taylorsville resident" for the last six years. Mr. Sutterfield expressed his love for Taylorsville and excitement at getting involved.

**MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to appoint Nathan Sutterfield to serve on the Green Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knudsen and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

118 **3. REPORTS**

119  
120 **3.1 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District – Evan Tyrrell**

121 Evan Tyrrell, the new general manager of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District who had  
122 been with WFWRD for "a little over 3 months," presented an extensive report on the District's  
123 services and initiatives. He began by explaining their base residential service of \$26 per month  
124 included weekly curbside trash and recycling, the SCRP (Seasonal Container Reservation)  
125 program, landfill voucher program, central glass drop-off locations, seasonal services including  
126 the recent leaf bag collection and upcoming Christmas tree collection in January 2026, and various  
127 educational outreach programs.

128 Mr. Tyrrell highlighted that Taylorsville was their second-highest household service area with  
129 13,789 homes serviced as of September 30th. He detailed the tonnage hauled from Taylorsville  
130 year-to-date: 14,000 tons of curbside waste (equivalent to 28 million pounds of trash), noting this  
131 was down from 15,000 tons last year. He explained recycling was split between the Waste  
132 Management and Rocky Mountain Recycling Materials Recovery Facility based on geographic  
133 area and cost considerations.

134 When discussing recycling contamination rates, Chair Harker asked about the reported 17.08%  
135 decrease, questioning whether residents were "recycling cleaner" or doing worse. Mr. Tyrrell  
136 acknowledged an error in his presentation slides but confirmed all communities including  
137 Taylorsville had seen a decrease in contamination, with Taylorsville dropping from about 19% to  
138 17%. Council Member Cochran asked when stamping tops of recycling cans began, with  
139 discussion revealing newer cans had instructional labels while older cans did not.

140 Mr. Tyrrell presented new educational materials including a green waste can guide finalized a  
141 month ago and a recycle can guide completed the previous week, emphasizing the importance of  
142 **not** bagging recyclables or green waste. He explained that the tiered SCRP program had reduced  
143 repeat users from 34% in 2023 and 2024 to 11% in 2025, with plans to increase service capacity  
144 to better meet demand. He noted Taylorsville had received nearly 1,200 SCRP containers in 2025,  
145 serving about 9% of homes and hauling 1,130 tons of material.

146 Mr. Tyrrell then announced the transition to monthly billing beginning February 2026, explaining  
147 it would help customers budget better and provide more consistent cash flow for the district. He  
148 detailed new fees for 2026 including a late set-out return pickup fee to deter missed pickups and  
149 recover costs, and a recycling contamination fee after three documented recurrences. He noted  
150 contamination fees to just one facility had cost about \$64,000 in extra tipping fees year-to-date.

151 When Chair Harker asked when next year's SCRP schedule would be available, he indicated March  
152 or April at the latest, explaining they were still strategizing recruitment and planning for the  
153 increased container allocations.

154 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

155  
156 **4.1 Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2025**

**MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knudsen and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

## **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

### **5.1 Discussion Only Regarding a Proposed General Plan Map Amendment, Zoning Map Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment for Approximately 13.248 Acres of Property at 4271 South, 4225 South, and 4273 South 2700 West from Employment Center/Employment Mix and Professional Office to Residential High Intensity and Site-Specific Development Residential (SSD-R) – Terryne Bergeson**

Staff planner Terryne Bergeson presented the applications submitted by Casey Forbush and Chase Andrizzi of DAI Utah, with Joe Salisbury present as their representative. She explained this was the first phase requiring city council approval for regulatory standards before development could proceed. The properties, located behind the state office complex as part of the Beltway West subdivision approved in 2021, were originally intended for office development but now proposed for 222 townhome units.

Ms. Bergeson explained that the current future land use map designated the properties as employment mix and employment center, allowing for 2-story office buildings with potential for up to 10 stories after zoning review. The applicants requested changing to residential use with townhomes at 16-17 units per acre, higher than the current code maximum of 16 units per acre. The project would provide missing middle housing, with townhomes currently representing only 2% of Taylorsville's housing stock compared to 8.5% countywide.

The primary discussion centered on a proposed median for the new public road entrance from 2700 West. Planning Commissioners had requested a "sense of arrival," leading applicants to propose the landscaped median with artistic lighting. Staff recommended against the median due to long-term maintenance concerns for snow plowing and repaving, though acknowledged the lighting and landscaping could achieve the desired effect without the median. Ms. Bergeson pointed out that the city would not be responsible for maintaining the median itself—just the surrounding roadways.

Chair Harker loved the look of the median, pointing out that it was a unique feature in the city. Council Members Cochran and Barbieri spoke in favor of both the median and the signage suggestions.

Chair Harker asked City Engineer Ben White if the 20' roadway around the median would accommodate snowplows. However, Mr. White responded from the audience and his answer was not picked up by the microphone.

196

197 Chair Harker invited the applicant's representative to address the City Council if he wished to.

198 Joe Salisbury from DAI addressed the council, emphasizing that the median served dual purposes:  
199 it created a sense of arrival and provided safety for children and pedestrians in the area by acting  
200 as a traffic calming device. He described the entire project as very upscale, attracting "renters by  
201 choice" with amenities like valet waste service and maintenance-free living. Salisbury stated the  
202 \$100,000+ median investment would "set a precedent" and do what had not yet been done in  
203 Taylorsville.

204 Council Member Burgess remained the sole dissenter, expressing concern about future  
205 maintenance costs to the city, though he acknowledged that it would slow traffic. Chair Harker  
206 pointed out that median maintenance would remain the property owner's responsibility, not the  
207 city's.

208 The applicant also presented a solution for shared signage with the existing Beltway West  
209 development, showing a monument sign design that both current property owners had agreed upon.

210 Ms. Bergeson said she had prepared a recommended motion, although it would need to be adjusted  
211 if they wished to approve the median. Council Member Cochran asked city attorney Tracy Cowdell  
212 if they could still make a motion when formal action had not been agendized. Mr. Cowdell  
213 responded that it was acceptable to move to return the matter for formal action at a future meeting.

214 Chair Harker polled each council member. Four members (Harker, Cochran, Barbieri, and  
215 Knudsen) supported including the median, while Council Member Burgess opposed it but  
216 supported everything else. The council agreed to return December 17th for formal action on all  
217 amendments as well as a development agreement.

218 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

219 **6.1 Resolution No. 25-25 Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville**  
220 **Accepting a Grant from the State of Utah Commission on Criminal and**  
221 **Juvenile Justice in the Amount of \$4,500 – Scott Harrington**

222 Mr. Harrington indicated the grant funds would be used to purchase a 6 x 10 cargo trailer. Chief  
223 Cottam explained it would be used to haul equipment for the SWAT team and other divisions within  
224 the police department.

225

226 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 25-25, accepting a**  
227 **federal FY2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Law Enforcement Block Grant.**  
228 **The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and passed unanimously**  
229 **on a roll call vote.**

230

231 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

232

**7.1 Discussion Regarding the Frequency of Reports/Presentations to the City Council by Outside Entities Providing Services to Taylorsville**

During the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council decided to schedule this discussion regarding the frequency they wished to hear presentations from various committees and contractors in the coming year. Since then, the city recorder had sent each of them a list of these organizations and a tentative schedule of reports based on what had been done in 2025 and earlier. After some discussion, the council decided that semi-annual reports from Unified Fire, Animal Services, and Salt Lake County Public Works were sufficient. They had agreed earlier in the month to reduce WFWRD reports from quarterly to semi-annual as well.

Regarding internal volunteer committees, there was a fairly extensive discussion regarding those periodic reports. Mayor Overson pointed out that though the council representatives might be quite familiar with committee activities, the average resident was not. These reports were an opportunity for community members to learn what each committee was doing. It was determined that each committee would be asked to report twice per year. The victim advocates would report as required in any grant agreements.

**8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

In response to a question from Council Member Barbieri, Council Member Burgess announced that the annual cleanup was scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Chair Harker briefly reviewed the dates and times of upcoming public meetings. The city recorder mentioned that the December 9 planning commission meeting had been moved to December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**10. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no need for a closed session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Council Member Knudsen moved to adjourn, and Council Member Barbieri declared the meeting adjourned.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

---

Jamie Brooks, MMC  
City Recorder