

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. Overson
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

John Taylor, City Administrator
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

Others Present: Dolores Crespo, Jim Dunnigan, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Jessica Hernandez, Allie Lorang, Lola Ortega, Dean Paynter, Blair Tomten, Dan Vincent, and Elisa Winward

1. 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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies-Pledge and Reverence

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

1.2 Mayor's Report

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

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

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

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

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city-sponsored events.

1.4 Public Citizen Comments

The Chair opened the public comment period.

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

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

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

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

Mayor Overson, along with Jim Dunnigan, Taylorsville Dayzz chair, presented appointments to the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee. Mr. Dunnigan expressed appreciation for the new volunteers who had responded to a plea during last year's festival. The names of the volunteers were announced, and they were thanked for their willingness to serve.

MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to Appoint Timothy Flink, Lola Ortega, Annice Osmond, Crystal Siratsamy and Melvin “Ted” Thackeray to Serve on the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Taylorsville Senior Center- Allie Lorang

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

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

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

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

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of January 21, 2026 City Council Meeting

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

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Policy Discussion Pertaining to Parking Issues – Ben White

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

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

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

10. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)

There was no need for a closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, MMC
City Recorder

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