

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, Aug 5, 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/Assist. City Admin
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Dina Blaes, Chief of Strategic Engagement
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Dir.
Battalion Chief Richard Rich, Unified Fire
Betsy Valora, Deputy City Recorder

Excused: Council Member Meredith Harker

Others Present: Barbara Riddle

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Agenda

Council Chair Knudsen called the briefing session to order at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted, and Council Member Harker was excused.

Council Member Burgess raised a question about the food pantry and support from the city. Mayor Overson would address that in her Mayor's Report.

Council Chair Knudsen reviewed a webinar training and expressed gratitude to Mayor, JT, and Tracy Cowdell for being willing to stay in their own lanes and working with the council to get things done. Mayor Overson was happy to report that the work being done in front of Plymouth Elementary would be cleared up before school began next week.

2. Adjourn Meeting

The briefing session adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

6:30 P.M. REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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Ben White, City Engineer
Betsy Valora, Dep. City Recorder

Excused: Council Member Meredith Harker, Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Others Present: John Gidney, Barbara Riddle, Allie Lorang, Cindy Wilkey, Battalion Chief Kelly Millard

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Council Chair Knudsen called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted, and all were present except Meredith Harker who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence

Council Member Cochran led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, after which he offered reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report – *Mayor Overson*

Mayor Overson delivered a wide-ranging report covering several recent city activities and events. She highlighted the Chamber West Board of Governors' visit to Salt Lake Community College's West Point Training and Education Center, commending the educational opportunities the campus provided to the community. She also recognized Council Member Barbieri's Council Corner article covering the visit.

Mayor Overson congratulated the Taylorsville Arts Council on the production of *Anything Goes*, describing the performance and its Saturday morning crosswalk musical as a remarkable success. She also reported on the city's participation in the Days of '47 Pioneer Day parade, thanking Devin (Donovan), who transported the float overnight, the float driver Bob Knudsen, and the

parents who shuttled Youth Council members to and from the event.

The Mayor reported on the completion of crossing guard training ahead of the new school year, recognizing Stephanie Snow, Chyrelle Fowers, and Chief Cottam for their coordination of the program. She also noted that the city hosted an appreciation barbecue for UTORCA (Utah Organized Retail Crime Association) and ASIS (American Society for Industrial Security), two organizations that have supported public safety through collaboration, intelligence sharing, and training partnerships.

Regarding public safety funding, Mayor Overson announced that the city received notification of a JAG grant award of \$15,153 through the Office of Justice Programs, which the police department would use to purchase six ballistic shields. She also noted that Taylorsville PD won a rib eating contest hosted by Texas Roadhouse in a friendly competition against Murray PD. She praised Texas Roadhouse as a supportive community business partner.

Regarding the Farmers Market, Mayor Overson informed the Council that Denise Christianson, owner and market director of Good for Life Markets, had made the decision to pause the market for the remainder of the year. Declining vendor attendance and customer traffic were cited as reasons for the pause. The city expressed disappointment but indicated it would pursue conversations about opportunities for the following year.

Mayor Overson took time to clarify recent social media posts made by the Taylorsville Food Pantry's Facebook page, which inaccurately stated that the Mayor had directed the pantry to relocate. She clearly stated that no such message was sent and that neither she nor the city had issued any relocation directive. She explained that the city had consistently supported the pantry by providing facility space, utilities, and equipment at no cost since its inception, and that discussions have focused on how to address the pantry's growth relative to the capacity of the current site. The city reaffirmed its commitment to working constructively with pantry representatives going forward.

Mayor Overson closed her report by sharing that she participated in a county library-sponsored Splish Splash Storytime event at the Taylorsville Recreation Center, reading to toddler-aged participants in the swimming pool.

1.3 Calendar of Upcoming Events

Council Chair Knudsen briefly reviewed upcoming city events, noting the pause in the upcoming farmer's market.

1.4 Public Comment Period

Chair Knudsen opened the public comment period. There were no public comments.

3. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

4. REPORTS

4.1 Senior Center – Allie Lorang

Allie Lorang, Center Manager at the Taylorsville Senior Center, presented an overview of the center's programs and participation statistics. She described the center as an active aging facility where seniors were served Monday through Friday, daily meals were offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., as well as recreation, exercise, arts and crafts, and educational classes throughout the day. Over the past year, the center served more than 700 clients, with approximately 99 clients who visited on a daily basis, 50 of whom were served lunch, and roughly 230 hours of programming provided.

Ms. Lorang noted that exercise classes had seen a significant increase in attendance, with several at or near capacity, and she attributed seasonal fluctuations in meal attendance to summer travel among the senior population. The center's health promotion programming served approximately 89 clients over the past year, with a goal of continued growth. She also highlighted that the city-provided transportation service had recently expanded to two routes on a number of days to accommodate increased demand, which enabled homebound seniors and those unable to drive long distances to access the center's programs.

Chair Knudsen expressed the positive feedback he had received from community members utilizing the center's services and emphasized the critical role the center played in combating social isolation among seniors. Council Member Barbieri asked about the transportation arrangement, confirming that the same driver was operating two separate routes. The Council encouraged Ms. Lorang to continue outreach efforts and to notify the Council of special events so members could attend.

4.2 ChamberWest – Barbara Riddle

Barbara Riddle presented the semi-annual ChamberWest report to the Council. She noted that 2026 marked the chamber's 65th anniversary, with Taylorsville having been a member since 1968. The chamber currently served over 425 regional members spanning the west side of the Salt Lake Valley.

Ms. Riddle described the chamber's governance structure, noting that Council Member Barbieri served on the Board of Directors, while Mayor Overson and Council Member Barbieri also served on the Board of Governors alongside the city's economic development director, Dina Blaes. She reported that the Ambassador Program facilitated 14 ribbon cuttings in Taylorsville since her last report, and that the Friday Connections networking event, held on the third Friday of each month, continued to attract business members. A nonprofit highlight program had also been added to the Friday Connections format to elevate the visibility of nonprofits within the membership.

The Leadership Institute sold out earlier in the year than the year prior and currently had 32 attendees. Ms. Riddle recognized Brittany Kempff, Assistant to Economic Development Director, as a recent graduate of the program and Terryne Bergeson, Planner II, as a current participant. The Legislative Affairs Committee, which now had 10 subcommittees following a split of the education and workforce subcommittee, tracked 233 bills during the most recent legislative session, supporting 34, opposing 13, and actively monitoring 125 more. Council Member Barbieri was noted as the incoming vice chair of the committee, with a vote scheduled the following day.

The Annual Job Fair, held at Taylorsville High School in collaboration with the Granite and Jordan school districts, drew approximately 1,200 attendees — a significant increase over the prior year. Chair Knudsen noted this represented approximately a 140 percent increase and described it as a record-level turnout. Ms. Riddle attributed the surge to strong demand for employment connections in the community. The Annual Golf Classic sold out all 27 holes at Stonebridge Golf Club with 196 golfers, and a new raffle fundraiser was established to support student attendance at FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Nationals, with four Taylorsville High School students among the beneficiaries.

Looking ahead, Ms. Riddle announced the Annual Awards Gala scheduled for August 27, themed *Sapphire Celebration* in recognition of the chamber's 65-year legacy, and the Fall Conference was set for November 10. The Council extended appreciation to Ms. Riddle and the Chamber West team for the breadth of programs and community support they provided.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting, July 15, 2026

MOTION: Council Member Cochran moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.

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

Motion Passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

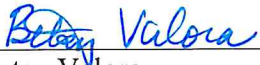
10. CLOSED SESSION IF NEEDED (Conference Room 202)

There was no need for a closed session.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Barbieri moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and Chair Knudsen declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.



Betsy Valora
Deputy City Recorder

