

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

6:00 P.M. BOARD MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Separate minutes were taken and are on file.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

ATTENDANCE

Elected Officials Present

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

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin.
Grant Allen, Senior Planner
Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Capt.
Ryan Richards, Dep. City Attorney
Betsy Valora, Dep. City Recorder

Others Present: Melanie Bennett, Maclain Drake, Hannah Fellows, John E. Gidney, Fidel Hernandez, Todd Huber, Susan Holman, Dean Paynter, UFA Asst. Chief Wade Russell, and Preston Valora

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present with Council Member Burgess attending remotely.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies-Pledge and Reverence

Council Member Harker led the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Overson provided an update on her recent activities and city initiatives. She reported that the state legislature had two more days remaining and acknowledged the significant time investment by city staff, especially John Hiskey, in monitoring legislative activities. The mayor praised the responsiveness of local legislators who actively sought input from the city on various issues.

The Mayor attended the Council of Mayors meeting, describing it as an opportunity for mayors to collaborate and share information about their respective cities. She emphasized her role in promoting Taylorsville at such gatherings.

Mayor Overson reported on attending Interfaith Council Committee meetings, where they were developing a mission statement and working to unite different religious communities in the city. These meetings were taking place at the Alrasool Islamic Center on 4800 South, which was on the historic registry.

She attended a St. Mark's Hospital Board of Trustees meeting, representing Taylorsville's interests, as well as Scout Troop 1996's thirtieth anniversary celebration, where several council members were also present alongside mayors from both West Jordan and West Valley.

Mayor Overson toured the Unified Fire training facility with other board members to assess current capabilities and future needs for firefighter training. She also visited Vista and Calvin Smith Elementary schools to read to students, emphasizing the importance of education.

The mayor described a tour of the water reservoir infrastructure in Taylorsville, organized by Council Member Barbieri for her community council. Between 60-75 people attended this tour of the underground water storage facilities. That afternoon, the youth council toured the West Valley Animal Shelter to learn about their services and volunteer opportunities.

Mayor Overson updated the council on park development, noting that Summit Vista phase 2 had begun with preliminary work visible, and phase 2 of Taylorsville Park improvements would start in the coming weeks. Both projects were expected to be completed by year's end.

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Knudsen reviewed upcoming city-sponsored events.

1.4 Public Comment Period

Fidel Hernandez presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding an incomplete wall project on 2700 West. He explained that while wall construction was completed in certain areas around 2021, the section in his neighborhood was left unfinished, creating an inconsistent appearance. Mr. Hernandez submitted a petition signed by 54 people, with 8 residents directly affected by the incomplete wall. He acknowledged that city projects required significant planning and funding time but requested a clear timeline for when the wall extension might be completed.

Mayor Overson responded that while they don't typically engage in dialogue during the public comment period, she wanted to acknowledge Mr. Hernandez's continued attendance at meetings. She explained that staff had been occupied with legislative matters but committed to meeting with him in the coming weeks to present the city's research on the matter.

McLane Drake addressed the council regarding disability awareness and ADA compliance for buildings and businesses in Taylorsville. He worked with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services at the Sanderson Center and expressed concern about decreasing accessibility, particularly with websites becoming less accessible for disabled individuals. Mr. Drake requested the city's attention to ensure local businesses met ADA requirements for various disabilities.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Resolution No. 26-04 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville consenting to the Appointment of Betsy Valora as a Deputy Recorder with Administration of the Oath of Office to Follow - *Mayor Overson*

Mayor Overson recommended the appointment of Betsy Valora as deputy recorder, noting that Betsy had worked with the city for several years and expressed

willingness to take on additional responsibilities. The mayor emphasized the need for backup support for the city recorder position and praised Betsy's commitment to additional training and duties.

Chair Knudsen thanked Betsy for her willingness to serve and her ongoing helpfulness to city operations.

MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-04, appointing Betsy Valora as a Deputy Recorder. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.

Council Member Cochran Yes
Council Member Burgess Yes
Council Member Harker Yes
Council Member Barbieri Yes
Chair Knudsen Yes

Motion Passed 5-0

The oath of office was then administered to Ms. Valora.

3. REPORTS

3.1 West Valley Animal Services Bi-Annual Report – *Melanie Bennett*

Director of Animal Services Melanie Bennett reviewed shelter activities for the quarter including agency assists, animal investigations, court appearances, trap rentals and park patrols. She explained that Urban Wildlife handled raccoon and skunk removal, coming directly to residents' homes to remove them when trapped.

The shelter maintained priority response times well below required averages by deploying at least two officers per area. Ms. Bennett introduced new clerk Kim, and Jose Martinez, a new animal control officer with three weeks of service.

Special events included October adoption promotions with Bissell covering adoption fees for 24 animals, and Shelter Saturday in November resulting in 7 adoptions. The facility installed new turf in the back play yard thanks to the fundraising efforts of staffers Kayla and Crystal, who raised over \$7,000 for the project with no cost to the shelter.

Ms. Bennett highlighted volunteer Robert Harlow's ongoing efforts organizing "Pupsgiving" and "Santa Paws" events, bringing numerous volunteers to provide special meals and activities for shelter animals on holidays.

Council Member Harker added that she recently took about 90 third graders to tour the animal shelter as part of a community involvement initiative. The students were now engaged in learning about service projects including making toys and collecting food donations for the shelter.

3.2 Arts Council Bi-Annual Report – Susan Holman

Susan Holman introduced Hannah Fellows, who performed a musical selection recently presented as part of the Carole King Revue. She pointed out the exceptional talent that could be found in Taylorsville.

Ms. Holman reported on recent events including the October art show. She expressed her appreciation to Julie and Craig Clements, whose organizational support helped make the show successful.

The Arts Council produced the play "Quilters," featuring talented performers with beautiful harmonies telling stories of frontier women. The recent Carole King Revue featured 21 performers and marked their largest revue ever with 222 tickets sold.

The symphony faced challenges when the director quit two weeks before a concert, but Craig Farrin from Payson stepped in to conduct a successful performance. Salt Lake Community College was now partnering with the Arts Council to provide a stable director for future symphonies.

Chair Knudsen praised the symphony performance despite the last-minute conductor change, noting the commitment of orchestra members and the successful outcome.

Upcoming events included a Disney children's play on June 4-5 at the MidValley Performing Arts Center, "Taylorsville's Got Talent" on June 6 at Centennial Plaza, "Anything Goes" from July 13-18, and "Broadway Under the Stars" on September 11-12 at Centennial Plaza. The Arts Council also offered tap dancing clinics for those interested in participating.

3.3 Green Committee Bi-Annual Report – Mark Wendel

Council Member Burgess stated that Mr. Wendel had been called out of town and would need to reschedule his report.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, February 18, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 18, 2026 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.

Chair Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Cochran	Yes

Motion Passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 26-03 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Text Amendment to Title 13 of the Taylorsville Municipal Code Amending State Code Reference Numbering Pursuant to 2025 Senate Bill 1008 – *Grant Allen*

Grant Allen presented the ordinance, explaining that this represented the first of several text amendments needed to ensure compliance with state code following legislative changes. Senate Bill 1008 passed during the 2025 special session amended and recodified the Municipal Land Use Development and Management Act (LUDMA), which authorized and governed land use and zoning regulations for cities and counties.

Mr. Allen explained that the Act established mandatory requirements that cities must follow and provided the legal framework for making zoning decisions and implementing plans. Taylorsville's Title 13 contained the foundational zoning and land use regulations with numerous references to state code that required updating.

The ordinance updated 43 references throughout approximately 36 pages of Title 13, changing from the old numbering system (10-99) to the new system (10-20). Mr. Allen provided examples showing existing and proposed reference changes. The

ordinance updates were published in February with notices to affected entities, and no comments were received. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 for a favorable recommendation in February.

Chair Knudsen noted the straightforward nature of the changes, which simply redirected references to correct code sections without substantive modifications.

MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-03, an Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Text Amendment to Title 13 of the Taylorsville Municipal Code Amending State Code Reference Numbering Pursuant to 2025 Senate Bill 1008. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.

Council Member Harker	Yes
Council Member Cochran	Yes
Council Member Barbieri	Yes
Chair Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes

Motion Passed 5-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 *Public Hearing* Accept Public Comment Regarding Proposed Increase to the Storm Water Fee- *Scott Harrington*

Scott Harrington explained that city administration sought to increase the monthly storm drain fee from \$4 to \$6. With the increase, Taylorsville would still be tied for the lowest fee in the valley.

Mr. Harrington explained that the storm drain fee was initially adopted in 2007 and billed through Rocky Mountain Power, with no increases over the past 19 years. The city had completed all original master plan projects that addressed sinkholes appearing on major roads, but increasing costs had reduced the purchasing power of collected funds.

The \$2 increase would generate \$575,000 annually for new capital projects and localized storm drain improvements. The revenue would also help repay approximately \$835,000 in debt owed from the storm drain fund to the general fund. Capital projects addressed known issues identified through pipe camera inspections,

including cracks, holes, and obstructions, while localized projects handled opportunistic repairs during concurrent work like sidewalk installations.

Mr. Harrington presented a multi-year implementation plan spanning fiscal years 2027-2035, with early years focusing on higher-priority projects and debt repayment.

The fee also funded ongoing maintenance including street sweeping and system cleaning. Implementation was planned for April 1st, with formal adoption sought at the next council meeting.

Council Member Harker expressed surprise at the amount of work that needed to be done and wondered if the fee should have been increased sooner or should now be increased even more. Mr. Harrington responded that some projects were a high priority while others could easily wait for future funds. He felt that increasing it to \$6.00 per month was sufficient and he did not anticipate another increase in the near future unless something catastrophic took place.

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. However, there was no one present who expressed a desire to speak, so he closed the public hearing.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Annual Training on Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act - Tracy Cowdell

7.2 Annual Training on Data Privacy - Tracy Cowdell

City Administrator John Taylor asked that both training items be continued to a date uncertain.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

10. CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED (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 Barbieri and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, MMC

City Recorder



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