

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 30th Birthday
- Quarterly Staff meeting earlier that day
- Kick off of Starry Nights on the Plaza

- Annual Citywide Cleanup
- Upcoming Curbside Pick Up
- Fireworks Season

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city events.

1.4 Public Comments

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

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

2. OTHER MATTERS

2.1 2026 Youth Council Senior Recognition – Mayor Overson

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

- Lexi Walker
- Brinley Shields
- Bethany Dieckmann
- Emilee Taylor
- Emily Cottrell
- Hallee Winberg
- Hudson Hathaway
- Kate Christopherson
- Syd Thompson
- Peyton Burnett
- Sophie Scott

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

3. APPOINTMENTS

3.1 Ratify the Appointment of Raul Garcia to the Parks and Recreation Committee – Mayor Overson

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

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

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

Motion Passed 5-0

4. REPORTS

There were no reports on the agenda.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, May 6, 2026

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

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

Motion Passed 5-0

6. PLANNING MATTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion Passed 5-0

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing regarding the tentative FY26-27 budget. However, there was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the public hearing.

Council Member Harker expressed concern regarding the wall projects line item in the tentative budget, stating that she did not believe the council had sufficient information about where wall projects were needed across the city to justify committing funds to any particular location. She proposed that no funds be spent on wall projects until a comprehensive plan had been developed and reviewed by the council.

City Administrator John Taylor suggested that a site tour by van might be an effective way for the full council to assess conditions across the city and develop the criteria and parameters for a wall project plan.

Chair Knudsen agreed, noting that any expenditure on wall projects should be guided by such a broader plan. Council Member Barbieri expressed appreciation for the discussion and noted it was particularly relevant to residents in her area.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion Passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

10. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)

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

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



Betsy Valora for

Jamie Brooks, MMC
City Recorder

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