

**City of Taylorsville  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
*Minutes***  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**  
**Council Chambers – Room No. 140**  
**2600 W Taylorsville Blvd**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Elected Officials Present**

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

**Staff Present**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/CFO  
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Betsy Valora, Receptionist

**Excused:** Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

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

**1. Review Agenda**

Chair Knudsen called the briefing session to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted, and all council members were in attendance.

Mayor Overton wished to find out which council members planned to attend the mid-year Utah League of Cities and Towns conference which was scheduled to take place on April 22-24 in St. George. Council Members Barbieri and Cochran would not be able to attend while Chair Knudsen and Council Members Burgess and Harker would participate.

**2. Adjourn Meeting**

The briefing session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

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**Others Present:** John E. Gidney

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

Chair Knudsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

#### **3.1 Opening Ceremonies-Pledge and Reverence**

Council Member Cochran invited everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a brief prayer.

#### **3.2 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor reported on day two of the legislative session and detailed the various resources available to track legislative activities affecting Taylorsville. She explained her involvement with ChamberWest's Legislative Affairs Committee, which met twice weekly during the session, including once at the Capitol with legislators. The committee maintained a bill tracker on their website that was updated daily.

Mayor Overson also mentioned ULCT's Legislative Policy Committee, which met weekly at the Capitol and likewise maintained a daily updated bill tracker online. She and John Hiskey attended these meetings, including that day's "Day at the Legislature" event. She noted the value of these gatherings for networking with other elected officials.

The Mayor further described the weekly Wasatch Front Regional Council meetings at the Capitol, where she served as a board member. These meetings often included discussions relevant to Taylorsville.

Finally, she highlighted John Hiskey's role as their representative at the Capitol, noting his extensive presence there and his daily email updates to council members.

The Mayor discussed progress on the 5400 South Bangerter Highway Redevelopment Agency (RDA) area. She explained that the city had successfully reconvened the Taxing Entity Committee to extend the time allowed for tax increment collection in this area. She acknowledged the extensive work involved in this process, particularly by Chief of Strategic Engagement Dina Blaes and her team, and thanked Council Member Cochran and City Administrator John Taylor for representing Taylorsville on the committee. She indicated that more detailed information would be provided in an RDA meeting in two weeks.

Mayor Overson shared her experience having lunch with the police department's holiday card contest winners - three fifth-grade girls who chose Café Rio for their celebration. She described the students as exuberant and noted she had them autograph her Christmas card. The Mayor expressed appreciation for TVPD's annual tradition of having grade school children design the holiday cards.

The Mayor also mentioned attending a gathering for a retiring TVPD police officer. She was impressed by the number of representatives from other agencies and business partners who attended, indicating the high level of respect for Taylorsville's public safety officials throughout the valley.

Additionally, Mayor Overson and Chief Cottam had spoken to Council Member Harker's third grade class, which she described as a valuable opportunity to connect with students about civic responsibilities.

The Mayor reported on the ChamberWest Board of Governors meeting, where mayors from five cities discussed their communities. She emphasized the strength that came from west-side cities working together.

She also mentioned a successful meeting with the Food Truck League regarding the continuation of Starry Nights events, with details included in a previously sent email to the council members.

The Mayor noted her participation in a Board of Realtors event with other mayors, where she promoted Taylorsville as a desirable place to own a home.

Finally, she updated the council on Youth Council activities, including cemetery cleanup and completion of job shadow reports. She mentioned that the Youth Council would be visiting the legislature independently rather than with the League's organized day, based on their preference from last year's experience.

### **3.3      Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city-sponsored events.

### **3.4      Citizen Comments**

The Chair opened the citizen comment period. However, no one expressed a desire to speak.

## **4.      APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments on the agenda

## **5.      REPORTS**

There were no reports on the agenda

## **6.      CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.1      Minutes of the January 7, 2026 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION:** Council Member Cochran moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2026 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

## **7.      PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

## **8.      FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **8.1      Public Hearing Accept Public Comment Regarding Proposed Mid-Year Adjustments to the Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026**

Assistant City Administrator & Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington presented a summary of the proposed mid-year budget adjustments. He outlined several revenue adjustments in the general fund, including:

- Adding \$35,000 to business license fees due to improved renewal efforts

- Increasing land use fees by \$20,000 due to development activity
- Adding \$200,000 from the sale of fixed assets (vehicles)
- Using \$1.05 million from fund balance (maintaining approximately 31% fund balance)

On the expenditure side, Mr. Harrington detailed several changes:

- \$25,000 for an outside legal contract in administration
- \$13,000 for government buildings, including a new floor for the museum and a small utility vehicle for maintenance
- \$216,000 for police market adjustments and installation of a base radio station
- A significant allocation to public works for street overlays, asphalt, slurry seals, and chip seals
- \$50,500 for community development
- A reduction of \$69,300 from economic development being redirected to community development to support contract work in lieu of filling a vacant long-range planner position
- \$135,000 for early payment on leases in debt service

Regarding Fund 45 (capital improvements), there was \$830,000 in changes, the majority of which represented the cost of building a courtroom in West Jordan's Thomas M. Rees Justice Center. There were also some city hall upgrades and changes to cemetery fees.

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. However, no one expressed a desire to speak, so the Chair closed the public hearing.

**8.2 Resolution No. 26-02 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Amending the Adopted Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year to Incorporate Mid-Year Adjustments**

Council Member Harker expressed appreciation for supporting the museum floor project, noting its importance for the facility before school tours resumed.

Council Chair Knudsen mentioned that some of his constituents who reviewed the budget adjustments had been impressed with the clarity and focus on city improvements, particularly roads, infrastructure, and police support.

**MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-02, a Resolution Approving Mid-Year Adjustments to the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

**9. OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters on the agenda.

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

Council Member Cochran reminded the council about the schedule for turning in Council Corner articles to Kim for the monthly newsletter.

Council Member Barbieri mentioned that she would not be present for the February 4th meeting.

**11. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

Chair Knudsen reviewed the dates and times of upcoming planning commission and city council meetings.

Council Member Barbieri has asked to be excused from Feb. 4th city council meeting.

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

There was no need for a closed session.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Council Member Harker moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

  
Jamie Brooks, MMC

City Recorder

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