

**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.

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

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

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

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

6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Welcome, Roll Call and Preliminary Matters

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

1.1 Pledge and Reverence

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

1.2 Mayor's Report

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Chair Knudsen reviewed the list of upcoming city events.

1.4 Public Comment Period

Chair Knudsen opened the public comment period, during which three individuals addressed the council.

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

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

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments on the agenda.

3. REPORTS

There were no reports on the agenda.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, May 20, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve the May 20, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Harker.

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

Motion Passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Statement from Budget Officer

Mr. Harrington presented the required property tax impact statement in connection with the proposed FY 2026–2027 budget. He reported that the city's current property tax rate of 0.00082 was proposed to increase to 0.000861, generating approximately \$234,800 in additional revenue. This would bring total property tax revenue from approximately \$4,669,000 to approximately \$4,904,000, representing an estimated increase of 5%. For a homeowner with a property valued at approximately \$472,000 — the average home value in Taylorsville — the annual impact would be approximately \$10.64 per year, or \$0.89 per month. For commercial property owners, who did not receive a residential exemption, the impact would be approximately \$19.35 per year, or \$1.61 per month. The proposed additional revenue was earmarked for increased road maintenance throughout the city.

6.2 Resolution No. 26-15 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-End Amendments to the FY2025-2026 Budget – Scott Harrington

Mr. Harrington explained that the one difference that had been made in the FY25-26 budget since the last meeting was that \$150,000 had been added to the Parks and Land line item because Salt Lake County would now begin billing the city on a quarterly basis rather than once per year. Because of this billing schedule change, the city would receive 18 months' worth of county invoices in the current budget year — the standard annual amount already budgeted, plus an

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

MOTION: Council Member Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 26-15, a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-End Amendments to the FY2025-2026 budget. 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion Passed 5-0

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

7. OTHER MATTERS

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

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

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

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)

There was no need for a closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Betsy Valora for
Jamie Brooks, MMC
City Recorder

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