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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

SOCIAL MEDIA Q&A / BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Larry Johnson

Council Members:

Council Chairman Kristie Overson
Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess
Council Member Daniel Armstrong
Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Brad Christopherson

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Todd Caldwell, UFA Battalion Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer

Others: Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. – LIVE SOCIAL MEDIA QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

Council Members Overson, Barbour and Burgess were in attendance for the Social Media Question and Answer Session. Council Members Christopherson and Armstrong were expected later.

City Council Members were available to address live questions from residents via social media. No social media questions were presented.

1 Questions were presented by two citizens in attendance, Gordon and Jackie Willardson. An
2 informal question and answer session was held with Mr. and Mrs. Willardson. Explanation was
3 given on which Council Districts are up for election this year and how Council Members make
4 up their minds on City issues. Ideas were shared on how Council Members solicit input from
5 their constituents. Mr. and Mrs. Willardson were instructed on how to follow the City's
6 Facebook Page and ways to view agendas that are posted in advance of City Council Meetings.
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8 **6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**
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10 6:02:59 PM Chairman Kristie Overson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:02
11 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members
12 were present.
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14 **1. Review Administrative Report – *Community Development***
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16 Chair Kristie Overson stated that she is very impressed with the great Administrative Report
17 provided by the Community Development Department regarding code enforcement issues, etc.
18 Other Council Members agreed.
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20 **2. Review Agenda**
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22 6:04:45 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.
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24 6:06:57 PM Council Member Dan Armstrong referenced a mobile sign warning of road work
25 and asked if it can be moved. City Administrator John Taylor agreed to follow up and find out if
26 it can be moved.
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28 6:07:56 PM Chair Overson called for clarification on whether Council Member Dan Armstrong
29 is available to drive the City's float during the July 4th parade. Council Member Armstrong
30 confirmed that he will plan on driving the float on that date. Council Coordinator Kris Heineman
31 agreed to get parade details to Council Member Armstrong.
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33 6:09:14 PM Chair Overson indicated that there is still a need for someone to drive the Council's
34 vehicle in the parade.
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36 Discussion was held regarding the July Meeting Schedule and it was determined that the meeting
37 previously scheduled for July 1, 2015 will be rescheduled to July 8, 2015.
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39 **3. Adjourn**
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41 6:11:17 PM Chair Overson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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3 **REGULAR MEETING**
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5 **Attendance:**

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7 Mayor Larry Johnson
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9 **Council Members:**

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11 Council Chairman Kristie Overson
12 Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess
13 Council Member Daniel Armstrong
14 Council Member Dama Barbour
15 Council Member Brad Christopherson
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9 **City Staff:**

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11 John Taylor, City Administrator
12 Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
13 Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
14 Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
15 Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
16 Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
17 Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director
18 Todd Caldwell, UFA Battalion Chief
19 Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
20 Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
21 Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
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26 **Others:** Michael Starger, Marin McIff, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Royce Larsen,
27 Ted Jensen, Glen Spencer, Lynn Handy, Pauline McBride, Ted Jensen, Brenda Davis, Cary
28 Davis, Richard Walter, Doug Shupe, Jay Curtis, Kalee Harper, Anthony Koplun, Bill Stone
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30 **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**
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32 6:30:21 PM Chairman Kristie Overson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed
33 those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all
34 Council Members were present.
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36 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence**
37 **– Council Member Christopherson (Opening Ceremonies for July 8, 2015 to**
38 **be arranged by Mayor Lawrence Johnson)**
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40 6:30:47 PM City Administrator John Taylor directed the Pledge of Allegiance.
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1 6:31:42 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson offered the Reverence.
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3 **1.2 Mayor's Report**
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5 No Mayor's Report was given.
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7 **1.3 Citizen Comments**
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9 6:32:46 PM Chairman Kristie Overson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the
10 audience. She then called for any citizen comments.
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12 6:33:47 PM Gordon Willardson expressed appreciation to Unified Police Department Chief
13 Tracy Wyant and the Taylorsville Precinct for their law enforcement officers. He cited tax
14 revenues received by the City. He expressed concern about plans to improve the City Center
15 property. He stated that he does not want to see excessive spending to landscape property that is
16 for sale.
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18 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Overson closed the citizen comment
19 period.
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21 **2. APPOINTMENTS**
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23 There were no appointments.
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25 **3. REPORTS**
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27 **3.1 Senior Center Report – Pauline McBride**
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29 6:36:30 PM Taylorsville Senior Center Manager Pauline McBride reported on recent activities
30 and upcoming events at the Taylorsville Senior Center. She cited staff members at the Senior
31 Center. She reviewed statistics for rides provided to and from the center, recreation units, meals
32 provided, number of volunteers, and volunteer hours. She highlighted some new activities, i.e.
33 Bunko, evening craft classes, step aerobics, etc. She said that a computer class will be started up
34 in July. Ms. McBride announced that the Senior Center recently achieved national accreditation.
35 She described an ESL (English as a Second Language) Class that is now being provided and
36 thanked Taylorsville City for help with transportation.
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38 6:42:28 PM Ms. McBride referenced 62 current community partners with the Senior Center. She
39 listed new lights, blinds, and fans installed at the facility. She noted that exercise activities are
40 now being held in the new fitness room. She said this room and the pool room are greatly
41 appreciated and both are utilized often.

1 6:43:41 PM Ms. McBride reported on recent County personnel changes.
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3 6:44:26 PM Ms. McBride cited the Father's Day Breakfast scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015,
4 at 9:00 a.m. She announced that an indoor buffet will be held on June 25, 2015.
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6 6:46:07 PM The success of the ESL Class was discussed.
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8 6:47:24 PM Council Members commended Ms. McBride and the Senior Center staff for their
9 efforts and specifically for the work being done with refugees.
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11 **3.2 UFA Quarterly Report – UFA Asst. Battalion Chief Todd Caldwell**
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13 6:48:35 PM UFA Assistant Battalion Chief Todd Caldwell introduced himself as the new
14 Taylorsville liaison and reported on services provided by the Unified Fire Authority. He gave an
15 update on the new Fire Station 117. He explained that architects will be submitting plans to the
16 City by the second week in July. He cited a possible groundbreaking for the new station by the
17 end of September. He expressed gratitude for the City's support.
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19 6:50:33 PM Chief Caldwell noted that Taylorsville is usually in the top three cities within the
20 UFA for call volume. He explained the difference between Basic Life support (BSL) and
21 Advanced Life Support (ASL). He said that there is now the option to use a BSL ambulance for
22 basic calls.
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24 6:52:12 PM Chief Caldwell reviewed statistics on fire calls for the first quarter. He described
25 man-hours typically spent on fire calls. He outlined first quarter medical calls. He noted that
26 these are not all transport calls, but are Taylorsville specific. He presented a graph illustrating a
27 12-month summary for both Stations 117 and 118. It was noted that both stations remain very
28 busy.
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30 6:54:51 PM Chief Caldwell discussed fire prevention activities conducted in the City and
31 referenced Tom Smolka who oversees fire prevention activity for Taylorsville.
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33 6:55:58 PM Council Member Barbour asked whether fire inspections for businesses are
34 performed annually and Chief Caldwell confirmed that is the case. He described specific
35 schedules for fire inspections.
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37 6:57:16 PM Chief Caldwell reported on customer service activities performed through Stations
38 117 and 118. He cited a desire to portray a positive image in Taylorsville through working with
39 citizens.
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1 [6:58:08 PM](#) Chief Caldwell delivered a safety message and shared tips for safe hiking practices.
2 He thanked City officials and staff for participating in the promotion of the “Push to Survive”
3 Program.

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5 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

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7 **4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting: 05/20/15**

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9 [7:01:02 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda.
10 Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for
11 discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as
12 follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All**
13 **City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

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15 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

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17 **5.1 Public Hearing – For a Proposed Amendment to Section 13.26.040 and**
18 **13.26.090 Regarding Nonconforming Sign Regulations and Pylon Sign (with**
19 **Frontage on I-215) Height Standards, Respectively – *Mark McGrath***

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21 [7:01:49 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath cited three parts to the proposed
22 text amendment, as originally applied for, in regard to legal nonconforming signs. He relayed
23 that two of the parts are being considered tonight and have official recommendations from the
24 Planning Commission.

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26 [7:02:58 PM](#) Mr. McGrath described the first proposal regarding legal nonconforming signs. He
27 noted that the existing pole signs at the Crossroads of Taylorsville are legal nonconforming signs
28 in regard to height and size, meaning that they were previously approved and are legal but no
29 longer meet current standards. He explained that the applicant would like to remodel the signs,
30 but language in the code would need to be tweaked slightly to facilitate that.

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32 [7:03:38 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong questioned how the existing signs are in
33 nonconformance. Mr. McGrath said that they are typically nonconforming in height, but some
34 are also nonconforming in area. He cited height as the main nonconforming factor.

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36 [7:04:05 PM](#) Mr. McGrath explained that the second element of the proposed change is
37 concerning freeway oriented pylon/pole signs and the allowed height. He noted that current City
38 code is fairly restrictive in terms of what can be done with nonconforming signs. He cited State
39 law that allows the signs to exist legally and provides that zoning laws are not retroactive. Mr.
40 McGrath read current code, as follows: “Excluding normal maintenance and repair, a
41 nonconforming sign shall not be moved, altered, or enlarged unless it is brought into complete

1 compliance with this chapter.” He explained that changing out the sign names and routine
2 maintenance are exempt from this provision. He described a proposal to add an additional
3 exemption that would say: “Any alteration that renovates or remodels an existing nonconforming
4 sign intended solely to visually enhance the sign without increasing the level of nonconformity.”
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6 7:05:27 PM Mr. McGrath illustrated existing signage at the Crossroads of Taylorsville and cited
7 the large variety of the types of signs there. He noted that there is currently no type of
8 conformance or architectural tie-in to the buildings. He observed that the existing signage
9 situation is not desirable for the business or from a community standpoint. Mr. McGrath
10 illustrated the sign that is the most out of conformance at 52’ tall and noted that current code says
11 pylon signs can be a maximum of 25’ tall.
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13 7:07:42 PM Mr. McGrath summarized and illustrated the signage improvements proposed by the
14 Crossroads of Taylorsville. He relayed that there are currently eight signs, all of which are
15 nonconforming in terms of height. He stated that the owner is proposing a reduction to six signs
16 that are generally smaller in size. Mr. McGrath illustrated the existing marquee sign, with a
17 proposal to shrink the height to about 50 feet and make it considerably thinner.
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19 7:11:03 PM Mr. McGrath confirmed that under the current code the applicant’s proposal is not
20 legally allowed, although everyone agrees that the proposed signage is better than the old
21 signage. He relayed that the applicant has expressed the importance of bringing uniformity to
22 the center, as well as upgrading the condition of the property.
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24 7:11:39 PM Mr. McGrath relayed that the Taylorsville Planning Commission met on this
25 proposal on May 12, 2015 and made a unanimous recommendation to the City Council to allow
26 modification of the existing nonconforming signs. He explained that the second element of the
27 amendment is to do with freeway-oriented pylon pole signs. He relayed that the applicant has
28 requested to move the sign closer to Redwood Road to increase visibility from the freeway. Mr.
29 McGrath illustrated the proposed 75 foot tall sign with an electronic message center. He
30 compared it to 85 foot tall signs located near Valley Fair Mall. He noted that the existing
31 freeway sign is about 32 feet tall.
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33 7:16:13 PM Mr. McGrath illustrated freeway images and elevations behind the Crossroads
34 property. He referenced section drawings provided by the developer and cited concerns over the
35 impact a 75 foot tall sign would have on neighborhoods and the adjacent apartment complex.
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37 7:20:56 PM Mr. McGrath showed freeway simulations for varying sign heights.
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39 7:27:22 PM Mr. McGrath reported that during their June 9, 2015 Meeting, the Taylorsville
40 Planning Commission recommended allowing the 75 foot tall sign, with a 3 to 2 split. He
41 observed that this is a citywide amendment and would be applicable to all commercial properties

1 consisting of at least seven acres within the City. He described properties that could potentially
2 have 75 foot tall signs.

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4 7:28:28 PM Mr. McGrath explained that, during final analysis of the application, Staff realized
5 that these pylon signs are no longer considered conditional uses, but are permitted uses. He
6 recommended that that any freeway-oriented pylon signs be considered a non-administrative
7 conditional use, so that the Planning Commission has ability to implement conditions, i.e.
8 turning off a sign at night, etc.

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10 7:29:45 PM Mr. McGrath clarified that this would not legally qualify for a variance based on
11 State law, as it is economic in nature.

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13 7:30:40 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson asked whether this proposal has an impact on
14 Bangerter Highway. Mr. McGrath said that it does not and is tied specifically to I-215. He
15 confirmed that his recommendation is to change the code so that this type of tall sign, with an
16 electronic message center, falls under a conditional use instead of a permitted use. He clarified
17 that the recommendation for conditional use is only for freeway-fronted properties of seven acres
18 or more. Mr. McGrath acknowledged that he does not yet have a proposed ordinance
19 amendment prepared for Council consideration related to this conditional use recommendation.

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21 7:33:23 PM It was confirmed that whatever amendment is adopted tonight will be relevant to
22 some other large properties that are freeway oriented. Other potential properties were cited.

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24 7:33:49 PM City Administrator John Taylor noted that the City has not yet looked at the impact
25 on citywide properties, other than the subject property.

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27 7:34:15 PM Mr. McGrath clarified that regional-oriented shopping centers are typically seven
28 acres or larger. He confirmed that the proposed amendment would only apply to commercial
29 properties.

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31 7:35:45 PM Chair Overson said she agrees with the reasoning for implementing a conditional use
32 requirement for pylon signs. She asked whether the City's Ordinance Review Committee has
33 any overview for land development code amendments. Mr. McGrath said that they typically do
34 not, as planning ordinances go to the Taylorsville Planning Commission instead. He confirmed
35 that Bangerter Highway is not a freeway and this proposed amendment is specific to I-215,
36 which is the only road in Taylorsville considered a freeway. He acknowledged that Taylorsville
37 currently does not have any frontage roads, although that may change someday.

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39 7:37:41 PM Mayor Johnson asked whether a 50 foot sign would be visible before the off-ramp.
40 Mr. McGrath relayed that the applicant has indicated in previous meetings that this sign is for the
41 purpose of advertising stores at Crossroads and is not intended for impulse buyers. Mayor

1 Johnson asked whether the 75 foot sign could be lit 24/7. Mr. McGrath acknowledged that there
2 is no provision for preventing that in code currently and that is why he is suggesting that this
3 type of sign be made a conditional use so that the Planning Commission can place appropriate
4 restrictions.

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6 7:39:35 PM Chair Overson asked about regulations in the ordinance that apply to dimming
7 lighted signs. Mr. McGrath confirmed that there is already language in code that would apply to
8 that.

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10 7:40:20 PM Council Member Dan Armstrong asked about the ability to monitor or limit sign
11 content to ensure that it is not a distraction to drivers. Mr. McGrath explained that there is
12 general language in code that nothing can be done to distract drivers, but there is nothing specific
13 to electronic message centers. He noted that billboards are illegal in Taylorsville and a sign
14 cannot advertise a business that is not on the premises.

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16 7:41:08 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell said this problem is unusual, but the City takes the
17 position that billboards are illegal. He noted that, if content is obscene, there are options to the
18 City to prevent that. He acknowledged that free speech is allowed, as long as it is not obscene.
19 He observed that the market will likely dictate content for a property like the Crossroads.

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21 7:43:36 PM Mr. McGrath explained that there is also a provision in code that says messages on
22 electronic message centers cannot have video and only allows for a static image that is on the
23 sign at least 8 seconds. He confirmed that free speech is allowed, but video is illegal.

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25 7:45:06 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess agreed that these types of signs should be
26 conditional uses so that the Planning Commission can monitor them and the City is protected.
27 He also recognized the applicant's goal to draw attention to the newly redeveloped shopping
28 center in Taylorsville. He cited a desire to advertise the renovated property.

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30 7:47:16 PM Chair Overson invited the applicant to speak.

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32 7:47:51 PM Applicant Bill Stone described efforts to clean up signs and make them more
33 uniform and smaller in size. He stated his goal of trying to make Taylorsville look better by
34 improving the center. He addressed the freeway-oriented 75 foot sign being requested. He
35 referenced visibility problems related to lower freeway signs with the sound walls, rails, and
36 other obstructions. Mr. Stone cited certain agreements with tenants to provide signage. He
37 stressed that this property is the Crossroads of Taylorsville and is a City sign as well as a sign for
38 the shopping center. He explained that the beauty of the new types of signs is that they can be
39 programmed instantaneously to adjust lighting. He said he is agreeable to notching the lighting
40 of signs down and working with the City on brightness, hours, etc. Mr. Stone stated a
41 commitment to allow the City and community groups to have messages on the sign. He reiterated

1 his opinion that in order to ensure the identity of the Center and the City, the higher sign is
2 needed.

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4 7:53:52 PM Council Member Barbour asked about traffic counts on Redwood Road and I-215.
5 Mr. Taylor relayed traffic counts, as follows: 5400 South count is 40,000 per day; Redwood
6 Road count is 60,000 per day; and I-215 count is 100,000 per day.

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8 7:55:02 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess asked about the cost of signage. Mr. Stone relayed
9 that the proposed freeway sign is \$250,000 and the total for all signage proposals at the center is
10 \$1 million. He cited the quality of the programming for signs. He expressed that the signs will
11 be beneficial to the City and to people driving through the area.

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13 7:56:46 PM Mr. McGrath described the requested pole sign as a freeway-oriented pylon sign,
14 with inclusion of an electronic message center (EMC). Chair Overson asked about any conflicts
15 in the code with an EMC and a pylon sign. Mr. McGrath said that additional restrictions come
16 into play once an EMC is added to the sign.

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18 7:59:15 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson asked for clarification on what current code
19 allows. Mr. McGrath confirmed that under current code, the applicant is allowed a 50 foot sign
20 with inclusion of an EMC. He clarified that the only thing in question is the height of the sign.

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22 8:00:10 PM Council Member Barbour questioned whether an EMC could be added to the
23 existing sign there now. Mr. McGrath affirmed that they would be allowed to do so. He noted
24 that the existing sign is only about 13' above the freeway grade and is in compliance.

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26 8:01:09 PM Council Member Burgess cited the need to bring in outside traffic through signage
27 in order to establish shopping centers in Taylorsville.

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29 8:02:32 PM Chair Overson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen
30 comments.

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32 8:03:12 PM Doug Shupe expressed concern over a sign in his back yard and the potential for
33 light pollution. He said that big signs are not needed. He stated that he will be impacted by this
34 sign being viewed right in his backyard. He referenced ways that his property has been affected
35 by the City.

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37 8:06:00 PM Jay Curtis said he lives at 5919 Farmers Road and is about 200 yards away from the
38 sign. He observed that he is probably the closest house to the sign and it will shine right into his
39 backyard. He asked whether anyone else would want that kind of illumination in their own
40 backyard.

1 8:07:10 PM Cary Davis said he lives on Canal Road and recently received information about the
2 proposed signage. He expressed that he applauds economic development going on in
3 Taylorsville, but cited potential impact to properties along Canal Road. He stated that he
4 currently hears lots of road noise and adding one more element will be another distraction. He
5 said that the 50 foot sign is okay, but a 75 foot sign should be discounted on its own merit. He
6 referenced other properties that could also put up large signs.

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8 8:10:11 PM Richard Walter, a resident on Canal Road, referenced dark-sky lights going into the
9 new Labrum Park, and expressed concern with a big, bright sign going in that it is not
10 compatible. He commended the Google Earth maps presentation and said that the 75 foot tall
11 sign appears to be a distraction to drivers.

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13 8:13:24 PM Anthony Koplin stated that he lives on Canal Road. He commended the economic
14 improvements, but cited concern with potential safety hazards related to driving distractions. He
15 agreed that the night sky will be polluted with light. He said his key concern is for safety.

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17 8:15:03 PM Ted Jensen, Planning Commissioner, said that the \$1 million cost could be better
18 spent on other elements of the development instead of on signs. He said that 75 foot and 65 foot
19 tall signs are too high and approval of this amendment will set a dangerous precedent in
20 Taylorsville. He suggested that it is not worth the traffic hazards, etc.

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22 8:17:23 PM There were no additional citizen comments and Chair Overson declared the public
23 hearing closed.

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25 8:17:45 PM Council Member Dama Barbour acknowledged the importance of economic
26 development and signage. She said she believes a whole new sign package is needed. She stated
27 her agreement with Mr. Jensen to a big point and suggested that eye level signs are much better.
28 She said she is very concerned with the impact of tall signs on neighborhood and with setting a
29 precedent for other properties in the City. She relayed that she has more concerns now than she
30 had prior to the meeting.

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32 8:20:38 PM Council Member Dan Armstrong said he cannot accept the sign package as a whole.
33 He stated that he can accept Exhibit A, but not Exhibit B. He suggested that larger signs along
34 the freeway do not help the City, as people are too busy driving.

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36 8:21:41 PM Council Member Christopherson said he appreciates the concerns and comments of
37 citizens. He relayed that the subject property is in his district and he has received many calls and
38 emails. He stated that he supports economic development and typically supports Planning
39 Commission recommendations. He commented that it is important to allow renovation to
40 existing signs, but he has concerns over changing heights. He noted that if there were no impact
41 to residences, he would have no problem. Council Member Christopherson said he is in favor of

1 allowing for the renovation of existing signs, but is not in favor of changing heights. He
2 summarized his position as being against the Planning Commission's recommendation.

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4 **8:24:30 PM** Chair Overson stated that she has listened to Planning Commission minutes and
5 attended their meetings. She said her concerns are with the global impact to Taylorsville with
6 this ordinance change. She noted that the height of signs is a factor and cited the nonconforming
7 sign code requirement to eventually eliminate nonconforming signs. Chair Overson referenced
8 the City's intent, as described in code, to clean up and beautify areas. She relayed concern with
9 the potential impact and unintended consequences citywide and asked whether the ordinance is
10 being followed as outlined.

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12 **8:26:50 PM** Council Member Ernest Burgess asked about the option to table the ordinance and
13 do further study.

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15 **8:27:08 PM** Chair Overson listed options before the City Council, as follows: (1) To uphold the
16 Planning Commission's recommendation; (2) Table the matter; or (3) Deny the application. Mr.
17 Cowdell cited another option to alter part of the ordinance and strike all references to 13.26.90
18 for height requirements, with the other section being adopted. Mr. Cowdell suggested that
19 consideration of making the conditional use recommendation should go back to staff and could
20 be noticed for future discussion.

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22 **8:28:45 PM** Council Member Dan Armstrong discussed Exhibit A, which allows changes to
23 signs, as long as heights are not changed. He said he cannot go along with Exhibit B and
24 recommends striking Exhibit B completely and keep current height requirements. He indicated
25 that he is willing to make that a motion. Mr. Cowdell suggested that the motion be framed to
26 adopt Ordinance 15-05, striking all references to 13.26.090H.5 of the Land Development Code.

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28 **5.1.1 Ordinance No. 15-05 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to**
29 **Amend the Text of Sections 13.26.040 and 13.26.090H.5 of the**
30 **Taylorsville Land Development Code – *Mark McGrath***
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32 **8:29:53 PM** Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 15-05 – An
33 Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to Amend the Text of Section 13.26.040 of the Taylorsville
34 Land Development Code and striking all references to 13.26.090H.5 of the Land Development
35 Code. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie
36 Overson called for discussion on the motion. Mr. Taylor asked for clarification that the motion
37 is to allow maintenance and surface-type changes to existing signage as long as they do not
38 increase height, signage area, or non-conformance. Council Member Armstrong confirmed that
39 is the intent of his motion. Council Member Christopherson clarified that decreasing the surface
40 area of the sign is fine, but not increasing the level of nonconformance. Mr. Taylor noted that
41 resurfacing signs or installing new facades to clean up signs would certainly be encouraged. Mr.

1 Cowdell cited language in the ordinance to allow an alteration that renovates or remodels an
2 existing or nonconforming sign intended solely to visibly enhance the sign without increasing the
3 level of nonconformity. He said his interpretation is that alterations are limited to visual
4 enhancements. He reminded the Council that this is a citywide implementation, as it relates to
5 the alteration of nonconforming signs. Council Member Dama Barbour cited the applicant's
6 proposed signage plan and asked if that could now change. Mr. Cowdell agreed that the plan
7 could change, but the current proposal complies with the language in the ordinance, other than
8 the freeway sign. He noted that, under the ordinance, signs cannot be made less conforming.
9 Council Member Burgess clarified that signs can be enhanced and made a little smaller, but
10 cannot go bigger. Mr. Cowdell confirmed this to be the case and mentioned that this ordinance
11 makes it easier to practically change nonconforming sign. He suggested that the Council might
12 also want to revisit the intent language in City code in the future. Mr. Taylor observed that the
13 proposed language is encouraging the gradual change of nonconforming signs, but is not forcing
14 changes to be immediate. Council Member Burgess asked whether this plan is final or whether
15 another proposal will be coming back in the future to make an adjustment. Chair Overson
16 described alternatives and clarified that this motion basically accepts Exhibit A in the ordinance,
17 but strikes Exhibit B. There being no further discussion, Chair Overson called for a roll-call vote.
18 The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-no, Burgess-no, and
19 Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted and the motion passed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

20 21 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

22 23 **6.1 *Resolution No. 15-18 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Determining*** 24 ***the Certified Tax Rate and Levying of Taxes Upon All Real and Personal*** 25 ***Property Within the City for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 and*** 26 ***Ending June 30, 2016 – Scott Harrington*** 27

28 **8:39:58 PM** Chief of Finance Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution to determine the
29 certified tax rate for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. He explained that the tax rate is computed by the
30 State. He recommended adopting the tax rate, which will yield the same amount of revenue
31 received last year. He relayed that the City's tax rate is .001250, which will result in a yield of
32 \$3,169,918.

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34 **8:40:44 PM** Council Member Dan Armstrong questioned whether this changes anything. Mr.
35 Harrington indicated that an increase of \$12,000 for new growth is represented and the tax rate
36 percentage went down because house values went up.

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38 **8:41:29 PM** Council Member Brad Christopherson clarified that there were no tax increases this
39 year. Mr. Harrington confirmed that is the case and referenced the 50% tax reduction last year.
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1 [8:41:34 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 15-18 –
2 Determining the Certified Tax Rate and Levying of Taxes Upon All Real and Personal Property
3 Within the City for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015 and Ending June 30, 2016. Council
4 Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for
5 discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as
6 follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All**
7 **City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
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9 **6.2 Resolution No. 15-17 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Encouraging**
10 **Salt Lake County to Submit the 2015 House Bill 362 Authorizing a 0.25%**
11 **Local Option General Sales Tax Dedicated to Transportation to Voters in the**
12 **November 2015 Election – *John Taylor***
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14 [8:42:23 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor presented a proposed resolution encouraging Salt
15 Lake County to submit 2015 House Bill 362 for a local option gas tax to voters in either the 2015
16 or 2016 Election. He said that the intent of the resolution is to reflect direction given by the City
17 Council at the last meeting to encourage Salt Lake County to place the gas tax option on either
18 the 2015 or 2016 ballot. He noted that the City recommends that it be placed on the 2016 ballot,
19 but will support either year.
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21 [8:43:29 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong expressed concern with language in Section 1. He
22 said he has an issue with assessing sales tax and giving more tax to UTA. He agreed that
23 taxpayers need to address the matter. After some discussion, the majority of the Council
24 recommended striking the last sentence of Section 1 in the resolution.
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26 [8:47:20 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell described modifications made to the original draft
27 resolution provided by the League. He observed that striking the last sentence of Section 1 does
28 not weaken the resolution. Council Member Brad Christopherson indicated that he does not have
29 an issue with the proposed language in Section 1, but is okay either way. Further discussion
30 ensued and it was agreed to take out the last sentence of Section 1.
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32 [8:50:16 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess said he has a problem with the statement dealing
33 with placement on the 2015 ballot. Discussion was held and the majority of the Council agreed
34 to leave that language as is.
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36 [8:51:46 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 15-17 –
37 Encouraging Salt Lake County to Submit 2015 House Bill 362 Authorizing a 0.25% Local
38 Option General Sales Tax Dedicated to Transportation to Voters in either the November 2015 or
39 the November 2016 Election, with an amendment to strike the last sentence in Section 1 as
40 discussed. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie
41 Overson called for discussion on the motion. Council Member Ernest Burgess expressed concern

1 with a lower voter turnout if the issue goes on the ballot in 2015. Chair Overson suggested that
2 the proposed resolution would allow Salt Lake County to decide the timing. Mr. Cowdell cited
3 language in Section 6. Council Member Dama Barbour called for the question on the motion
4 and a roll-call vote was taken. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes,
5 Overson-yes, Burgess-no, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted and the motion**
6 **passed with a 4 to 1 vote.**

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8 **6.3 Resolution No. 15-19 – A Resolution Accepting a Grant From the U.S.**
9 **Department of Justice Programs in the Amount of \$29,916 for Law**
10 **Enforcement Equipment Updates and Program Overtime – *Scott Harrington***
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12 8:55:21 PM Chief of Finance Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution to accept a grant
13 from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$29,916 to be used for law enforcement
14 equipment updates and program overtime. He noted that this grant is received annually.
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16 8:55:37 PM Council Member Dan Armstrong asked about any requirements of the City
17 associated with the grant. Mr. Harrington indicated that there are some requirements, but they
18 have all been met.
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20 8:56:02 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 15-19 –
21 Accepting a Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs in the Amount of \$29,916 for
22 Law Enforcement Equipment Updates and Program Overtime. Council Member Ernest Burgess
23 **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There
24 being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes,
25 Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted**
26 **in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
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28 **7. OTHER MATTERS**
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30 **7.1 Resolution No. 15-15 – A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Cooperative**
31 **Agreement with Salt Lake County for a Contribution of TRCC Funds to**
32 **Help Fund the Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge Located at**
33 **Approximately 800 West (Jordan River) and 4500 South – *Wayne Harper***
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35 8:56:25 PM Economic Development Director Wayne Harper cited the demolition of the Castle
36 of Chaos today. He then presented a resolution to approve an interlocal agreement with Salt
37 Lake County for a contribution of TRCC funds to help construct a pedestrian bridge at 800 West
38 (Jordan River) and 4500 South.
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40 8:57:44 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 15-15 –
41 Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Salt Lake County for a Contribution of

1 TRCC Funds to Help Fund the Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge Located at Approximately
2 800 West (Jordan River) and 4500 South. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the
3 motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she
4 called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes,
5 Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and**
6 **the motion passed unanimously.**

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

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10 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

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12 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**

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14 8:58:27 PM It was noted that the July Meeting Schedule has been changed.

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16 9.1 **City Council Social Media Q&A/Briefing Session, Wednesday, July 8, 2015,**
17 **5:30-6:30 p.m.**
18 9.2 **City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**
19 9.3 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, July 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**
20 9.4 **City Council Social Media Q&A/Briefing Session, Wednesday, July 15, 2015,**
21 **5:30-6:30 p.m.**
22 9.5 **City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 15, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**
23 9.6 **Mayor’s Town Meeting – Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**
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25 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

26 9:00:09 PM

- 27 10.1 ***Taylorsville Expressway Master Plan Open House: Thursday, June 18, 2015 –***
28 **6:00 p.m., Taylorsville City Hall. This will be an open house event, where**
29 **you can review planning and design concepts, discuss options with the**
30 **planning team and City Staff.**
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32 10.2 ***Taylorsville Dayzz Celebration: June 25-27, 2015 – For Schedule of Events, see***
33 **www.taylorsvilleut.gov**
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35 10.3 ***Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Announcement: Taylorsville Area Clean-***
36 **Up Starts Thursday, July 2, 2015: For Dumpster placement dates in your**
37 **area, go to the Following Link:**
38 **<http://wasatchfrontwaste.org/index.php/area-clean-up>**
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1 **10.4 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Presented by the**
2 **Taylorsville Arts Council – July 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14, 2015, at 8:00 p.m., at the**
3 **Salt Lake Community College Amphitheater**
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5 **11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)**

6 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*
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8 **9:01:27 PM** Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to
9 discuss the sale or purchase of real property at 9:01 p.m. Council Member Dama Barbour
10 **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There
11 being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes,
12 Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All members of the City Council**
13 **present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
14

15 **Sale or Purchase of Real Property**

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17 Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Larry Johnson, Council Members
18 Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Armstrong, and Overson; City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; City
19 Administrator John Taylor; Economic Development Director Wayne Harper; Chief Financial
20 Officer Scott Harrington; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.
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22 Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.
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24 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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26 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City
27 Council Meeting. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie
28 Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote.
29 The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and
30 Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
31 The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.
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36 Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

37 Minutes approved:

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39 *Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*
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