

**City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
Council Chambers – Room No. 140
2600 W Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

ATTENDANCE

Elected Officials Present

Mayor Kristie S. Overton
Council Chair Bob Knudsen
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Captain Richard Rich, Unified Fire

Excused: Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington

Others Present: Jessica Hernandez and Dan Vincent

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Agenda

Chair Knudsen called the briefing session to order at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted, and all council members were in attendance.

2. Adjourn Meeting

The briefing session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

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Staff Present

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Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Ben White, City Engineer

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

45 **Others Present:** Dolores Crespo, Jim Dunnigan, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Jessica Hernandez, Allie
46 Lorang, Lola Ortega, Dean Paynter, Blair Tomten, Dan Vincent, and Elisa Winward
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48 **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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

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52 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies-Pledge and Reverence**

53 Council Member Burgess led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Chair Knudsen
54 shared his support for Gov. Cox's "Disagree Better" plea. He then offered a prayer.
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56 **1.2 Mayor's Report**

57 Mayor Overton provided an update on several activities from the past few weeks. She reported on
58 the legislative session, highlighting how John Hiskey was monitoring bills daily. She shared details
59 about the Youth Council's visit to the Capitol where 17 Taylorsville students toured the new north
60 building, viewed the stained-glass dome created by the Holdmans (who had been featured at
61 Taylorsville's Evening of Arts), and met with Representative Dunnigan, Representative Mounga,
62 Senator Harper, and Senator Kwan.

63 The Mayor mentioned her meeting with faith leaders to establish an interfaith council aimed at
64 building inclusion and community among various faiths in Taylorsville. She noted the upcoming
65 Year End Review that would be displayed in the lobby and available on YouTube.

66 Mayor Overton also shared updates from the Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District
67 regarding three significant water projects: the Barker well replacement on 4500 South west of the
68 Jordan River, the 1130 West waterline replacement, and the Meadowbrook waterline replacement
69 project. She explained these projects were generating questions from residents who noticed
70 construction equipment in these areas.

71 The mayor mentioned that at the February 18th meeting, Jay Ziolkowski would present city
72 administration findings regarding a review of the services provided by Wasatch Front Waste and
73 Recycling.

74 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

75 Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city-sponsored events.
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77 **1.4 Public Citizen Comments**

78 The Chair opened the public comment period.

79 Several residents addressed concerns regarding an unfinished sound wall along 2700 West. Elisa
80 Winward, Dolores Crespo, Jessica Hernandez, and Dan Vincent explained that approximately
81 eight homes had been left out and that completion had been promised years ago. They described
82 issues with vandalism to their fences and traffic noise. The residents stated they had been promised
83 completion of the wall approximately 18 years ago. Council Member Harker inquired about
84 documentation of this promise and who had made it. While there was no documentation of such a

85 promise or of a petition that they indicated had been filed years ago, they submitted a new petition
86 in support of their request.

87 Blair Tomten, who worked in Taylorsville, reported a sidewalk hazard at 6487 South Redwood
88 Road that posed accessibility and safety challenges, particularly for wheelchair users. She
89 understood that according to city code, it was the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to
90 repair, but she hoped there was something the city could do to get some action.

91 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

92 **2.1 Appointment of Timothy Flink, Lola Ortega, Annice Osmond, Crystal Siratsamy
93 and Melvin “Ted” Thackeray to Serve on the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee – Mayor
94 Overson**

95 Mayor Overson, along with Jim Dunnigan, Taylorsville Dayzz chair, presented appointments to
96 the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee. Mr. Dunnigan expressed appreciation for the new volunteers
97 who had responded to a plea during last year's festival. The names of the volunteers were
98 announced, and they were thanked for their willingness to serve.
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100 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to Appoint Timothy Flink, Lola Ortega, Annice Osmond,
101 Crystal Siratsamy and Melvin “Ted” Thackeray to Serve on the Taylorsville Dayzz
102 Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and passed
103 unanimously on a roll call vote.**

104 **3. REPORTS**

105 **3.1 Taylorsville Senior Center- Allie Lorang**

106 Allie Lorang, manager of the Taylorsville Senior Center, presented information about the center's
107 services. She explained she had worked for Salt Lake County for over 14 years and became the
108 Taylorsville Senior Center manager in July 2025.

110 Ms. Lorang described how the center provided nutritious meals and recreational activities aimed
111 at reducing social isolation among seniors. In 2025, the center served 667 clients with an average
112 daily attendance of 89 people and 59 meals per day. The average client was 73 years old, with 8%
113 of clients being veterans.

114 She presented data showing the center's impact on food insecurity and explained how the facility
115 served areas identified as 'food deserts.' Ms. Lorang highlighted the importance of transportation
116 services that allowed seniors who could not drive to participate in activities and shared data
117 showing a 9% increase in the 65+ population in Taylorsville since 2020.

118 Ms. Lorang noted that while meal participation had dropped slightly from 2024 to 2025, recreation
119 participation hours had increased dramatically, particularly in health promotion activities like
120 enhanced fitness classes. She encouraged council members to visit the center and see the programs
121 in action.

122 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

123 **4.1 Minutes of January 21, 2026 City Council Meeting**

125 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026**
126 **meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker and passed**
127 **unanimously on a roll call vote.**

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129 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

130 There were no planning matters on the agenda.

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132 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

133 There were no financial matters on the agenda.

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135 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

136 **7.1 Policy Discussion Pertaining to Parking Issues – Ben White**

137 City Engineer Ben White presented information about parking issues in Taylorsville, explaining
138 challenges with parking near driveways, mailboxes, intersections, and on garbage collection days.

139 Mr. White outlined several proposed changes to parking regulations, including:

- 140 • Increasing the no-parking zone near driveways from 5 feet to 10 feet
141 • Prohibiting parking in front of mailboxes at all times (currently restricted only from 8
142 AM to 5 PM on mail delivery days)
143 • Enforcing the 30-foot no-parking zone near intersections
144 • Considering a prohibition on street parking during garbage collection days

145 Using visual examples from streets including Simple Lane, Heather Glen, 2200 West, Tamarac,
146 and other residential areas, Mr. White demonstrated how these changes would impact available
147 street parking. In some neighborhoods, the proposed changes would eliminate up to 50% of on-
148 street parking.

149 Chief Brady Cottam and Captain Rich confirmed that navigating narrow streets with cars parked
150 on both sides presented challenges for emergency response vehicles. Chief Cottam expressed
151 support for all the proposed changes, noting they would help officers better enforce parking
152 regulations.

153 Council members expressed varied perspectives on the proposals. Council Member Harker raised
154 concerns about displacing cars without providing alternative parking solutions, suggesting that the
155 intersection sight triangle changes should be the highest priority of the recommended changes.
156 Council Member Burgess noted particular problems in neighborhoods where rentals and multiple
157 occupancy housing created parking congestion. Council Member Cochran supported starting with
158 stricter regulations that could be relaxed if needed.

159 Mayor Overson clarified that this discussion was meant to begin a longer conversation and that no
160 immediate changes would be implemented. She encouraged council members to further research
161 the issue, talk with constituents, and consider potential solutions. City Administrator John Taylor
162 emphasized that some streets had become public safety concerns, while noting that any changes
163 would require a significant educational campaign.

164 The council reached consensus that improving sight lines at intersections was the highest priority,
165 while changes to other regulations would require further consideration and community input.

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

167 Council Member Harker inquired about bathroom access at city parks during the unusually warm
168 winter. She noted residents had called with concerns about bathroom facilities being closed despite
169 heavy park usage. City Administrator Taylor explained that restrooms remained closed due to
170 freezing concerns with water pipes but indicated that portable toilets could be considered as an
171 alternative solution.

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

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

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

177 There was no need for a closed session.

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179 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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184 The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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188 **Jamie Brooks, MMC**
189 **City Recorder**

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