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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 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 Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Admin
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement
Ryan Richards, Deputy City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Captain Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Betsy Valora, Deputy City Recorder
Grant Allen, Senior Planner

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder; Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

1. ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS & NEW LEGISLATION – Grant Allen, Senior Planner

Senior Planner, Grant Allen, presented an update from the 2026 legislative session, specifically regarding SB 284. The new bill would permit detached accessory dwelling units (ADU) on any 11,000 sq. ft. or larger lot with a single-family dwelling unit. Allen reviewed the requirements of the bill and explained some areas where the city may restrict detached ADUs. The Planning Commission will be having further work sessions and briefings will be provided to the City Council.

2. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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39 Mayor Kristie S. Overson
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42 Council Member Anna Barbieri
43 Council Member Ernest Burgess
44 Council Member Meredith Harker

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Admin
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement
Ben White, City Engineer
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Ryan Richards, Deputy City Attorney
Captain Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Betsy Valora, Dep. City Recorder

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49 **Excused:** Jamie Brooks, City Recorder; Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

50 **Others Present:** Jessica Hernandez, Evan Tyrell, Cameron Kellet, Dean Paynter, Jerry Hunt,
51 Kristen Hunt, Annette Hansen, Cynthia Gallegos, Mike Gallegos, Gladis Rojas, Mysti Lilla, Zuki
52 Vazquez, Karen Perez, Delores Crespo, Craig Yeaman

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

54 Chair Knudsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.
55 A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

56 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies-Pledge and Reverence**

57 Council Member Cochran led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which he offered
58 a prayer.

59 **1.2 Mayor's Report**

60 Mayor Overson reported on several community activities and partnerships. She highlighted
61 Taylorsville's strong participation in Chamber West's spring conference, where five city employees
62 and Council Member Barbieri attended alongside the mayor. She discussed a productive visit from
63 Granite School District Superintendent Horsley and board members, who provided updates on
64 planned improvements to Taylorsville High School, including front office expansion and security
65 enhancements.

66 The mayor warned that mosquitoes were out about 6 weeks early this year. The Mosquito
67 Abatement District was a very nominal line item on our tax bill. Citizens had access to their
68 service, so if there was a mosquito issue residents could call and have them come take care of it.

69 She announced upcoming events including the MVX (Mid-Valley Express) BRT (Bus Rapid
70 Transit) grand opening on April 28th and the Jordan River Commission's ninth annual Golden
71 Spoke ride on May 16th, coinciding with the city's cleanup day.

72 The mayor shared statistics from the city's food pantry operations, which served 810 people and
73 346 families during the week of April 4th. During the week of April 11th, they served 997 people

74 and 386 families. She noted they had begun providing senior box lunches to the senior center for
75 those unable to wait in the regular distribution line.

76 Mayor Overson provided details about police patrol activities on the Jordan River Parkway, funded
77 by a \$40,000 DNR (Division of Natural Resources) grant. Over the past three months, officers
78 made 712 contacts, including 62 homeless contacts, issued 25 citations, and conducted six
79 individual camp cleanups, primarily in South Salt Lake and Mill Creek areas.

80 **1.2.1 JustServe Presentation**

81 Mayor Overson welcomed representatives from JustServe who presented the city with official
82 recognition as a JustServe city, making Taylorsville the fourth city in the state to receive this
83 designation. One representative, Annette Hansen, explained that JustServe was a website and app
84 where nonprofits could post volunteer opportunities and residents could find ways to serve in their
85 community. The platform connected people with various service projects including food banks,
86 schools, and community organizations.

87 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

88 Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city events.

89 **1.4 Public Citizen Comments**

90 The Chair opened the public comment period.

91 Chair Knudsen read a comment submitted online by Angela Ponce de Blanc. She expressed
92 concerns about UTA route 39 service reductions that created safety and accessibility issues. She
93 explained that her closest westbound bus stop was now 8/10ths of a mile away, requiring an 18-
94 minute walk that forced riders near unsafe Redwood Road during early morning and late evening
95 hours. As someone with limited vision who relied on public transit, she requested the council
96 advocate with UTA for restored service or alternative solutions.

97 Jessica Hernandez spoke in person, requesting completion of the wall on 2700 West's east side and
98 suggested that upcoming city events be displayed on screens during council meetings for easier
99 screenshot capture by residents.

100 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

101 There were no appointments on the agenda.

102 **3. REPORTS**

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104 **3.1 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District – Evan Tyrrell**

105 General Manager Evan Tyrrell presented comprehensive updates on district services and
106 improvements. He reported strong preliminary financials for 2025, with revenues exceeding
107 expenses due to cost reduction efforts and efficiency improvements. The district identified at least

108 \$1.8 million in cost savings throughout 2025, with \$1.2 million carried over to 2026 and an
109 additional \$500,000 identified this year.

110 Tyrrell announced significant enhancements to the seasonal container reservation program, with
111 increased capacity from 10 to 12 seasonal drivers and temporarily suspending the fee-based trailer
112 program to redirect resources. The district had allocations for 14 total drivers supporting the
113 program and had achieved a 25% increase in service capacity, averaging over 76 containers per
114 day compared to last year's average of 60 containers per day. There was a 3-tiered process
115 implemented this year to better serve those who had not previously received a container. The
116 reservation window for early bird access had been increased to 3 days.

117 He proposed a new central bulky waste drop-off event at the parking lot near the Recreation Center
118 from July 14-16, offering an additional 540 service opportunities for Taylorsville residents. The
119 event would be fully staffed by Wasatch Front personnel and operate from 8 AM to 2 PM each
120 day, with complete daily cleanup.

121 The district was implementing a new specialty curbside collection program starting May 1st for
122 items like waste tires, mattresses, and appliances, available year-round for a fee designed to
123 recover collection and disposal costs. This fee-based service used tiered pricing based on location
124 within the service area.

125 Tyrrell discussed preliminary analysis of potentially transitioning from the current container-based
126 program to a curbside bulky waste collection model similar to other cities, which could
127 significantly increase service capacity while reducing operational costs through fewer hauls to
128 transfer facilities.

129 Additional improvements included transitioning to a new Point and Pay payment system on May
130 4th, eliminating payment transaction fees, and switching to postcard-sized bills in June to save
131 approximately \$200,000 annually on printing and mailing costs.

132 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

133 **4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, April 1, 2026**

134 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2026,**
135 **meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri.**

136 Council Member Harker	Yes
137 Council Member Cochran	Yes
138 Council Member Barbieri	Yes
139 Chair Knudsen	Yes
140 Council Member Burgess	Yes

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142 **Motion Passed 5-0**

143 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

144 There were no planning matters on the agenda.

145 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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147 **6.1 Resolution No. 26-06 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring Certain**
148 **Property as Surplus Property – Scott Harrington**

149 Chief Financial Officer and Assistant City Administrator, Scott Harrington explained that the
150 resolution addressed the regular disposal of unclaimed evidence and property that had been in
151 police custody for extended periods. The city planned to conduct this surplus process more often,
152 possibly quarterly, going forward. Items included miscellaneous personal property, cell phones,
153 currency, firearms, keys, knives, landscaping equipment, and various other unclaimed materials.
154 Disposal methods would vary, including donations, auctions, and standard disposal, with the city
155 seeking to maximize any recoverable value.

156 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to pass Resolution No. 26-06. The motion was**
157 **seconded by Council Member Cochran.**

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159 Council Member Burgess	Yes
160 Council Member Cochran	Yes
161 Chair Knudsen	Yes
162 Council Member Harker	Yes
163 Council Member Barbieri	Yes

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165 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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167 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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169 **7.1 Ordinance No. 26-04 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Amending**
170 **Taylorsville Municipal Code Title 17.02: Flood Damage Regulations – Ben**
171 **White**

172 City Engineer Ben White explained that this ordinance updated floodplain regulations in response
173 to recent state-level changes. The primary modification required new construction near the Jordan
174 River to be built one foot above the base flood elevation rather than at the elevation, providing
175 enhanced flood protection. Additional clarifications were included to improve ordinance
176 readability and comply with state requirements.

177 Council Member Burgess sought clarification about whether this affected proximity to the river,
178 and White explained it related to elevation above flood levels rather than distance from the river,
179 making construction safer by reducing flood risk.

180 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-04. The motion was**
181 **seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

182 Council Member Cochran	Yes
183 Council Member Barbieri	Yes
184 Chair Knudsen	Yes
185 Council Member Burgess	Yes

186 **Council Member Harker** **Yes**

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188 **Motion Passed 5-0**

189 **7.2 Ordinance No. 26-05 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Amending**
190 **Taylorsville Municipal Code Title 11: Vehicles and Traffic – Ben White**

191 White presented updates to parking regulations establishing a consistent 30-foot no-parking zone
192 from all intersections, replacing the current variable distances that sometimes allowed parking as
193 close as 20 feet. The ordinance added a definition of intersection and reorganized the code for
194 improved clarity.

195 Council Member Cochran confirmed that the 30-foot restriction applied to all sides of every
196 intersection. White acknowledged that implementation would require an educational campaign to
197 inform residents before enforcement began, with the city planning to use social media, websites,
198 and other outreach methods rather than expensive signage at every intersection.

199 Chair Knudsen expressed strong support for the change, noting safety concerns about visibility
200 and access for residents, emergency responders, and general traffic flow at intersections with
201 current parking allowances.

202 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve Ordinance No. 26-05. The motion**
203 **was seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

204 **Council Member Barbieri** **Yes**

205 **Chair Knudsen** **Yes**

206 **Council Member Burgess** **Yes**

207 **Council Member Harker** **Yes**

208 **Council Member Cochran** **Yes**

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210 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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

212 Council Member Harker announced that volunteers were needed for landscaping work at city hall
213 on April 25th at 10 AM, involving moving rocks and other foundation materials. The Parks and
214 Recreation Committee had committed to help, and she encouraged other committees and the youth
215 council to participate. The event was suggested for posting on the JustServe platform to attract
216 additional community volunteers.

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

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

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

223 There was no need for a closed session.

224 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

225 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council**
226 **Member Burgess and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned.**

227 The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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Betsy Valora

231 **Deputy City Recorder**

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