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**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*  
**Wednesday, May 20, 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  
Grant Allen, Senior Planner  
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.  
Betsy Valora, Deputy City Recorder

**Excused:** Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement

**Others Present:** Peyton Burnett, Brad Christopherson, Kate Christopherson, Emily Cottrell, Kent Davis, Bethany Dieckmann, Lynn Handy, Hudson Hathaway, Kris Heineman, John E. Gidney, Brinley Shields, Emilee Taylor, Lexi Walker, Hallee Winberg, Syd Thompson, Sophie Scott, Dean Paynter, Ken Donarski, Dan Vincent, Dolores Crespo and the Walker Family

**6:30 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

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

After a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency Board was held, Chair Knudsen called the City Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was conducted, and all council members were present.

**1.1 Pledge and Reverence – Youth Council**

Peyton Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Emily Cottrell shared a poem by Dan Feiten to illustrate some of the principles she had learned serving on the Youth Council.

**1.2 Mayor’s Report – Mayor Overson**

Mayor Overson reported on the following:

- The Evening of Art held the previous week
- Calvin Smith third graders who had recently visited city hall
- TVPD K-9 demonstration presented to several local schools
- Annual Employee Awards Banquet & Taylorsville’s 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Quarterly Staff meeting earlier that day
- Kick off of Starry Nights on the Plaza

- 43 ○ Annual Citywide Cleanup
- 44 ○ Upcoming Curbside Pick Up
- 45 ○ Fireworks Season

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### 47 **1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events**

48 Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city events.

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### 50 **1.4 Public Comments**

51 Kent Davis introduced himself as a Republican candidate for Salt Lake District Attorney. He  
52 described his professional background and qualifications before inviting anyone interested in  
53 speaking with him to get in touch.

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55 There was no one else who expressed a desire to address the City Council.

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## 57 **2. OTHER MATTERS**

### 58 **2.1 2026 Youth Council Senior Recognition – Mayor Overson**

59 Mayor Overson expressed gratitude for the time spent with the 2026 Youth Council. She especially  
60 appreciated the seniors who were preparing to graduate and looked forward to bragging about  
61 them. Each was very accomplished and she knew they were all destined for great success. It was  
62 her pleasure to recognize and honor the following graduating seniors:

- 63 ➤ Lexi Walker
- 64 ➤ Brinley Shields
- 65 ➤ Bethany Dieckmann
- 66 ➤ Emilee Taylor
- 67 ➤ Emily Cottrell
- 68 ➤ Halle Winberg
- 69 ➤ Hudson Hathaway
- 70 ➤ Kate Christopherson
- 71 ➤ Syd Thompson
- 72 ➤ Peyton Burnett
- 73 ➤ Sophie Scott

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75 Each was presented with a recognition medallion from Mayor Overson as well as a  
76 commemorative collectible TVPD coin from Chief Cottam. They were congratulated by the  
77 council members before posing for numerous photographs.

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## 79 **3. APPOINTMENTS**

### 80 **3.1 Ratify the Appointment of Raul Garcia to the Parks and Recreation 81 Committee – Mayor Overson**

82 Mayor Overson wished to appoint Raul Garcia to serve on the committee. Council Member Harker  
83 explained he was employed by the Salt Lake County and Health Department and had expressed  
84 interest in the committee's *Get Healthy* Designation.

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86 **MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to ratify the appointment of Raul Garcia to  
87 serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by  
88 Council Member Barbieri.**

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90 **Council Member Harker** Yes  
91 **Council Member Cochran** Yes  
92 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes  
93 **Chair Knudsen** Yes  
94 **Council Member Burgess** Yes

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96 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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98 **4. REPORTS**

99 There were no reports on the agenda.

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101 **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

102 **5.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, May 6, 2026**

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104 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2026**  
105 **City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council**  
106 **Member Burgess.**

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108 **Council Member Burgess** Yes  
109 **Council Member Harker** Yes  
110 **Council Member Cochran** Yes  
111 **Chair Knudsen** Yes  
112 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes

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114 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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116 **6. PLANNING MATTERS**

117 **6.1 Public Hearing and Resolution No. 26-09 Accept Public Comment**  
118 **Regarding a Resolution Approving the One-Year Action Plan for the Fifty-**  
119 **Second Year of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding**  
120 **and Home Investment Partnership Funding (2026-2027); and Approving**  
121 **an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and**  
122 **the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Grant Allen**

123 Senior Planner Grant Allen presented Mayor Overson's funding recommendations for the  
124 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership programs for  
125 fiscal year 2026–2027, as required under the annual action plan approval process.

126 Mr. Allen noted that a prior public hearing had been held on April 1, and a written public comment  
127 period had been open from April 12 through May 12, 2026. One written public comment was  
128 received from an individual associated with the organization Upwards, which was not among the  
129 funding applicants. Four additional public comments had been received at the April 1 hearing and  
130 had been included in the minutes from that meeting.

131 Mr. Allen presented the final allocation amounts, explaining that the figures had been revised from  
132 the estimates presented in April to reflect the actual HUD appropriation notice received. The final  
133 CDBG allocation was \$332,874, compared to an earlier estimate of approximately \$351,000. Each

134 recommended awardee's allocation was adjusted proportionally. Funded recipients included  
135 CDBG Administration, Assist/Community Development Corporation of Utah, Neighborworks of  
136 Salt Lake, Taylorsville Senior Van Driver, The Road Home, Big Brothers Big Sisters, YMCA  
137 Youth Program, Senior Center Van Purchase, and Taylorsville Sidewalk Repair.

138 Chair Knudsen commended the thoroughness of the presentation, emphasizing the importance of  
139 transparency when discussing the use of public funds. Mr. Allen indicated he had recently attended  
140 a CDBG training course in Denver, which reinforced his commitment to careful stewardship of  
141 these funds. The council expressed appreciation for both the mayor's recommendations and the  
142 presentation.

143 Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. However, there was no one in attendance who expressed  
144 a desire to speak, so the public hearing was then closed.

145 Mr. Allen reiterated that this item had been on previous agendas for a public hearing and public  
146 comment period which had ended on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

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148 **MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to approve Resolution No. 26-09, a**  
149 **Resolution Approving the One-Year Action Plan for the Fifty-Second Year**  
150 **of the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment**  
151 **Partnership Funding (2026–2027) and Approving an Interlocal**  
152 **Cooperation Agreement between the City of Taylorsville and the U.S.**  
153 **Department of Housing and Urban Development. The motion was**  
154 **seconded by Council Member Harker.**

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156 Council Member Barbieri	Yes
157 Chair Knudsen	Yes
158 Council Member Burgess	Yes
159 Council Member Cochran	Yes
160 Council Member Harker	Yes

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162 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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## 164 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 165 7.1 Public Hearing Accept Public Comment Regarding the Tentative FY2026- 166 2027 Budget – Scott Harrington

167 Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington presented an overview of  
168 the tentative FY2026-2027 budget. He first addressed a proposed 5%t property tax increase, which  
169 would raise the tax rate from 0.00082 to an estimated 0.00861, generating approximately \$234,800  
170 in additional revenue. He then explained that the City's current property tax revenue was  
171 \$4,669,857 but that the proposed increase would raise that to \$4,904,657.

172 He outlined the estimated impact on residents: for a home valued at \$472,000, the Taylorsville  
173 portion of the tax bill would increase by approximately \$10.64 per year, or \$0.89 per month. For  
174 a business of equivalent value, the increase would be approximately \$19.35 per year or \$1.61 per  
175 month. Mr. Harrington noted that by law, the proposed tax increase and its intended use must be

176 separately identified in the budget, and that the additional revenue would be directed toward road  
177 maintenance in the public works department. He anticipated that the budget would be formally  
178 adopted prior to the June 21 deadline, with the tax increase component remaining a separate line  
179 item pending the outcome of the truth-in-taxation process.

180 Council Member Cochran inquired whether there were specific projects identified for the road  
181 maintenance funds tied to the tax increase. Mr. Harrington explained the funds would go toward  
182 general road maintenance and that although there was a road maintenance fund, a specific project  
183 was not yet identified at this stage. The law required that the intended use be named in the budget.

184 On the revenue side, Mr. Harrington reported that sales tax revenue was projected to increase 3%,  
185 business license revenue by 6% percent (approximately \$40,000), and state road revenue by 3%,  
186 though he acknowledged that rising fuel prices could temper that estimate. Overall revenues were  
187 projected to increase by only 0.5%. The budget also included a use of fund balance of \$2,000,000.

188 On the expense side, Mr. Harrington reported that 10 of 18 city departments showed reduced  
189 budgets year-over-year, a fact he credited to disciplined budget management by department  
190 directors under the guidance of the mayor and city administrator. Key cost pressures included  
191 health insurance increases of 8.8%, dental and vision increases of 5% each, rising fuel costs, and  
192 inflation of approximately 3.4%. Interest income revenue was projected to decline 13% due to the  
193 drawdown of fund balance.

194 Planned capital projects for the coming fiscal year included completion of Taylorsville Park, the  
195 1780 Road Project going from 4700 South to Salt Lake Community College, wall projects,  
196 continued LED streetlight replacements (the fourth year of that program), and 4700 South  
197 improvements, many of which were substantially funded by the state.

198 Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing regarding the tentative FY26-27 budget. However, there  
199 was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the public hearing.  
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201 Council Member Harker expressed concern regarding the wall projects line item in the tentative  
202 budget, stating that she did not believe the council had sufficient information about where wall  
203 projects were needed across the city to justify committing funds to any particular location. She  
204 proposed that no funds be spent on wall projects until a comprehensive plan had been developed  
205 and reviewed by the council.  
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207 City Administrator John Taylor suggested that a site tour by van might be an effective way for the  
208 full council to assess conditions across the city and develop the criteria and parameters for a wall  
209 project plan.  
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211 Chair Knudsen agreed, noting that any expenditure on wall projects should be guided by such a  
212 broader plan. Council Member Barbieri expressed appreciation for the discussion and noted it was  
213 particularly relevant to residents in her area.

214 The consensus was that no funds would be spent until an approved plan was brought back to the  
215 council. Council Member Cochran noted that two additional meetings remained before the budget

216 adoption deadline, providing time to develop that plan. Council Member Burgess supported the  
217 proposal as well but raised the additional consideration of how wall project funding compared in  
218 priority to the ongoing LED streetlighting program.

219 **7.2 Public Hearing Accept Public Comment Regarding Year-End Final**  
220 **Amendments to the FY2025-2026 Budget – Scott Harrington**

221 Mr. Harrington presented the proposed year-end final amendments to the FY2025-2026 budget.  
222 He identified several adjustments on the expense side of the general fund, including increases to  
223 the city council budget, and two other departments' benefit line items to address costs that had run  
224 higher than budgeted during the current year. The most significant adjustment was a \$1,000,000  
225 transfer to capital to fund construction costs associated with Taylorsville Park, which had advanced  
226 further in the current fiscal year than originally anticipated. Only \$200,000 had been initially  
227 budgeted for the park in the current year; the \$1,000,000 transfer would bring the total coverage  
228 for the project's current-year expenses in line with contractual obligations. An additional  
229 \$1,500,000 was planned for Taylorsville Park in the FY2026-2027 budget, which would complete  
230 the project.

231 Council Member Burgess inquired about the status of the Summit Vista park project. Mr.  
232 Harrington indicated that construction was proceeding well and ahead of pace, and that the  
233 majority of funding was in place from Fund 4, with some expenses potentially eligible for RDA  
234 reimbursement.

235 Mr. Harrington also noted a potential future adjustment related to the parks maintenance contract  
236 with Salt Lake County. The county currently billed annually on a calendar year basis. Mr.  
237 Harrington had requested a switch to quarterly billing to improve financial oversight. If that change  
238 took place, a budget amendment would be needed to account for billing that would span fiscal  
239 years. He indicated he would have more information before the next meeting.

240 Regarding the sidewalk program, in response to a question from Council Member Burgess, Mr.  
241 Harrington confirmed that the expense side of the sidewalk budget remained at approximately  
242 \$240,000, but the projected revenue had been reduced to reflect lower-than-expected participation  
243 in the 50/50 cost-sharing program.

244 Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing for the FY2025-2026. However, there was no one who  
245 expressed a desire to speak, so the chair closed the public hearing.

246 **7.3 Resolution No. 26-13 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Authorizing the**  
247 **Execution and Delivery of One or More Lease Purchase Agreements,**  
248 **Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures, and**  
249 **Related Matters (Repeals and Replaces Resolution No. 26-11) – Scott**  
250 **Harrington**

251 Mr. Harrington presented Resolution No. 26-13, noting that it was substantively identical  
252 Resolution No. 26-11 which the council had approved at the previous meeting, with the addition  
253 of a line designating JPMorgan as the lessor, language that had been requested by JPMorgan after  
254 the initial resolution was presented. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell confirmed that the resolution

255 also included language repealing and replacing Resolution No. 26-11, ensuring a clean record. The  
256 resolution would authorize lease-purchase agreements for approximately 15 police vehicles.

257 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-13, a Resolution**  
258 **of the City of Taylorsville Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of One or**  
259 **More Lease Purchase Agreements, Declaring Official Intent to Reimburse**  
260 **Certain Capital Expenditures, and Related Matters. The motion was seconded**  
261 **by Council Member Burgess.**

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263 **Council Member Cochran Yes**  
264 **Council Member Burgess Yes**  
265 **Council Member Harker Yes**  
266 **Council Member Barbieri Yes**  
267 **Chair Knudsen Yes**

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269 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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

272 Council Member Barbieri presented information from a recent Wasatch Front Waste and  
273 Recycling District (WFWRD) board meeting, summarizing a report from its environmental and  
274 education representative on recycling outcomes, cost impacts, and diversion rates across the  
275 district's service area.

276 The presentation highlighted that waste diversion—defined as materials diverted from landfill to  
277 recycling—resulted in significant environmental benefits across WFWRD's footprint, including  
278 the conservation of 220,000 trees, 91 million gallons of water, and approximately 50 metric tons  
279 of greenhouse gas emissions, while supplying the energy equivalent of approximately 102,000  
280 megawatt hours to 3,800 homes.

281 Council Member Barbieri noted that approximately 18% of garbage in Taylorsville was being  
282 diverted to some form of recycling, with the city at an approximately 17% diversion rate.  
283 Cardboard comprised approximately 58% of recycled materials, largely driven by the increase in  
284 e-commerce shipping. She noted that tipping fees—the cost to deliver materials to a landfill or  
285 recycling facility—had increased slightly compared to 2024, and that market conditions for  
286 recyclable commodities directly influenced those costs.

287 Council Member Barbieri discussed the contamination rate for Taylorsville's recycling, which was  
288 approximately 21% and consistent with the district-wide average. She described WFWRD's  
289 practice of placing educational "oops tags" on recycling bins with frequent contamination as a  
290 constructive tool to help residents improve sorting habits and reduce costs for the broader district.

291 She also highlighted the green waste program, noting that a green waste can carried a one-time fee  
292 of \$70 and a monthly cost of \$12, which was less expensive than adding a second black garbage  
293 can. The program ran from March through mid-December and collectively saved the district  
294 approximately \$108,000 per year in tipping fees. The tipping fee for green waste was  
295 approximately half that of standard garbage.

296 Council Member Barbieri further noted that glass recycling did not incur tipping fees and saved  
297 the district approximately \$120,000 annually. She mentioned that residents could arrange  
298 individual glass recycling bin pickup or use one of several community glass drop-off locations  
299 within the Taylorsville area. Council Member Harker clarified that there was a fee associated with  
300 the individual glass recycling bin service.

301 The presentation concluded with reference to educational materials produced by WFWRD,  
302 including posters detailing what could and could not be placed in each type of collection bin  
303 available to residents. Council Member Barbieri noted that Taylorsville had shown improvement  
304 in reducing the improper placement of plastic bags in recycling bins, which could damage  
305 processing equipment.

306 Council Member Cochran noted an upcoming MDX (Midvalley Express) event scheduled for  
307 Friday, May 22, at 4:00 p.m. at the southwest corner of 4700 South and Atherton Drive, across  
308 from Monte Vista Elementary. Mayor Overson confirmed the details and indicated that council  
309 members had been notified by email.

310 Council Member Harker remarked how much she appreciated the diversity of perspectives,  
311 strengths, and passions represented on the council, and the collegial approach the body was taking  
312 toward improving the city.

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

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

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

318 **MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to recess the city council meeting and convene**  
319 **a closed session pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205 for the following**  
320 **purposes: to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or**  
321 **mental health of an individual; to discuss investigative proceedings regarding**  
322 **allegations of criminal misconduct; and to discuss strategy concerning pending**  
323 **litigation. The meeting would adjourn from there. The motion was seconded by**  
324 **Council Member Harker.**

325 **Chair Knudsen Yes**

326 **Council Member Barbieri Yes**

327 **Council Member Harker Yes**

328 **Council Member Burgess Yes**

329 **Council Member Cochran Yes**

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331 **Motion Passed 5-0**

332 The meeting recessed at 8:13 p.m and a closed session convened in Room No. 202 at 8:25 p.m.

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**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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**Jamie Brooks, MMC**  
**City Recorder**

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