

**City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes

**Wednesday, June 17, 2026
Council Chambers – Room No. 140
2600 W Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

ATTENDANCE

Elected Officials Present

Mayor Kristie S. Overson
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Battalion Chief Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Betsy Valora, Deputy City Recorder

Excused: Council Chair Bob Knudsen, Council Member Meredith Harker, Ben White, City Engineer

Others Present:

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Vice Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He briefly reviewed the agenda, upcoming events, and meetings. Council Chair Knudsen would join virtually for the regular city council meeting.

City Attorney Tracy Cowdell asked that, when making the motion on Resolution 26-18, council members clearly state the proposed property tax increase would be 5%. That number would be included in the executed draft.

The briefing session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Elected Officials Present

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Council Chair Bob Knudsen - Virtual
Council Vice Chair Curt Cochran
Council Member Anna Barbieri
Council Member Ernest Burgess

Staff Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Brady Cottam, Police Chief

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Battalion Chief Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Betsy Valora, Dep. City Recorder

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Others Present: Judge Christopher Bown, Gordon Willardson, Kenny Green, John Gidney, Jessica Hernandez

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Vice Chair Cochran called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein Meredith Harker was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence

Council Member Barbieri led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which she gave a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report - Mayor Overson

Mayor Overson delivered a detailed report covering a busy two-week period of community activity. She highlighted a record four ribbon cuttings held in the preceding weeks: Little Caesars, The Break restaurant, Villa del Sol, and Fresh Coat Painters (held at the Sherwin Williams location). Mayor Overson expressed appreciation to Chamber West and city staff for their coordination of these events and noted that the ribbon cuttings reflected Taylorsville's ongoing efforts to champion local businesses.

Mayor Overson also reported on the Chamber West golf tournament, describing it as a productive networking event that drew business members from across the valley. She noted her attendance at the Taylorsville Library's welcome back open house, which drew a large number of families and underscored the continued importance of libraries in the community.

The Mayor praised the Taylorsville Arts Council for a particularly active stretch of programming, which included the Dare to Dream Junior youth production, Taylorsville's Got Talent at Centennial Plaza, and the crosswalk musical. She encouraged residents to attend the upcoming production of Anything Goes in July. She also recognized the car show at the museum as a successful community partnership.

Mayor Overson gave a shout out to the Police Department, specifically mentioning a public education video produced about proper parking distances from intersections near fire hydrants and crosswalks, and recognized the Spaghetti Factory for hosting a private appreciation lunch for police personnel.

Concluding her report, Mayor Overson addressed the ongoing road construction across several city neighborhoods. She acknowledged the inconvenience to residents but expressed gratitude for the city's fiscal discipline in budgeting for road improvements. Council Members added their gratitude for the efforts by city staff to notify neighborhoods in advance of the street work.

Council Member Barbieri shared positive community feedback she had received from a contact in Salt Lake, who noted that Taylorsville was widely regarded among developers as a city that was creative, fiscally careful, and responsive in

working through the development process. Council Member Barbieri also relayed a commendation for a Taylorsville police officer who handled a traffic stop with exceptional courtesy and echoed the praise for staff responsiveness in quickly resolving a situation where residents in a neighborhood undergoing repaving were temporarily unable to access their street.

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Vice Chair Cochran briefly reviewed upcoming city events.

1.3 Public Comment Period

The Vice Chair opened the public comment period. Jessica Hernandez addressed the Council on behalf of residents living adjacent to 2700 West. She requested that the Council reconsider completing the sound wall along the east side of that corridor, a project she noted was begun over seven years ago but never finished. Ms. Hernandez referenced the noise impacts from nearby emergency services and expressed that even a partial wall would provide meaningful relief to residents. She also commented on the proposed three-day fireworks program at Taylorsville Dayzz, suggesting that some of those funds could instead be directed toward the wall. Finally, she raised concerns about the effects of fireworks on veterans with PTSD and on pets.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Resolution No. 26-17 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Reappointing David Young to serve on the Planning Commission for District No. 1 – Dina Blaes

Dina Blaes presented the reappointment of David Young to the Planning Commission for District No. 1. She explained that Mr. Young had originally been appointed as an alternate commissioner and was subsequently elevated to fill a vacancy earlier in the year. His interim term was set to expire on June 30, 2026, and the department was seeking his reappointment to a full first term beginning July 1, 2026. Ms. Blaes spoke highly of Mr. Young's contributions as Planning Commission Chair, noting his ability to foster substantive dialogue among commissioners and bring well-considered materials forward. She noted that because he was filling a vacancy rather than serving a full term, this reappointment would constitute his first official term, with eligibility for a second consecutive term thereafter.

Commissioner Young briefly addressed the Council, expressing his enjoyment in the role and indicating that there were several ongoing opportunities and items in development that he looked forward to bringing before the Council in a thorough and well-prepared manner.

MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to pass Resolution No. 26-17. The motion was seconded by Council Member Barbieri.

Council Member Burgess	Y
Vice Chair Cochran	Y
Council Member Barbieri	Y
Council Member Knudsen	Y
Council Member Harker	Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Justice Court Report – Judge Bown

Judge Bown presented the Justice Court's report. He provided an overview of caseload figures by judge, comparing 2025 totals to 2026 year-to-date numbers through May.

Judge Bown explained the difference between raw case counts and weighted caseloads, noting that Taylorsville's court handled a higher volume of traffic offenses, which carried a lower weight than criminal matters. The combined weighted caseload for the merged Taylorsville-West Jordan court stood at 2.91, approaching but not yet reaching the threshold for a third judge — a scenario Judge Bown indicated he was not seeking. He noted that following approximately a year of merged court operations, the primary staffing gap identified was the need for one additional full-time employee. He indicated the request had been presented to West Jordan's council as well, though no action had yet been reported from that body.

Reflecting on the merger process, Judge Bown offered that the primary lesson learned was the importance of integrating court clerks from the two cities earlier in the process, as building a unified team culture proved initially difficult.

On case disposition benchmarks, Judge Bown reported strong performance. Traffic cases, which carried a 90-day disposition goal, had met that standard at a 92% rate over both the six-month and twelve-month periods. Small claims cases, with a 270-day window, were at 100%. Criminal cases, governed by a 180-day standard, were at 92% over six months and 93% over twelve months. Of 749 active pending cases at the time of the report, 95% were on track to meet their respective goals. Judge Bown noted that he believed Taylorsville's court ranked among the higher-performing courts in Salt Lake County on these measures.

Judge Bown also reported that the new courtroom was operational, though exterior signage for the building had yet to be completed. He noted an ongoing issue with Google maps still directing people to Taylorsville City Hall and indicated that the most effective remedy would be a community-driven effort to update the listing.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes - City Council Meeting, June 3, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2026 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.

Council Member Barbieri	Y
Council Member Knudsen	Y
Council Member Burgess	Y
Vice Chair Cochran	Y
Council Member Harker	Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 26-18 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Acknowledging that the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Includes a Proposed Property Tax Increase, Acknowledging Receipt of the Property Tax Impact Schedule, and Directing Compliance with the Utah Truth in

Taxation Act – Scott Harrington

Scott Harrington, Assistant City Administrator/CFO, presented Resolution No. 26-18. He noted that since the draft was prepared, the official tax rate figures had been received from the county auditor and required minor corrections. The certified tax rate was updated from 0.00820¹ to 0.000819, and the proposed increased rate was revised from 0.000861 to 0.000860. These adjustments reflected new growth and property value reassessments and did not alter the substantive elements of the resolution. The requested additional revenue of \$234,000, the proposed 5% tax increase, and the calculated per-household impact of \$10.64 per year all remained unchanged. Council members were advised to reference the 5% figure when making the motion, with the corrected figures to be incorporated into the executed document.

Council Member Barbieri expressed support for the resolution, noting her appreciation that Taylorsville operated as a pay-as-you-go city. Vice Chair Cochran and Council Member Burgess acknowledged that while no tax increase was welcome, incremental and infrequent increases were preferable to larger, deferred adjustments. The purpose of the revenue, road maintenance, was confirmed on the record.

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 26-18. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.

Vice Chair Cochran	Y
Council Member Knudsen	Y
Council Member Barbieri	Y
Council Member Burgess	Y
Council Member Harker	Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

6.2 Resolution No. 26-19 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Acknowledging an Intent to Consider an Increase in Property Tax Revenue and Setting the Date, Time, and Place for the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Scott Harrington

Scott Harrington presented Resolution No. 26-19, explaining that this resolution formally initiated the Utah Truth in Taxation process by setting the required public hearing. He noted that the county reserved specific hearing dates to ensure that no two taxing entities with overlapping tax jurisdiction held their hearings on the same night. The Truth in Taxation public hearing was confirmed for Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Mr. Harrington emphasized that the agenda for that evening could include no topics other than the tax increase, per statutory requirement.

MOTION: Council Member Burgess moved to approve Resolution No. 26-19. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.

Vice Chair Cochran	Y
Council Member Burgess	Y
Council Member Barbieri	Y
Council Member Knudsen	Y
Council Member Harker	Absent

Motion Passed 4-0

¹ 0.000820 was the correct figure

213 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

214 Council Member Knudsen commented about upcoming Taylorsville Dayzz and reminded council members to
215 watch their email for updated events.
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217 Council Member Barbieri brought forward information regarding a bulky waste drop-off program offered by the
218 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District. She explained that following a pilot event in Magna, the program
219 was scheduled to serve Taylorsville residents during July 14–16, 2026. Residents could schedule drop-off
220 appointments online or by phone through the district's website. The program accepted furniture, trees, shoes, and
221 appliances without Freon, among other items, at no cost to participants. Items not accepted at the drop-off event,
222 such as tires, mattresses, and refrigerators with Freon, could be scheduled for private home pickup through the
223 district for modest per-item fees. Council Member Barbieri noted that the program had already seen strong uptake
224 in Taylorsville since its recent launch and operated without a rate increase to residents. She requested that the
225 program information be posted to the city's Facebook page and other social media channels to increase awareness
226 ahead of the July dates.

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

228 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.
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230 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

231 Vice Chair Cochran reviewed the dates and times of upcoming planning commission and city council meetings.
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233 **10. CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED (Conference Room 202)**

234 There was no need for a closed session.
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236 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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238 **MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member**
239 **Burgess and Vice Chair Cochran declared the meeting closed.**
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241 The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
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246 Betsy Valora
247 Deputy City Recorder

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