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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 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
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Chief Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Ben White, City Engineer
Betsy Valora, Deputy City Recorder
Terryne Bergeson, Planner II
Brittany Kempff, Deputy City Recorder

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

Others Present: Suzanne Harrison, Aimee Winder-Newton

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:03 and reviewed the agenda.

1. **SALT LAKE COUNTY PRESENTATION ON COUNTY BUDGET, SERVICES, AND KEY PRIORITIES (30 minutes)** – *County Council Chair Aimee Winder-Newton and Council Member Suzanne Harrison*

Salt Lake County Council Chair Aimee Winder-Newton and at-large Council Member Suzanne Harrison presented an overview of Salt Lake County's structure, services, and budget. Chair Winder-Newton explained that although the county was approaching wall-to-wall incorporation by 2027, county government remained essential for regional services that individual cities could not efficiently provide on their own, including criminal justice, elections, health services, aging and adult services, behavioral health, culture and arts, regional parks, and library services.

Chair Winder-Newton clarified that the county's apparent \$2 billion budget was partially inflated by approximately \$500 million in pass-through dollars the county was required to show on its

42 books but exercised no discretion over. The true operating budget was approximately \$1.5 billion,
43 with a \$500 million general fund, of which 74 percent was dedicated to public safety. She noted
44 that tourism taxes, not property taxes, funded cultural and recreational amenities, saving residents
45 an estimated \$1,700 per property annually.

46 Chair Winder-Newton also addressed how truth in taxation worked, emphasizing that property tax
47 revenue did not automatically increase with rising property values, and that recent increases in
48 residential tax bills were partly attributable to the decline in commercial office property values
49 following COVID-19. Council Member Harrison discussed the county jail's significant capacity
50 challenges, noting that no beds had been added since 2001 despite substantial population growth.
51 She described ongoing bipartisan efforts to set aside \$100 million for jail expansion and outlined
52 the county's goals to reduce the cycle of recidivism through improved mental health and substance
53 use treatment.

54 Council members expressed appreciation for the county's fiscal discipline, particularly the efforts
55 to reduce the mayor's proposed 20 percent tax increase down to 5 percent through line-by-line
56 budget cuts. Council Member Harrison noted the county's ongoing expansion of summer
57 recreation programming and the continuation of the free My County Rec Pass for residents under
58 18.

59 **2. ADJOURN**

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61 The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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63 **6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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65 **ATTENDANCE**

66 **Elected Officials Present**

67 Mayor Kristie S. Overson
68 Council Chair Bob Knudsen
69 Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
70 Council Member Anna Barbieri
71 Council Member Ernest Burgess
72 Council Member Meredith Harker

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79 **Excused:** Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

80 **Others Present:** Brandi Stephens, Lynn Handy, Mark Chalk, Lt. Nate Hutchinson, Don Russell

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

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

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87 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence**

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89 Council Member Burgess led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which he gave a
90 prayer.

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92 **1.2 Mayor’s Report**

93 Mayor Kristie S. Overson delivered a report covering several notable items. She highlighted the
94 recent League of Cities and Towns Conference in St. George, where sessions focused on water,
95 housing, and new legislative implementations. Council members also toured the Toquer Reservoir
96 construction site during the conference.

97 Mayor Overson reported on the dedication of the Spencer Webster Learning Center at the city
98 museum, a project involving hundreds of volunteer hours to convert a garage into a learning
99 facility. She noted that school tours were set to begin in May.

100 The Mayor announced the ribbon cutting of the MVX (Midvalley Express) transit line, the majority
101 of which ran through Taylorsville, representing decades of planning and collaboration with UTA
102 (Utah Transit Authority), federal and state partners, and former city officials.

103 Mayor Overson noted the display of the America 250 flag at City Hall, supported by a grant
104 obtained through the Exchange Club and Youth Council. She reported that a former Youth Council
105 member addressed current youth council members about the value of civic service. The Council
106 will hold a recognition ceremony for graduating Youth Council seniors at the next meeting.

107 Mayor Overson deferred to Chief Cottam for a report on the Shield 616 initiative and noted the
108 promotion of UFA (Unified Fire Authority) liaison Captain Rich to the rank of Battalion Chief,
109 recognizing his 30-year career in fire service and six years as the Taylorsville city liaison.

110 Regarding parks, Mayor Overson reported that Taylorsville Park was undergoing significant
111 improvements beginning at the corner of 4700 S and Redwood Road, and that the skate area at
112 Summit Park was expected to have concrete poured that week. She also noted a landscaping
113 redesign on the north side of City Hall.

114 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

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116 Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city events.

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118 **1.4 Citizen Comments**

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120 The chair opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.

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122 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

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124 There were no appointments on the agenda.

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126 **3. REPORTS**

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128 **3.1 Police Department Report – Chief Brady Cottam**

129 Chief Cottam presented the quarterly crime and activity report, noting no dramatic increases in
130 any crime category. He highlighted a continued downward trend in DUI incidents, attributing this
131 in part to the widespread availability of rideshare services. Vehicle theft was noted as a continued
132 area of focus. The quarterly report showed no homicides in the period, a positive outcome for a
133 city of Taylorsville's size. Chief Cottam also reviewed traffic accident data by district and provided
134 maps showing the geographic distribution of incidents, concentrated largely along Redwood Road,
135 4700 South, 5400 South, and 6200 South.

136 Chief Cottam presented a detailed breakdown of citations issued, evidence management statistics,
137 GRAMA request volumes, victim advocate activity, and priority call response times, which
138 improved compared to the prior quarter.

139 Chief Cottam then reported on the Shield 616 initiative, a nonprofit organization that raised funds
140 to provide law enforcement officers with enhanced rifle-resistant body armor plates. He explained
141 that the standard soft Kevlar vest worn by officers provided protection against handgun rounds but
142 not high-powered rifles. Through Shield 616's fundraising efforts and support from the city, the
143 department received nine rifle-rated armor plates, with five more anticipated. Each plate carrier
144 cost approximately \$2,700. Chief Cottam passed the equipment around for council members to
145 examine. Council Member Barbieri shared her impressions from attending the Shield 616 event,
146 expressing admiration for the founder's story and the weight and effectiveness of the armor. The
147 department's goal was to equip all 35 patrol officers with enhanced plates.

148 **3.1.1 Swearing in of Police Officers**

149 Deputy City Recorder Betsy Valora administered the oath of office to two newly hired officers,
150 Michael Lynes and Caleb Hancock. Chief Cottam also conducted a badge-pinning ceremony for
151 Officer Caleb Hancock, marking his entry into law enforcement.

152 **3.2 Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District – Mark Chalk**

153 Mark Chalk, representing the Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District (TBID), presented a
154 comprehensive water conditions update. He explained that despite some precipitation during the
155 winter, unusually warm temperatures — ranging 3 to 9 degrees above normal — resulted in
156 significantly below-average snowpack and snow water equivalent, setting record lows at certain
157 points during the season. The outlook for the coming months projected below average precipitation
158 and above-average temperatures.

159 Mr. Chalk reported that the TBID's wells, which provided 60 to 70 percent of the district's water,
160 were in good condition. However, because surface water conditions tracked by Jordan Valley
161 Water Conservancy District were stressed, the TBID board elected to match Jordan Valley's Level
162 2 drought designation. Under this voluntary conservation level, residents were asked to refrain
163 from outdoor watering until May 15, 2026, and to limit irrigation to two days per week thereafter.
164 Mr. Chalk emphasized that these restrictions were voluntary at this stage, with no enforcement
165 mechanism in place, but that a Level 3 designation would trigger mandatory restrictions. He
166 encouraged residents to water during nighttime hours to reduce evaporation.

167 Mayor Overson noted that the city had been receiving resident calls about watering and expressed
168 the city's full support for the TBID's conservation messaging. Mr. Chalk thanked the city for its
169 cooperative communication efforts. Council Member Harker suggested that engaging
170 schoolchildren in water conservation messaging could be an effective outreach strategy, and Mr.
171 Chalk offered to visit classrooms with a water education presentation.

172 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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174 **4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, April 15, 2026**

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176 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026,**
177 **meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

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179 Council Member Harker	Yes
180 Council Member Cochran	Yes
181 Council Member Barbieri	Yes
182 Chair Knudsen	Yes
183 Council Member Burgess	Yes

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185 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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187 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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189 **5.1 Ordinance No. 26-06 Consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville**
190 **Adopting a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 13.44.040, Related to the**
191 **Manner of Height Measurement for Single-Family Attached Buildings withing**
192 **the SSD-R Taylor Villas Zoning District. – Terryne Bergeson**

193 Planner Terryne Bergeson presented Ordinance No. 26-06, a proposed zoning text amendment
194 affecting height measurement standards for townhouse buildings within the Taylor Villas
195 subdivision. She provided background explaining that the Taylor Villas SSD-R zoning district was
196 established in 2024, with construction proceeding on both single-family detached homes and
197 townhouse units. During permit review, staff identified that the townhouse building plans
198 measured height from the top of the foundation rather than from average finished grade to the peak
199 of the roof as required, resulting in heights ranging from slightly above 35 feet to approximately
200 37 feet, exceeding the 35-foot ordinance standard.

201 Ms. Bergeson explained that staff proposed amending the height measurement standard for
202 townhouses only within this specific district to measure from average finished grade to the
203 midpoint of the highest roof surface, consistent with language in the 2021 International Residential
204 Code. This change would not affect the single-family detached homes within the district, which
205 were verified to comply with existing standards. The alternative, if the ordinance were denied,
206 would require the removal and replacement of roofs already under construction.

207 The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to forward a favorable recommendation following a properly
208 noticed public hearing. No comments in opposition were received. Council Member Harker
209 confirmed that approving the amendment would not change the physical appearance or
210 construction of the buildings. Council Member Burgess noted the importance of ensuring the
211 corrected measurement standard would prevent similar discrepancies on future projects.

212 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 26-06. The motion was**
213 **seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

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215 **Council Member Cochran** Yes
216 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes
217 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
218 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
219 **Council Member Harker** Yes

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221 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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223 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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225 **6.1 Resolution No. 26-07 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville**
226 **Acknowledging that, Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 59-2-919(4)(a)(i),**
227 **the Proposed Tentative Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget Includes a Proposed**
228 **Property Tax Increase and that the Budget Officer will Present a Property**
229 **Tax Impact Schedule as Required by Utah Code Annotated § 59-2-9 - *Scott***
230 ***Harrington***

231 Budget Officer Scott Harrington presented the proposed property tax impact schedule for fiscal
232 year 2026–2027, a new requirement under recent legislative changes to the truth in taxation
233 process. The current property tax rate of 0.0082¹ generated approximately \$4,669,000 in revenue.
234 The proposed 5 percent increase would raise revenue to approximately \$4,904,000, a difference of
235 approximately \$234,800. These additional funds were designated for road maintenance activities
236 including overlays, slurry seals, and chip seals. The impact to an average residential property
237 valued at \$472,000 would be \$10.64 per year, or \$0.89 per month. For a commercial property of
238 equivalent value, the impact would be \$19.35 per year. Mr. Harrington noted that Taylorsville's
239 city line item represented approximately 7 percent of a resident's total property tax bill. The full
240 budget public hearing was scheduled for two weeks from the meeting date on May 20, 2026.

241 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-07. The**

¹ The current property tax rate is 0.0082

242 **motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.**

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244 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes
245 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
246 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
247 **Council Member Cochran** Yes
248 **Council Member Harker** Yes

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250 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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252 **6.2 Resolution No. 26-08 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville**
253 **Acknowledging an Intent to Consider an Increase in Property Tax**
254 **Revenue and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Truth in Taxation**
255 **Hearing - *Scott Harrington***

256 Mr. Harrington presented Resolution No. 26-08, which acknowledged the city's intent to consider
257 a property tax increase and established the date, time, and place for the Truth in Taxation hearing.
258 He explained that the hearing date must be coordinated with Salt Lake County, and the specific
259 date — expected to fall in August 2026 — would be confirmed approximately mid-June. The Truth
260 in Taxation hearing must be held as a standalone meeting with no other agenda items. The regular
261 budget process continued through June 21, 2026, when the budget must be adopted.

262 **MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-08. The**
263 **motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.**

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265 **Council Member Harker** Yes
266 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
267 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
268 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes
269 **Council Member Cochran** Yes

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271 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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273 **6.3 Resolution No. 26-10 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring**
274 **Certain Property as Surplus Property – *Scott Harrington***

275 Mr. Harrington presented Resolution No. 26-10, authorizing the declaration of five police
276 department vehicles as surplus property. The vehicles were to be listed and sold through the public
277 surplus auction website, consistent with the city's established practice. Mr. Harrington noted that
278 the city had achieved favorable auction results through this process. Additional vehicles were
279 expected to be surplus in approximately four months.

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281 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-10. The**
282 **motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

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284 **Council Member Cochran** Yes
285 **Council Member Harker** Yes
286 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes

287 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
288 **Council Member Burgess** Yes

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290 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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292 **6.4 Resolution No. 26-11 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Authorizing**
293 **the Execution and Delivery of One or More Lease Purchase Agreements,**
294 **Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures, and**
295 **Related Matters – *Scott Harrington***

296 Mr. Harrington presented Resolution No. 26-11 authorizing a lease purchase agreement in the
297 amount of \$850,000 for the acquisition of approximately 15 to 16 police department vehicles to
298 replace those being surplus. Eight vehicles had been secured to date, with the remainder
299 contingent on Ford's delivery schedule. The fleet included both Ford Explorers and trucks. The
300 anticipated financing rate from JPMorgan was approximately 4.68 percent, down from an initial
301 estimate of 5 percent. Council discussed the relative maintenance costs and resale values of trucks
302 versus SUVs, and Mr. Harrington noted the city's positive maintenance experience with newer
303 fleet vehicles. The council also noted the benefit of equipment interchangeability between
304 similarly configured trucks.

305 **MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-11. The**
306 **motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.**

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308 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
309 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes
310 **Council Member Harker** Yes
311 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
312 **Council Member Cochran** Yes

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314 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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316 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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318 **7.1 Resolution No. 26-12 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Designating**
319 **Certain Areas Where Orders to Disperse Are Authorized and Gang**
320 **Loitering is Prohibited – *Chief Cottom & Lt. Nate Hutchinson***

321 Chief Cottam introduced Lt. Nate Hutchinson of the Utah Metro Gang Unit to present on
322 Resolution No. 26-12, which renewed the gang loitering prohibition ordinance specific to the
323 Taylorsville Dayzz event at Valley Regional Park. Lt. Hutchinson explained that gang-related
324 incidents at city celebrations across the county had been a recurring problem, citing a quadruple
325 homicide at West Fest the prior year as an example of the severity of the risk. The ordinance
326 allowed officers to ask documented gang members to leave the designated area and, if they refused,
327 to proceed with an arrest. Lt. Hutchinson noted that the criteria for documenting gang membership
328 are defined by state statute, providing a built-in check against arbitrary enforcement.

329 Chief Cottam noted that Taylorsville had been a pioneer among county cities in adopting this type
330 of ordinance and credited the Metro Gang Unit for its continued partnership. Council Member
331 Cochran asked whether the resolution covered the full event footprint, including the parade route.
332 Lt. Hutchinson explained that, due to past legal challenges to broad loitering laws, the designation
333 must be narrowly drawn to a specific location — in this case, Valley Regional Park — to withstand
334 constitutional scrutiny. Council Member Burgess expressed appreciation for the proactive
335 approach and the deterrent effect the ordinance has had on gang activity at the event.

336 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to adopt Resolution No. 26-12. The**
337 **motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

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339	Council Member Burgess	Yes
340	Council Member Harker	Yes
341	Council Member Cochran	Yes
342	Chair Knudsen	Yes
343	Council Member Barbieri	Yes

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345 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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

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349 Council Member Harker inquired about the city's meeting livestream and recording capabilities.
350 City Administrator John Taylor noted that the current setup only allowed live viewing and that
351 audio recordings were available the following day. Council Member Harker asked whether video
352 recording and on-demand viewing could be made available in the future, acknowledging there
353 would be a cost to upgrade the technology. Taylor confirmed video recording would require a
354 system change. Council Member Harker also noted that the Salt Lake County Council presentation,
355 which took place during the briefing session, was not streamed, and suggested that future
356 presentations of similar public interest be scheduled during the regular session when possible. City
357 Administrator Taylor noted that pre-meeting attendance typically dropped off after the break.
358 Mayor Overson noted that the pre-meeting recording and the accompanying presentation slides
359 were accessible to the public.

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

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

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

367 There was no need for a closed session.

368 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

369 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by**
370 **Council Member Cochran and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned.**

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

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Betsy Valora
Deputy City Recorder

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