

1 City of Taylorsville
2 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
3 Minutes
4 Wednesday, March 18, 2026
5 Council Chambers – Room No. 140
6 2600 W Taylorsville Blvd
7 Taylorsville, Utah 84129

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9 **6:00 P.M. BOARD MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

10 Separate minutes were taken and are on file.

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12 **6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

13 **Attendance**

<u>Elected Officials Present</u>		<u>Staff Present</u>
Mayor Kristie S. Overson	At-Large	John Taylor, City Administrator
Council Chair Robert Knudsen	Dist. 1	Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/CFO
Vice Chair Curt Cochran	Dist. 2	Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement
Council Member Anna Barbieri	Dist. 3	Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Council Member Ernest Burgess	Dist. 5	Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Council Member Meredith Harker	Dist. 4	Brady Cottam, Police Chief
		Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
		Ben White, City Engineer

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15 **Others Present:** Todd Hauber, Sarah Johns, and Unified Fire Asst. Chief Wade Russell

16 **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

17 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies, Pledge and Reverence**

18 Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM with all council members
19 present. Mayor Overson led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered an invocation.

20 **1.2 Mayor's Report**

21 Mayor Overson provided an extensive report on recent city activities and
22 accomplishments. She highlighted the recent ribbon cutting for Quick Quack Car
23 Wash, expressing appreciation for the business's community engagement through a

24 \$3,500 fundraiser for a needy family in Taylorsville. The mayor noted the
25 overwhelming response to Starry Nights applications, with a record 100 bands
26 applying for the fifth season of the concert which would begin May 15th.

27 The mayor reported on her continued participation in the reading program in local
28 schools, emphasizing the importance of literacy. She also spoke to YMCA after-school
29 program participants about local government following their legislative visit. Mayor
30 Overson recognized Carter Healy's achievement of Eagle Scout rank and presented
31 him with a flag flown over the U.S. Capitol.

32 Additional activities included hosting Unified Fire representatives for discussions on
33 standards of cover and participating in the Exchange Club's annual appreciation for
34 emergency personnel. The city hosted Chamber West's annual leadership institute
35 and the mayor detailed the successful youth council trip to Utah State University. The
36 mayor and other city officials enjoyed hosting Farmington City representatives for a
37 tour of the Plaza Plus Art program.

38 Construction updates included ongoing work at both Taylorsville Park and Summit
39 Park, with temporary fencing installed and preparation for tree removal and
40 replacement underway. The mayor concluded her report by praising the Community
41 Development team for their collaborative problem-solving approach they took to
42 everyday challenges.

43 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

44 Chair Knudsen reviewed upcoming city-sponsored events.

45 **1.4 Public Comment Period**

46 Chair Knudsen opened the public comment period, noting the timer was not
47 functioning and he would maintain time manually.

48 Dan Vincent addressed the council briefly, appealing to the council members
49 regarding the unfinished wall along 27th West. He expressed confidence that further
50 consideration would reveal the project was beneficial for all parties involved,
51 satisfying both the city's needs and the desires of residents who had waited decades
52 for improvements.

53 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

54 There were no appointments on the agenda.

55 **3. REPORTS**

56 **3.1 Unified Fire – Captain Richard Rich**

57 Captain Rich presented the quarterly fire report covering October through December
58 2025. He noted that Taylorsville's incident numbers remained stable, with emergency
59 calls consistently around 40 percent of total incidents. The four-year comparison
60 showed generally flat trends, though Chair Knudsen questioned a notable spike
61 when comparing October 2024 to October 2025. Captain Rich attributed potential
62 seasonal variations to weather impacts on community activities.

63 The captain explained that Taylorsville's stable call volumes reflected the city's built-
64 out status and mature demographics, contrasted with growing neighboring
65 communities. He highlighted that Station 118 on Redwood Road handled nearly half
66 of all calls due to higher density, while the new Station 107 in Oquirrh Shadows would
67 help cover the southwest portion of the city and reduce some of the call stress on
68 the Kearns station.

69 Response time performance showed the department meeting calls within 4 minutes
70 46 seconds for the 50th percentile and just over 7 minutes for the 90th percentile
71 benchmark. Captain Rich discussed legislative session activities and announced the
72 upcoming graduation of Recruit Class No. 61. UFA's annual banquet would be held
73 at This is the Place Heritage Park on April 24th.

74 The captain outlined the upcoming standards of cover renewal, emphasizing
75 baseline standards and risk tolerance considerations. He provided updates on the
76 low acuity unit trial showing positive results and potential expansion to other
77 corridors. There were currently two staff members with the low acuity unit, running
78 during peak times. A new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) customer service survey
79 yielded a 95 percent satisfaction rating in the last 5 months of use, ranking the
80 department sixth nationwide among 260 participating agencies.

81 Community risk reduction efforts included reminders about smoke detector testing
82 following the recent time change and emphasis on home escape planning. Captain
83 Rich detailed hands-only CPR statistics, noting that 52 percent of 252 non-traumatic
84 cardiac arrest cases in 2024 received bystander CPR, with 11 percent receiving
85 Automated External Defibrillator (AED) application, resulting in a 51 percent save rate
86 compared to the 37 percent national average. Push to Survive training opportunities
87 were available on the UFA website.

88 **3.2 Indigent Defense – Sarah Johns of Stowell Crayk, PLLC**

89 Sarah Johns reported positive working relationships with prosecution and
90 emphasized her office’s focus on the immigration consequences of plea agreements.
91 She explained that the current federal enforcement climate required careful
92 attention to crimes of moral turpitude that could trigger deportation proceedings.
93 The firm worked closely with the prosecution to modify plea agreements when
94 necessary to prevent federal immigration consequences, saving the city time and
95 money by avoiding future appeals and withdrawals.

96 Ms. Johns noted increased Immigration and Customs Enforcement presence at local
97 courthouses, requiring particular care for clients with green cards facing domestic
98 violence charges or custody situations. She praised Taylorsville police officers for
99 their professionalism and punctuality in court proceedings.

100 **3.3 Prosecution – Tracy Cowdell**

101 City Attorney Tracy Cowdell reinforced the immigration issue from the prosecution
102 perspective, noting that Ms. John’s firm’s expertise in both criminal defense and
103 immigration law provided valuable comprehensive representation that prevented
104 future legal complications when defendants faced deportation without proper initial
105 advice.

106 Mr. Cowdell reported the successful transition to West Jordan courthouse, utilizing
107 concurrent calendars with attorneys both in-person and online to manage caseloads
108 efficiently. He described recent legislation his office helped develop to address
109 scheduling challenges created by other jurisdictions’ unusual filing practices,
110 allowing collaborative scheduling with chief judges to adjudicate cases more
111 efficiently.

112 Mr. Cowdell expressed strong support for the decision to move court operations to
113 West Jordan’s justice center, citing benefits including eliminating defendants’
114 presence in city hall where residents conducted regular business. The justice center
115 provided increased security.

116 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

117 **4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, March 4, 2026**

118 The city recorder requested approval of the March 4th meeting minutes with a font
119 change for technical reasons, without altering content.

120 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve the meeting minutes of**
121 **March 4, 2026, as presented. The motion was seconded by Council**
122 **Member Barbieri.**

123	Council Member Cochran	Yes
124	Council Member Burgess	Yes
125	Council Member Harker	Yes
126	Council Member Barbieri	Yes
127	Chair Knudsen	Yes

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129 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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131 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

132 There were no planning matters on the agenda.
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134 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

135 **6.1 Resolution No. 26-05 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville**
136 **Approving an Updated Storm Water Fee – Scott Harrington**

137 Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington presented the
138 resolution to increase the monthly stormwater fee from \$4 to \$6. A public hearing
139 had been held earlier in the month although no members of the public spoke.

140 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-05, a**
141 **Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Updated Storm**
142 **Water Fee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri.**

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144	Chair Knudsen	Yes
145	Council Member Barbieri	Yes
146	Council Member Harker	Yes
147	Council Member Burgess	Yes
148	Council Member Cochran	Yes

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150 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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152 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

153 **7.1 Annual Training on Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act – Tracy**
154 *Cowdell*

155 Mr. Cowdell conducted the required annual training on the Open and Public
156 Meetings Act, emphasizing two fundamental principles: public bodies existed to aid
157 in the conduct of the public's business, and actions and deliberations should be
158 conducted openly, not just when voting but also dialogue and conversation on the
159 record. He noted that following these principles ensured compliance approximately
160 99% of the time.

161 The council viewed a training video from the State Auditor's office covering meeting
162 types, notice requirements, closed session procedures, and record-keeping
163 obligations. The video detailed various meeting formats including regular meetings,
164 public hearings, electronic meetings, and emergency meetings, along with specific
165 requirements for each type.

166 **7.2 Training on Government Records Management Act – Tracy Cowdell**

167 Mr. Cowdell then explained that Government Records Access Management Act
168 (GRAMA) which sought to balance the public's constitutional right to access
169 information about public business while protecting certain private records like
170 ongoing investigations and personnel files. He noted that Taylorsville processes
171 approximately 17 GRAMA requests monthly through the recorder's office and over
172 500 monthly through the police department.

173 The attorney detailed the process when GRAMA requests involve council records,
174 including notification procedures, collection responsibilities, and review for
175 privileged materials. He outlined the appeal process through the mayor and
176 ultimately to state administrative law judges.

177 Best practices recommendations included treating all communications as potentially
178 public, avoiding content that would be uncomfortable if published, preferring phone
179 calls over written communications for sensitive matters, and archiving important
180 documents with the city recorder. Mr. Cowdell addressed social media

181 considerations, noting that official accounts used for governmental purposes trigger
182 both Open Meetings Act and GRAMA requirements, including restrictions on blocking
183 constituents and requirements to preserve records.

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

185 Council Member Harker inquired about the status of the drinking fountain planned
186 for the plaza. Mayor Overson reported ongoing discussions about placement options
187 and cost considerations, with decisions being made about freestanding versus wall-
188 mounted installations.

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

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

192 **10. CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED (Conference Room 202)**

193 There was no need for a closed session.

194 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

195 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to adjourn. The motion was**
196 **seconded by Council Member Cochran and Chair Knudsen declared**
197 **the meeting adjourned.**

198 The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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201 Jamie Brooks, MMC

202 City Recorder

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