

**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, September 2, 2015**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Lawrence 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  
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director  
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief  
Todd Caldwell, UFA Battalion Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer

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

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

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

6:01:30 PM Chairman Kristie Overson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

**1. Review Administrative Report – Administration**

6:02:03 PM The Administrative Report was reviewed and there were no questions or comments.

**2. Review Agenda**

6:02:11 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

6:02:54 PM Council Member Dan Armstrong referenced his idea to buy some raccoon traps. Chair Overson said this was a great suggestion. She indicated that she forwarded the recommendation to City Administrator John Taylor, who has agreed to look into options. The potential to make a mid-year budget adjustment was cited. Council Member Armstrong described issues that another neighbor is having with raccoons on his property.

6:04:14 PM Finance Director Scott Harrington confirmed that there is currently \$8,000 per Council District in the budget for cleanup/improvement projects, with a total of \$40,000 budgeted.

6:04:31 PM Chair Overson reminded Council Members who have not yet done so to RSVP to Council Coordinator Kris Heineman for the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on September 17, 2015.

**3. Adjourn**

6:05:12 PM Chair Overson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Others:** Spencer Ferguson, Don Youngberg, Lisa Schwartz, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Royce Larsen, Keith Sorensen, Renee Sorensen

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

6:30:08 PM Chairman Kristie Overson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Overson* (Opening Ceremonies for September 16, 2015 to be arranged by *Council Member Burgess*)**

Chair Kristie Overson directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Kristie Overson offered the Reverence.

### **1.2 Mayor's Report**

No Mayor's Report was given.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

6:32:41 PM Chairman Kristie Overson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

6:32:57 PM Keith Sorensen described problems he has had with vermin on his property. He said that he has trapped 23 raccoons and four skunks over the last two year period. He cited prohibitive regulations for trapping skunks and raccoons and offered some suggestions. He recommended the option of changing laws to allow home owners to legally dispose of trapped vermin on their property. He also suggested that Animal Control Services or law enforcement be allowed to destroy captured pests and have home owners dispose of them in the garbage. He cited a catch basin in his cul de sac that seems to be a vermin freeway. He suggested that the pipe be provided with a grate at the discharge end. He asked if the City will do something about this clear hazard to health, safety and welfare.

6:37:36 PM City Administrator John Taylor indicated that he has spoken to Animal Control and there will need to be some adjustments to the City's contract with West Valley Animal Services in order to deal with the pest issues. He acknowledged that the suggestions by Mr. Sorensen are good and there should be an ability to exterminate and dispose of pests. Mr. Taylor cited a grant the City is working on through the Environmental Protection Agency that will help provide gates on discharge pipes for the Jordan River and canals. He agreed that purchasing traps is a good idea. He confirmed that this is a big health and safety issue. He stated that he will keep in close touch with Mr. Sorensen, as his neighborhood is probably the most affected by this problem.

6:39:15 PM Royce Larsen commented on the property where the Cabana Club Pool was previously located. He stated that everyone in his neighborhood is grateful to have the swimming pool removed. He observed that no city funds have been budgeted to build the planned park there and so the property is on hold. He cited measurements for the property and suggested that it is big enough to be used as two residential building lots. He recommended that the property be sold for two homes in order to generate City revenue.

6:41:48 PM Mr. Taylor explained that when the property was deeded to the City, part of the agreement was that it would be kept as open space with some reference to the Cabana Club; therefore, there is not an option to sell the property for housing.

6:42:24 PM Mayor Johnson confirmed that the City made an agreement to take the property as a park and level it for safety purposes. He said that, as long as he is Mayor, the property will be used as open space.

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Overson closed the citizen comment period.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.1 Taylorsville Chamber – *Spencer Ferguson***

6:44:04 PM Spencer Ferguson, Vice-Chairman of the Salt Lake County Business Alliance reported on the Taylorsville Chamber of Commerce. He also recognized Don Youngberg, Chairman of the Salt Lake County Business Alliance, who participated in the report given. A certificate acknowledging the City's support of the Salt Lake County Business Alliance was presented to Mayor Johnson.

6:45:21 PM A Power Point presentation was rendered regarding the Salt Lake County Business Alliance.

6:46:03 PM A plan to change the name of the entity was referenced. Mr. Youngberg said he recommends the name ChamberWest, as it is familiar. He said a vote on the name will be held during the September 10, 2015 Meeting.

6:47:32 PM A desire for flexibility and change was cited, along with the need to evaluate what has worked in the past and to plan for the future.

6:47:52 PM The Alliance's core focus on business education, quality events, networking, and government advocacy was described. An invitation was extended to City officials to attend the September 10, 2015 Meeting, at 11:00 a.m., in the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, where Governor Herbert will be speaking.

6:48:11 PM A current organizational chart was reviewed and a newly proposed organizational chart was presented. It was noted that there is currently no president or Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in place and so the Alliance Board is temporarily fulfilling that role. Mr. Youngberg said a contract is currently in place with a Business Development Representative who has been conducting some business visits in Taylorsville. He cited the help of the administrator at the Chamber who is the "backbone" of the Alliance and cited the help of committees. The need to recruit a new CEO was referenced.

6:49:23 PM Existing committees were listed, as follows: Ambassadors, Education, Government Action, Leadership Institute, Membership, PiNG, and Women in Business.

6:51:13 PM Proposed Committees, along with their duties, were described as: Ambassadors, Government Action, Leadership Institute, Events, Membership, PiNG, and Women in Business. Committee makeup and officers were also outlined.

6:54:06 PM It was noted that Council Member Dama Barbour will sit on the Government Action Committee.

6:54:10 PM Plans to hire a highly competent and qualified CEO were described.

6:55:13 PM Chamber Action Items were outlined. The need was referenced for continued coordination with Taylorsville PIO Tiffany Janzen in order to involve the City in Chamber events.

6:58:31 PM City Action Items were listed as follows:

- Ongoing annual financial support
- Supply major event information to Chamber
- Additional investment through business licenses

6:59:59 PM Chair Kristie Overson stated her appreciation for the involvement of Taylorsville Youth Ambassadors in ribbon cuttings for new businesses. She said she also appreciates receiving weekly updates/schedules and seeing Taylorsville included. Chair Overson commented that she has personally benefitted from the Saturday morning legislative roundups held.

7:00:03 PM Council Member Dama Barbour thanked Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Youngberg for their good report. She said she is happy to serve on the Government Affairs Committee.

### **3.2 Public Safety Committee – *Lisa Schwartz***

Public Safety Committee Chair Lisa Schwartz reported on recent activities and upcoming events for Taylorsville's Public Safety Committee.

7:03:21 PM Ms. Schwartz shared the Public Safety Committee's motto of: "Helping You Keep Our Community Safe."

7:03:23 PM Ms. Schwartz listed goals of the Public Safety Committee, as follows: Promote Safety in Our City; Assist Neighborhoods in Becoming Stronger; Educate Citizens on Public Safety Issues; Assist the City Council; and Help Reduce Crime in the City.

7:04:35 PM Committee Projects for 2015 were described. It was noted that turnout was lower at the *Taylorsville Dayzz* booth this year.

7:05:10 PM Ms. Schwartz discussed the *Night Out Against Crime* event. She thanked City and Agency Participation, as follows: UPD Taylorsville Precinct, UFA Stations 117 and 118, Public Safety Committee, City of Taylorsville Emergency Management, Taylorsville City Council and Mayor, Chick Fil A, and the Utah National Guard.

7:07:14 PM Ms. Schwartz illustrated photos from the *Night Out Against Crime* event. She commented that turnout to the event was good.

7:05:24 PM Ms. Schwartz described the upcoming *Emergency Preparedness Fair* scheduled for September 10, 2015.

7:05:29 PM Ms. Schwartz referenced the committee's support of UFA's "*Push to Survive*" CPR Program.

7:09:46 PM Ms. Schwartz thanked City officials for allowing the Public Safety Committee to serve the Taylorsville community. She cited a need for more volunteers to serve on the Public Safety Committee.

7:10:44 PM Chair Kristie Overson noted that Public Safety activities are all scheduled within a few months' time period. Ms. Schwartz asked that she be advised if the Public Safety Committee can help at other events or with other committees.

7:11:46 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson recognized Ms. Schwartz for her fine efforts as the Public Safety Committee Chair.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

There were no matters for the Consent Agenda.

**5. PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no Planning Matters.

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no Financial Matters.

**7. OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters.

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

7:14:26 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell relayed that the documents related to the Erickson Development will not be ready in time for the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting. He asked whether an additional Council Meeting might be scheduled. Discussion followed and a Special City Council Meeting was tentatively set for September 30, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

7:15:48 PM Community Development Director Mark McGrath commented on the potential to work around the City Council's schedule and also hold a special Planning Commission Meeting if needed.

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

7:12:43 PM

- 9.1 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 **City Council Social Media/Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 **City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

7:13:16 PM

- 10.1 ***Taylorsville Emergency Preparedness Fair - Thursday, September 10, 2015, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Taylorsville Senior Center located at 4743 Plymouth View Drive, Taylorsville, Utah***
- 10.2 ***Tombstone Tales - September 10-12, 2015, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Taylorsville Cemetery. Please park at Eisenhower Junior High (4351 South Redwood Road). Transportation to the cemetery will be provided.***
- 10.3 ***Unified Police Department Presents “Take Back Event – Got Drugs?” – Saturday, September 26, 2015, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Citizens may bring their unused or outdated prescriptions to Taylorsville City Hall for safe disposal.***
- 10.4 ***Meet the Candidates (Sponsored by the Taylorsville Exchange Club) – Tuesday, September 29, 2015, 7:00 p.m., Taylorsville City Hall***

**11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**

*- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

7:19:18 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property at 7:19 p.m. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**Sale or Purchase of Real Property**

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Larry Johnson, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Armstrong, and Overson; City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; City Administrator John Taylor; Economic Development Director Wayne Harper; Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 09-16-15

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