

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

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
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Harker conducted the briefing session which convened at 6:02 p.m. A roll call took place, and all council members were present.

1. Review Agenda

The Chair briefly reviewed the agenda for the 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Terryne Bergeson, who would be presenting the planning matters distributed updated motions for those items, should the Council vote to approve them. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell asked that they avoid paraphrasing the language provided but instead read them verbatim. They were structured to allow the Council to give legislative approval, but he explained that Mayor Overson's execution of the documents would be held until the applicants purchased the subject property.

Council Barbieri asked what day the 2026 Clean Up event would take place (May 16th).

Mayor Overton mentioned that the Utah League of Cities and Towns had scheduled their spring conference in St. George for April 22-24, 2026.

43 **2. Adjourn**

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

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48 **REGULAR MEETING**

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58		Terryne Bergeson, Planner
59		Ben White, City Engineer
60		Jay Ziolkowski, Admin. Affairs
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63 **Others Present:** Ken Green, Joe Salisbury, Will Wilkinson and Gordon Willardson

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65 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

66 Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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68 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance & Reverence

69 She led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before inviting Will Wilkinson to play a
70 medley of Christmas carols on the piano.

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72 1.2 Mayor's Report

73 Mayor Overton delivered a comprehensive report on recent city activities, beginning with her
74 acknowledgment that there had been numerous holiday events she wanted to highlight. She
75 attended a St. Mark's Board of Trustees dinner with Council Member Harker as her guest,
76 emphasizing the importance of maintaining strong relationships with St. Mark's Emergency Center
77 and St. Mark's Taylorsville Clinic. "It's an honor to be on that board, and their holiday social was
78 lovely," the Mayor stated.

79 The Mayor reported meeting with Kearns mayor-elect Jesse Valdez, who had reached out to
80 discuss the mayoral role. She noted that while Taylorsville and Kearns were very different cities,
81 they were neighbors, making it important to establish a good relationship.

- 82 Mayor Overson attended the Salt Lake Community College Taylorsville Symphony's Christmas
83 concert at Bennion Junior High, acknowledging Council Member Burgess's presence at the event.
84 She praised the talent in the city and the partnership with the community college.
- 85 The *Saturday with Santa* event, organized by the Historic Preservation Committee, had been a
86 great success. Mayor Overson thanked the committee, as well as the Parks and Recreation
87 committee, Calvin Smith students who performed, the youth council volunteers, and all others who
88 contributed to the event.
- 89 The Mayor shared details of a meeting with Congressman Burgess Owens, who had reached out
90 to discuss Taylorsville and his work in Congress. She appreciated the relationship they had built
91 and enjoyed the opportunity to discuss city priorities.
- 92 From the recent UFA/UFSA board meeting, Mayor Overson emphasized the importance of the
93 211 resource service. She encouraged everyone to download the app, noting the extensive
94 resources available that could help when answering resident questions.
- 95 The Mayor attended ChamberWest's Women in Business Holiday Lunch, thanking Council
96 Member Barbieri for serving on the ChamberWest board of directors. She described it as a festive
97 event that fostered good relationships and expressed appreciation for the city's membership in the
98 organization.
- 99 Mayor Overson reported on the Council of Mayors (COM) meeting where important topics
100 including homelessness and legislative initiatives were discussed. She valued the opportunity to
101 say goodbye to outgoing mayors and welcome new ones, appreciating the chance to "counsel with
102 colleagues and commiserate and collaborate."
- 103 The Mayor participated in the *Heroes and Helpers* shopping event in cooperation with Target and
104 the Taylorsville Police Department. This event helped six families and ten children aged 5-15,
105 chosen from the Police Department Victim Advocate Program.
- 106 She met with the Communication Council, an interfaith committee serving the western side of the
107 valley and looked forward to future participation to connect with community members regardless
108 of faith or belief.
- 109 Mayor Overson praised the Wreaths Across America event, thanking the Council for their support
110 and attendance. She noted the meaningful program and the moving experience of laying wreaths
111 at the cemetery, expressing special appreciation for Congressman Owens' attendance. The Mayor
112 thanked the Youth Council for spearheading the service, Jay Ziolkowski for serving as emcee, and
113 various staff members for their contributions.
- 114 The Mayor spent time visiting crossing guards to express appreciation for their dedication to
115 keeping young residents safe. She noted this was an annual tradition she looked forward to each
116 year.

117 Finally, Mayor Overson described the recent holiday open house as "a resounding success," with
118 a full room of contractors, vendors, neighboring city representatives and others who helped
119 Taylorsville succeed. She praised the food, the party planners, and emphasized the value of
120 strengthening relationships during the festive season.

121 Mayor Overson concluded her report by wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

122 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events – *Chair Harker***

123 Chair Harker noted the calendar was relatively empty for the rest of the year. She encouraged
124 everyone to celebrate with their families and noted that events would resume in January.

125 **1.4 Citizen Comments**

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

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128 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

129 There were no appointments on the agenda.

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131 **3. REPORTS**

132 There were no reports on the agenda.

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134 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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136 **4.1 Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 3, 2025**

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138 **MOTION:** Council Member Knudsen moved to approve the minutes from the December
139 3, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and
140 passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

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142 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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144 **5.1 Ordinance No. 25-12 Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a General Plan**
145 **Map Amendment for Approximately 13 acres of Property at 4271 South, 4225**
146 **South, and 4273 South 2700 West – Terryne Bergeson**

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148 **5.2 Ordinance No. 25-13 Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Text**
149 **Amendment to Taylorsville Municipal Code, Adopting Chapter 13.45,**
150 **Standards for the SSD-R Motion Zoning District – Terryne Bergeson**

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152 **5.3 Ordinance No. 25-14 Consideration of an Ordinance Adopting a Zoning Map**
153 **Amendment for Approximately 13 Acres of Property at 4271 South, 4225**
154 **South, and 4273 South 2700 West from Professional Office (PO) to Site-
155 Specific Development Residential (SSD-R) – Terryne Bergeson**

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157 **5.4 Resolution No. 25-27 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving a**
158 **Development Agreement for the SSD-R Motion Zoning District – Terryne**
159 **Bergeson**

160 Ms. Bergeson began by explaining she had one presentation covering all three ordinances and the
161 resolution. The subject properties at 4271 South, 4273 South, and 4225 South 2700 West consisted
162 of three currently undeveloped parcels that were approved around 2021 under a Beltway West
163 subdivision and site plan approval for office buildings.

164 She detailed how the applicants contacted the city in July requesting consideration to build
165 multifamily housing on the property. She showed an axonometric view of the property, noting the
166 existing Beltway West offices to the east, small lot single family and medium residential to the
167 north, and state complexes to the south.

168 The property was currently accessed via a privately owned drive aisle from 2700 West leading to
169 two one-story office buildings, with an additional public stub street (2440 West) reaching the
170 property line. Ms. Bergeson explained that approvals would connect these and provide necessary
171 ingress/egress for the current residential subdivision and emergency access for the proposed
172 development.

173 Ms. Bergeson presented the concept development plan showing 222 units on 13 acres, proposing
174 a mix of one and two-bedroom townhomes in two-story products and three-bedroom townhomes
175 as three-story products. The plan included converting the 2700 West access from a drive aisle to a
176 public road.

177 She explained the general plan's five percent strategy, adopted to accommodate the much-needed
178 higher density while preserving existing neighborhoods and open space by encouraging infill and
179 redevelopment. Staff worked with developers to incorporate these elements into the proposal.

180 Ms. Bergeson detailed the architectural plans, showing the Imperial two-story stacked townhomes
181 in 4, 6, or 8-plex styles, emphasizing their architectural compatibility with other Taylorsville
182 developments. She explained the floor plans featuring one-car garages for ground floor units and
183 the "flex gen" option - a new concept where units could share space through a lockable door
184 between them.

185 The Everest three-story product was presented as 5, 6, or 7-plex units with two-car garages and
186 three bedrooms. Ms. Bergeson appreciated that the applicant reoriented buildings to face the street
187 with additional windows at street level for a better pedestrian experience, while limiting north-
188 facing windows for privacy of adjacent residences.

189 Regarding parking, Ms. Bergeson confirmed the project provided a minimum of three spaces per
190 dwelling unit (exceeding code requirements), with 20-foot driveways preventing sidewalk
191 overhang. The applicant also negotiated shared parking with the existing office space for additional
192 guest parking.

193 Ms. Bergeson highlighted the project's connectivity and walkability features, including sidewalks
194 ranging from 5 to 8 feet wide, with 8-foot sidewalks on both sides of the public road extending
195 400 feet into the project. The project provided 35-38% open space (exceeding the 15% minimum
196 requirement), with heavy landscaping, mature trees retained along the northern property line, dog
197 parks near the existing Dutch Draw dog park, gazebos, picnic tables, barbecues, a pool, fire pit,
198 and clubhouse.

199 Council Member Cochran interjected with a question about the access roads, initially concerned
200 they appeared to be dead-end. Ms. Bergeson clarified that the orange and blue areas on the diagram
201 represented land trades for the public road, and that full circulation would be maintained
202 throughout the project with no dead-end roads except for one fire turnaround.

203 Ms. Bergeson reviewed the project timeline, noting two Planning Commission public hearings had
204 previously taken place. The first resulted in a continuance to gather information on drainage, open
205 space details, and a traffic study. On the second hearing, the Planning Commission voted to
206 forward a positive recommendation with conditions addressing the median and signage.

207 Presenting the traffic study results, Ms. Bergeson explained the largest impact would be on the
208 new public road serving the development itself. The 2700 West and Dutch Draw intersection
209 currently operated at level of service B, expected to increase to C by 2033 (still acceptable). She
210 noted minimal expected use of 2440 West -- approximately 4 or 5 cars at peak hours shared
211 between both new and existing residents.

212 Council Member Cochran asked for clarification about the numbers in parentheses on a slide,
213 which Ms. Bergeson confirmed represented wait time per vehicle in seconds at the worst-case
214 scenario. Council Member Burgess requested a copy of the traffic study be forwarded to him.

215 Ms. Bergeson outlined unique aspects of the development agreement, including discounts for at
216 least two Taylorsville police officers to live on site, individual sewer and water meters where
217 possible to enable future conversion to individual ownership if that becomes a possibility, HOA
218 maintenance of the median, regular garage inspections to ensure they were used for parking use
219 rather than storage, and phasing to develop northern units first as a buffer during construction.

220 City Attorney Tracy Cowdell addressed the conditional approval language in the motions,
221 explaining the Council's approval was contingent on the applicant purchasing the property. Once
222 purchased, the mayor would execute the ordinances and development agreement.

223 Council Member Cochran raised concerns about phasing, referencing past projects where later
224 phases weren't completed. Ms. Bergeson deferred to the applicant, while Mr. Cowdell noted the
225 developer's economic interests were tied to completion since they would retain ownership rather
226 than sell the units.

227 Joe Salisbury, the applicant's representative, came forward to address questions. Regarding
228 phasing, they would take the land, secure one development loan, and build continuously over
229 approximately 18 months. The phasing concept was only to show commitment to building the
230 northern buffer first. He referenced their similar West Valley H2O Lofts project (186 units near

231 Decker Lake) completed within 18 months and leased within 24 months, winning awards and
232 achieving higher rents than projected.

233 During council discussion, Council Member Knudsen acknowledged previously hearing resident
234 concerns about traffic, density, and amenities. He thanked Ms. Bergeson for considering those
235 comments and putting them into the agreement. He noted benefits including two points of
236 ingress/egress for Dutch Draw Village 2 and appreciated the dog park provision.

237 Council Member Knudsen also appreciated the language allowing the potential for individual
238 ownership in the future, noting this addressed people's dreams to own rather than rent.

239 **MOTION:** **Council Member Knudsen moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-12, an**
240 **Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to amend the General Plan map for**
241 **property located at 4271 South 2700 West from Employment-Center to**
242 **Residential-High Intensity and the properties at 4273 South 2700 West and**
243 **4225 South 2700 West from Employment-Mix to Residential-High Intensity**
244 **with the condition that the Mayor is not authorized to sign the ordinance and**
245 **it will not be come effective unless and until DAI Utah closes on the purchase**
246 **of the property in question as described in the ordinance. If this condition is**
247 **not satisfied, then in that event this ordinance shall not take effect and the**
248 **property shall revert to the pre-existing, underlying General Plan designation**
249 **of Employment-Mix and Employment-Center in which the property is**
250 **currently located. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and**
251 **passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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253 **MOTION:** **Council Member Barbieri moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-13, an**
254 **ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to amend the Taylorsville Municipal Code**
255 **by adopting Chapter 13.45 SSD-R Motion Zoning District with the condition**
256 **that the Mayor is not authorized to sign the ordinance and it will not become**
257 **effective unless and until DAI Utah closes on the purchase of the property in**
258 **question as described in the ordinance. If this condition is not satisfied, then in**
259 **that event this ordinance shall not take effect, and the property shall revert to**
260 **the pre-existing, underlying zoning districts and regulations in which the**
261 **property is currently located. The motion was seconded by Council Member**
262 **Knudsen and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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264 **MOTION:** **Council Member Cochran moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-14, an**
265 **ordinance of the City of Taylorsville amending the zoning map for properties**
266 **located at 4271 South 2700 West, 4273 South 2700 West, and 4225 South 2700**
267 **West from Professional Office to Site Specific Residential Motion Zoning**
268 **District SSD-R-Motion with the condition that the Mayor is not authorized to**
269 **sign the ordinance and it will not become effective unless and until DAI Utah**

270 **closes on the purchase of the property in question as described in the**
271 **ordinance. If this condition is not satisfied, this ordinance shall not take effect,**
272 **and the property shall revert to the pre-existing, underlying zoning districts**
273 **uses and regulations in which the property is currently located. The motion**
274 **was seconded by Council Member Burgess and passed unanimously on a roll**
275 **call vote.**

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277 **MOTION:** **Council Member Knudsen moved to approve Resolution No. 25-27, a**
278 **Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving the Development Agreement**
279 **for the Motion Townhomes project and authorizing the Mayor to Sign the**
280 **Development Agreement subject to minor edits for the Motion Townhomes**
281 **project with the condition that the Mayor is not authorized to sign the**
282 **Development Agreement and it will not become effective unless and until DAI**
283 **Utah closes on the purchase of the property in question as described in the**
284 **resolution. If this condition is not satisfied, this resolution shall not take effect,**
285 **and the Mayor shall not be authorized to sign the development agreement. The**
286 **motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri and passed unanimously**
287 **on a roll call vote.**

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289 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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291 **Resolution No. 25-26 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving a**
292 **Development Agreement for the SSD-R Motion Zoning District – Jay Ziolkowski**

293 Chair Harker introduced the resolution, noting it was America's 250th anniversary of the
294 Declaration of Independence. Jay Ziolkowski explained that Council Member Barbieri had
295 brought this opportunity to the city's attention - a non-competitive \$1,500 stipend requiring just a
296 few simple steps.

297 Mr. Ziolkowski detailed that the resolution would codify acceptance and allow formation of an ad
298 hoc committee comprised of administration, a member of the Taylorsville Exchange Club, a
299 member of the Taylorsville Days Committee, and a member of the Youth Council. All positions
300 were already filled, so they would simply come together to solidify the "Give a Kid a Flag to
301 Wave" program, which occurs annually but would now have funding and include a
302 commemorative tag or marker noting America's 250th anniversary on flags distributed during
303 Taylorsville Days.

304 **MOTION:** **Council Member Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 25-26 accepting a**
305 **stipend in the amount of \$1,500 from America 250 Utah. The motion was**
306 **seconded by Council Member Cochran and passed unanimously on a roll call**
307 **vote.**

309 **7. OTHER MATTERS**
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311 **7.1 Ordinance No. 25-15 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Amending Title**
312 **15, Chapter 15.08 of the Taylorsville Municipal Code to Adopt the Utah**
313 **Wildland Urban Interface Code and Related Provisions for Wildlife Risk**
314 **Mitigation – Captain Richard Rich**

315 Chair Harker noted Captain Rich had mentioned this in his previous report about HB 148. Captain
316 Rich explained that initially, the Division of Forestry, Fire, State Lands had thought that since
317 Taylorsville had no properties meeting the threshold for the Wildland Urban Interface building
318 code, no action was required.

319 However, a subsequent discussion resulted in a different opinion - since Taylorsville was part of
320 the district and this was a blanket state requirement, they wanted consistency to ensure readiness
321 if any future properties met the threshold. Captain Rich emphasized there was minimal current
322 impact as no properties reached the threshold requiring action, but this positioned the city to be
323 ready with the code already adopted.

324 **MOTION:** **Council Member Burgess moved to approve Ordinance No. 25-25, an**
325 **Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville amending Title 15, Chapter 15.08 of the**
326 **Taylorsville Municipal Code to adopt the Utah Wildland Urban Interface**
327 **Code and related provisions for wildfire risk mitigation. The motion was**
328 **seconded by Council Member Knudsen and passed unanimously on a roll call**
329 **vote.**

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331 **7.2 Ordinance No. 25-16 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Establishing the**
332 **2026 Taylorsville City Council Meeting Schedule – Tracy Cowdell**

333 Mr. Cowdell explained that state law required adoption by ordinance or resolution of the legislative
334 body's meeting schedule for the next calendar year. He noted the dates could be changed with
335 proper notice but represented the council's stated intention to constituents as required by statute.

336 Chair Harker questioned the July 1st meeting date, feeling they normally don't meet then due to
337 Taylorsville Days. Mayor Overson thought they had met on that date the previous year. Mr.
338 Cowdell clarified they could decide later whether to hold that meeting.

339 Council Member Barbieri recommended that as America's 250th birthday approached, they
340 examine those dates to see if conflicts had arisen.

341 **MOTION:** **Council Member Burgess moved to adopt Ordinance No. 25-16, an Ordinance**
342 **of the City of Taylorsville establishing the 2026 Taylorsville City Council**
343 **meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Council Member Knudsen and**
344 **passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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

347 Council Member Knudsen expressed gratitude regarding all the work done on the ordinances and
348 resolution pertaining to the Motion property. He pointed out that many residents had reached out
349 to express their concerns, and he appreciated that those thoughts were shared with the developers,
350 who were willing to consider them.

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352 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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

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355 **10. CLOSED SESSION**

356 There was no need for a closed session.

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358 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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360 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to adjourn, and Chair Harker declared the**
361 **meeting adjourned.**

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363 Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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366 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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