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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2026
Council Chambers – Room No. 140
2600 W Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

ATTENDANCE

Elected Officials Present

Mayor Kristie S. Overson
Robert Knudsen, Council Chair
Curt Cochran, Council Vice Chair
Anna Barbieri, Council Member
Ernest Burgess, Council Member
Meredith Harker, Council Member

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Dina Blaes, Strategic Engagement
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/CFO
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Brittany Kempff, Deputy City Recorder
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Battalion Chief
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Kameron Kellett, Mysti Lilla, Shane Manwaring, Dean Paynter, and Alexis Wilden

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Knudsen called the briefing session to order at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted and all council members were present except for Council Member Burgess who arrived at 6:03 p.m.

The Chair briefly reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting. Assistant City Administrator and CFO Scott Harrington explained that he would not have a PowerPoint presentation unless the Council requested one. Chair Knudsen asked if the FY26-27 budget currently under consideration was with or without funding for a previously discussed wall project. Mr. Harrington responded that the project was currently included.

Council Member Cochran asked if there would need to be a motion to move those funds into the general fund. Mr. Harrington responded in the negative, explaining that if they did not wish to fund that project, they'd want to request that line item be removed when they made a motion to adopt it.

41 Council Member Harker requested an update on the installation of a drinking fountain at
42 Centennial Plaza. City Engineer Ben White responded that the project was in progress.

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44 Council Member Cochran wished to confirm that there would be a quorum present for the June
45 17th meeting since both Chair Knudsen and Council Member Harker would be absent. It appeared
46 there would be a quorum, but Chair Knudsen stated he might be able to attend electronically if that
47 turned out not to be the case.

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49 Council Member Burgess asked for an update on the streetlight project. Mr. White would provide
50 an update during the 6:30 p.m. meeting.

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52 The briefing session adjourned at 6:06 pm, at which point a meeting of the Redevelopment Agency
53 board was convened. Separate minutes are on file.

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55 **6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

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57 **1. Welcome, Roll Call and Preliminary Matters**

58 Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A roll call was conducted and all council
59 members were present.

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61 **1.1 Pledge and Reverence**

62 Council Member Harker led the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

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64 **1.2 Mayor's Report**

65 Mayor Kristie Overson delivered her report, touching on several recent community activities and
66 city business. She expressed appreciation to the Exchange Club for their stewardship of the
67 Freedom Wall and recognized Scout Troop 1996 and other community members who attended
68 the recent Freedom Wall celebration. She also noted that council members joined her on a ride of
69 the MVX Bus Rapid Transit line, reflecting on Taylorsville's longstanding role in bringing that
70 project to fruition over the course of roughly two decades.

71 Mayor Overson reported that she attended a Council of Governments (COG) meeting to vote on
72 representatives for the Salt Lake County recreation bond review board. The bond, if passed by
73 voters, would be a \$90,000,000 measure distributed as 40% toward capital maintenance, 30% to
74 complete ongoing county projects, and 30% toward new amenities.

75 She noted that the Taylorsville Cemetery was well-prepared for the Memorial Day holiday, with
76 staff earning numerous compliments from visitors. She reported attending a 5th grade graduation
77 at Calvin Smith Elementary and commended the program. She updated the council on the Starry
78 Nights program, noting that on the previous Friday, the event was disrupted by significant wind
79 and rain, and that the following day's Ride, Roll & Stroll event was postponed. She praised city

Commented [BV1]: I think you will want to take out
"the" following Friday

80 staff for communicating the cancellation promptly through social media and email and encouraged
81 any council members not yet signed up for city email notifications to do so.

82 Regarding public safety, Mayor Overson announced that she and Unified Fire Authority Chief
83 Burchette had established a new quarterly one-on-one meeting to discuss the fire service needs of
84 Taylorsville. She also shared a complimentary email received from a resident praising Officer Bree
85 Dalton of the police department for compassionate and professional service during a difficult
86 personal situation.

87 The Mayor reminded the council and public that the primary election would be on June 23rd, that
88 Taylorsville City Hall served as a primary election day voting center, and that a ballot drop box
89 was available in front of city hall. She noted that the Youth Council met that afternoon and was
90 preparing flags to distribute along the Taylorsville Dayzz parade route, and that the 2026
91 Taylorsville Dayzz would mark the city's 30th anniversary as an incorporated city. Finally, she
92 highlighted the Granite School District's summer free lunch program, running June 8 through July
93 31, with three Taylorsville locations: Fremont Elementary, Vista Park, and Swenson Valley
94 Regional Park.

95 1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

96 Chair Knudsen reviewed the list of upcoming city events.

97 1.4 Public Comment Period

98 Chair Knudsen opened the public comment period, during which three individuals addressed the
99 council.
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101 The first speaker, Alexis Wilden, addressed the council regarding concerns about the use of
102 fireworks during Taylorsville Dayzz. She noted that large fireworks displays could be harmful to
103 veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, individuals with autism, animals, those
104 with respiratory conditions such as asthma, and individuals living with Alzheimer's or dementia.
105 While acknowledging the timing perhaps did not allow for changes that year, she asked the council
106 to consider alternatives for future celebrations, such as drone or laser light shows.

107 The second speaker, Shane Manwaring, introduced himself as a Bluffdale resident and candidate
108 for Salt Lake County Sheriff. He shared his background, including over 23 years in law
109 enforcement, service as a Unified Police Lieutenant in Taylorsville, and retirement from the Utah
110 National Guard at the rank of colonel after more than 30 years of military leadership. He outlined
111 his primary focus as sheriff as fixing the Salt Lake County Jail, describing a cycle of overcrowding
112 that resulted in rapid releases, which he argued perpetuated drug dependency and related crime.
113 He also mentioned rightsizing the law enforcement bureau as a secondary priority.

114 A third speaker, Mysti Lilla, raised concerns about the lack of sidewalks in certain areas of the
115 city, particularly along Canal Street near the I-15 corridor and in the direction of the Crossroads
116 of Taylorsville. She noted the absence of safe walking infrastructure for pedestrians in those areas
117 and indicated she had already been in contact with Council Member Barbieri regarding the matter.

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119 **2. APPOINTMENTS**
120 There were no appointments on the agenda.
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122 **3. REPORTS**
123 There were no reports on the agenda.
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125 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**
126 **4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, May 20, 2026**
127 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes**
128 **as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.**
129 **Council Member Harker Yes**
130 **Council Member Cochran Yes**
131 **Council Member Barbieri Yes**
132 **Chair Knudsen Yes**
133 **Council Member Burgess Yes**
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135 **Motion Passed 5-0**
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137 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**
138 There were no planning matters on the agenda.
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140 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**
141 **6.1 Statement from Budget Officer**
142 Mr. Harrington presented the required property tax impact statement in connection with the
143 proposed FY 2026–2027 budget. He reported that the city's current property tax rate of 0.00082
144 was proposed to increase to 0.000861, generating approximately \$234,800 in additional revenue.
145 This would bring total property tax revenue from approximately \$4,669,000 to approximately
146 \$4,904,000, representing an estimated increase of 5%. For a homeowner with a property valued at
147 approximately \$472,000 — the average home value in Taylorsville — the annual impact would be
148 approximately \$10.64 per year, or \$0.89 per month. For commercial property owners, who did not
149 receive a residential exemption, the impact would be approximately \$19.35 per year, or \$1.61 per
150 month. The proposed additional revenue was earmarked for increased road maintenance
151 throughout the city.
152 **6.2 Resolution No. 26-15 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-**
153 **End Amendments to the FY2025-2026 Budget – Scott Harrington**
154 Mr. Harrington explained that the one difference that had been made in the FY25-26 budget since
155 the last meeting was that \$150,000 had been added to the Parks and Land line item because Salt
156 Lake County would now begin billing the city on a quarterly basis rather than once per year.
157 Because of this billing schedule change, the city would receive 18 months' worth of county
158 invoices in the current budget year — the standard annual amount already budgeted, plus an

159 additional two quarterly bills. Chair Knudsen expressed appreciation for the shift to quarterly
160 billing as a positive step for cash flow management.

161 **MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-15, a Resolution**
162 **of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-End Amendments to the FY2025-2026**
163 **budget. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.**

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165 **Council Member Burgess** Yes
166 **Council Member Harker** Yes
167 **Council Member Cochran** Yes
168 **Chair Knudsen** Yes
169 **Council Member Barbieri** Yes

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171 **Motion Passed 5-0**

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173 **6.3 Resolution No. 26-16 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting a Final**
174 **Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027**
175 **- Scott Harrington**

176 Mr. Harrington presented the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget, noting that overall expenditures
177 were nearly flat, increasing by approximately 0.5%. He observed that 11 of the city's 16
178 departments were budgeted at or below the prior year's levels. Cost pressures this cycle included
179 health, vision, and dental insurance increases, rising fuel costs, general inflation, and vendor cost
180 pass-throughs.

181 The most notable increase within the general fund was in the building department, driven primarily
182 by the planned court remodel. Mr. Harrington explained that with the court having relocated to
183 West Jordan for security and efficiency reasons, the vacated courtroom space would be converted
184 to office space. The project would accommodate the police department, which had outgrown its
185 current downstairs footprint, and relocate police administration and customer service functions to
186 a more visible main-floor location.

187 Council Member Barbieri asked for additional detail on the remodel scope and costs. Mr.
188 Harrington responded that it would include converting the courtroom to office space, security
189 systems, electronics, re-cabling to higher-bandwidth infrastructure, electrical work, and bathroom
190 removal. Council Member Harker asked about the timeline and expressed a desire for the work to
191 proceed as quickly as possible to relieve the police department's space constraints. Mr. Harrington
192 expected work to begin in August or September.

193 Regarding the capital fund (Fund 45), Mr. Harrington outlined the following significant projects
194 for FY 2026–2027:

- 195 ▪ \$1,500,00 Taylorsville Park Improvements
- 196 ▪ \$500,000 Streetlight Replacement project

- 197 ▪ Funding for 4700 South Improvements
- 198 ▪ \$50,000 – To close out the Bus Rapid Transit project
- 199 ▪ \$750,000 - 1780 West Road Project (4700 South to Salt Lake Community College)
- 200 ▪ \$50,000 - Carriage Square Program
- 201 ▪ \$775,000 – City-wide Road Overlays and Upgrades

202 Mr. Harrington explained that the budget included a use of fund balance totaling \$6,300,000, much
203 of which had been secured through state, legislative, or grant funding.

204 Council Member Harker led a discussion regarding a proposed allocation for wall improvements.
205 She acknowledged that the issue had been raised by residents over recent months and that the
206 council had conducted a city tour to assess the scope of need. She indicated that she was not yet
207 ready to commit funds for walls without a more comprehensive plan that addressed the breadth of
208 need across the city. She proposed removing the wall-related allocation from the budget pending
209 further deliberation. Council Member Barbieri concurred, noting the scale and cost of the issue
210 and the importance of treating all residents equitably. She shared that since the discussion had
211 surfaced, additional residents had reached out about wall needs on their own streets. Council
212 Member Cochran agreed, emphasizing the need not only for a plan but for a clear set of criteria to
213 determine when and how the city should invest in wall construction or replacement. Council
214 Member Burgess expressed support for a careful and respectful deliberative process. Mr.
215 Harrington confirmed that the wall allocation would be removed from the budget upon the
216 council's direction. They could approve the budget as amended, or they could continue to study it
217 and consider the motion at the next meeting.

218 Council Member Burgess sought an update on the citywide streetlight replacement program. Mr.
219 White presented a map showing project progress. He explained that all areas south of 5400 South
220 had been completed, and that work was currently focused on the corridor between 4700 South and
221 5400 South, working from east to west. The current budget year's allocation was expected to reach
222 around Bangerter Highway, with work continuing northward in future budget years. Mr. White
223 also clarified that the city owned approximately half of the streetlights in Taylorsville, with Rocky
224 Mountain Power owning the remainder. The city's replacement program covered only city-owned
225 lights; replacing Rocky Mountain Power lights would require the city to pay Rocky Mountain
226 Power directly, which had not been budgeted.

227 Mr. Harrington pointed out that the Budget Committee had already reviewed both amended
228 budgets the previous week.

229 Chair Knudsen invited the Budget Committee Chair to address the Council. Kameron Kellett
230 explained that the committee met monthly to review revenues and expenditures against the current
231 budget, assisted in reviewing the annual comprehensive financial report, and provided input on the
232 following year's proposed budget. The committee currently consisted of nine citizens and two City
233 Council advisory members. He reported that committee members were unanimously in agreement
234 that the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget would meet the city's operational needs. He encouraged
235 interested citizens to contact their council representatives or apply to serve on the budget
236 committee through the city website.

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238 **MOTION:** Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-16, a Resolution
239 of the City of Taylorsville Adopting a Final Budget for the Fiscal Year
240 Beginning July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2026 w/ the following amendment:
241 the portion dedicated to a wall project be removed. The motion was seconded
242 by Council Member Burgess.

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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 Mr. Harrington noted that the Truth in Taxation public hearing was likely to take place on August
253 12th at 6:30pm. The date was set by Salt Lake County and was still somewhat tentative, but he
254 expected that it would not change. There was no council meeting that night so it would be the only
255 item on the agenda.

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257 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

258 Mayor Overson explained that beginning that week, she would distribute a weekly email each
259 Wednesday to council members summarizing all city events from that Wednesday through the
260 following weekend. The list would be drawn from the city's public calendar and the events
261 presented at council meetings. Separate Outlook calendar invitations would continue to be sent for
262 ribbon cuttings. Council Member Harker expressed appreciation for the consolidated format,
263 noting the convenience of having dates, times, and addresses in a single communication. Mayor
264 Overson clarified that the list was informational only and did not represent a requirement for
265 council attendance, and that council members were welcome to attend or not attend based on their
266 own schedules.

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

268 Council Member Harker raised a question regarding the July meeting schedule. After brief
269 discussion, the council decided to cancel the July 1, 2026 City Council meeting, noting that it fell
270 the week after Taylorsville Dayzz and in proximity to the Fourth of July holiday. The sole
271 remaining City Council meeting in July would be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026. Council
272 Member Harker mentioned that she would not be present on July 15.

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

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

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

278 There was no need for a closed session.

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280 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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282 **MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by**
283 **Council Member Harker and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting closed.**

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285 The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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289 **Jamie Brooks, MMC**

290 **City Recorder**

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