

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

**Wednesday, July 20, 2016**  
**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 Ernest Burgess  
Vice-Chairman Brad Christopherson  
Council Member Kristie Overson  
Council Member Dama Barbour

**City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Shay Smith, City Engineer

**Excused:** City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; PIO Tiffany Janzen; Council Member Dan Armstrong

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

**1. Roll Call of Council Members**

[6:00:10 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Dan Armstrong who was excused.

**2. Review Administrative Report - *Administration***

There was no Administrative Report.

### 3. Review Agenda

[6:00:51 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

Council Member Dama Barbour cited two calls she has received regarding reserving City Parks. She called for a future policy discussion on that process. City Administrator John Taylor described the process for reserving City Parks that begins with Salt Lake County. Council Member Kristie Overson asked whether the policy is consistent with all parks. Mr. Taylor said a consistent policy is followed. He cited City parks that take reservations as: Taylorsville, Vista, Labrum, and Millrace. It was agreed that a future discussion will be scheduled. Chair Burgess cited a desire to simplify the reservation application process.

### 4. Adjourn

[6:07:06 PM](#) Chairman Burgess declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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## REGULAR MEETING

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Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Shay Smith, City Engineer

**Excused:** Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney; PIO Tiffany Janzen

**Others:** Ryan Page, Ruth Jacobson, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Howard Wilson, Royce Larsen, Lynn Handy, Reuben Pitts, Brian Duncan, Jeremy Olsen, Art Ledesma, Shari Ledesma

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

[6:30:01 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

### **1.1 Roll Call of Council Members**

City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Dan Armstrong who was excused.

### **1.2 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Barbour (Opening Ceremonies for August 3, 2016 to be arranged by Council Member Overson)***

[6:30:33 PM](#) UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:31:23 PM](#) UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski offered the Reverence.

### **1.3 Mayor's Report**

No Mayor's Report was given.

### **1.4 Citizen Comments**

[6:33:18 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:33:47 PM](#) Ruth Jacobson commented on debris, graffiti, and health/safety issues surrounding a canal that is located behind her home on Misty Drive in Taylorsville. She described a fire that occurred in the area along the canal on June 27, 2016. Ms. Jacobson acknowledged that she spoke with the City Administrator prior to the meeting and he has ensured that the area will be cleaned up immediately.

[6:36:12 PM](#) Shari Ledesma stated that she lives on Adobe Circle in Taylorsville. She requested that the City construct a block wall along the east side of 2700 West. She acknowledged that the City has already allocated funds for this project, but cited concerns that some property owners may not be in favor. She asked whether the City can work around any resident who may object to granting an easement.

[6:38:19 PM](#) Mr. Taylor said the City is currently moving forward with gathering easements from property owners for the wall project referenced. He gave clarification on the process for obtaining easements. He confirmed that property owners will be notified regarding the project.

[6:39:03 PM](#) Chair Burgess indicated that the City is committed to the wall project and cited the need to be patient.

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

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.1 Taylorsville Arts Council Report – *Howard Wilson***

[6:39:44 PM](#) Arts Council Chairman Howard Wilson described an episode he witnessed at a Taylorsville intersection wherein Taylorsville UPD Officer Van Leeuwen apprehended a perpetrator. Mr. Wilson thanked UPD Officers in the City for law enforcement efforts.

[6:41:45 PM](#) Mr. Wilson reported on recent events and upcoming activities for the Taylorsville Arts Council. He described the “*Taylorsville’s Got Talent*” event held on July 19, 2016. He observed that there was exceptional talent shared at the event, although attendance was low.

[6:43:19 PM](#) Mr. Wilson reported on the summer musical of “*Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*,” indicating that it enjoyed a successful run at the Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) over the last week.

[6:44:27 PM](#) Mr. Wilson described the Taylorsville Arts Council’s participation in *Taylorsville Dayzz* and gave special thanks to Arts Council Member Susan Holman for her efforts.

[6:44:49 PM](#) Mr. Wilson referenced another concert and a small play that are planned for fall at the Taylorsville Senior Center and the SLCC.

[6:45:27 PM](#) Mr. Wilson cited a video that can be viewed on *You Tube* regarding a flash mob performance to “Ode to Joy.” He said this video will help viewers gain an appreciation for classical music.

[6:46:07 PM](#) Council Members thanked all members of the Taylorsville Arts Council for their hard work.

[6:47:01 PM](#) Mr. Wilson noted that the City is working with SLCC to upgrade the amphitheater on campus.

[6:47:25 PM](#) Chair Burgess suggested inviting one of the performers from last night's event to offer the reverence at a future City Council Meeting. Mr. Wilson agreed to provide contact information for the individual.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Minutes - City Council Meeting: July 6, 2016

[6:47:48 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Ernest Burgess called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-excused, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

#### 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters.

#### 7. OTHER MATTERS

##### 7.1 Project Updates – *Shay Smith*

[6:49:14 PM](#) City Engineer Shay Smith reported on the status of current City projects, as follows:

[6:49:49 PM](#) **Cyanobacteria Testing / Algae Bloom** – Mr. Smith illustrated a map of sampling points. He explained that there is currently only one testing lab in the State of Utah that can perform 41 samples per week, so testing is limited. Mr. Smith discussed information on health effects, as provided by the State Department of Health.

[6:52:47 PM](#) Mr. Smith illustrated some levels tested in Taylorsville. He said more samples were taken from the Jordan River today and it will take about a week to receive those results.

[6:54:13 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked about any City properties that use canal water. Mr. Taylor cited several City facilities that use canal water, i.e. the Taylorsville Cemetery, the Heritage Center, and Labrum Park. He relayed that the cemetery has switched to culinary water, and the Heritage Farm is not using canal water. He explained that the process to convert to culinary water in Labrum Park has been expedited and should be done on Tuesday. He cited costs of about \$2,000 associated with the culinary system at Labrum Park.

[6:55:55 PM](#) Mr. Taylor described warnings regarding canal water that have been posted on the City website, through social media, and along affected areas. He said the City will be cautious and proceed accordingly.

[6:56:37 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson asked for clarification on the City's official position. She cited a link contained on the City website. Mr. Taylor suggested that citizens be cautioned against using canal water until further notice is given by the Canal Company and that they follow direction from the State.

[6:57:48 PM](#) Mr. Taylor confirmed that Taylorsville Park was converted to culinary water last year by Salt Lake County.

[6:58:29 PM](#) Mr. Smith cited environmental factors that have contributed to the problem with algae bloom. He addressed questions regarding the algae bloom. He said there is not much that can be done to solve the problem and it must run its course. He referenced precautions that may be taken. Mr. Taylor indicated that new information will be passed along to the Council as it is received.

[7:00:44 PM](#) **2700 West Wall (East Side)** – Mr. Smith relayed that easement documentation is currently being prepared for property owners and meetings will be held with them. He said that contractors have been contacted for quotes. He indicated that this first phase of the process takes the most time and then once that is completed, the wall itself will go up fast.

[7:01:45 PM](#) **Bowling Avenue Wall** – Mr. Smith illustrated a photo of the completed Bowling Avenue Wall Project. He observed that it turned out great.

[7:02:06 PM](#) **Park Projects: Vista Park and Cabana Club** – Mr. Smith relayed that the City has prepared Statements of Qualifications for suppliers and installers. He noted that if current contractors are used, the process will be expedited.

[7:03:46 PM](#) Mr. Taylor described the portion of Vista Park that is owned by the City of Taylorsville.

[7:04:04 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson observed that residents are very anxious for the project to start and are willing to sit in on any meetings on the project. Mr. Taylor described plans to get things in place in order to have a productive meeting with residents. He suggested selecting a representative for residents. Council Member Overson agreed to ask for a recommendation. She inquired about a projected finish date. Mr. Taylor indicated that efforts will be made to try and finish the project this season.

[7:06:36 PM](#) ***Street Milling and Overlays*** – Mr. Smith indicated that milling will be done on Saddle Way and 2200 West from July 27 – 29, 2016, with paving happening on August 1 and 2, 2016. He said the overlay project should be completed by August 17, 2016.

[7:06:48 PM](#) ***1300 West and Bennion Blvd. (6200 South) CIP*** – Mr. Smith illustrated the Taylorsville Storm Drainage Capital Improvement Plan Status Map. He said that right of way is currently being examined, along with survey data from the County. He stated that the drainage design and drainage patterns are being reviewed. He relayed that he and Lyle Hansen will begin going out and contacting residents soon. Mr. Smith indicated that some residents are excited about the project and some are not.

[7:07:52 PM](#) ***Storm Drain Inspections*** – Mr. Smith relayed that some storm drain inspections have recently been completed. He described new technology that is very effective in identifying problem areas in storm drains. He confirmed that some sections in the City cannot be done if there is too much water in the drains.

[7:09:46 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong joined the Council Meeting at 7:09 p.m.

[7:10:43 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour stated appreciation for the City's efforts to maintain storm drains and other infrastructure.

[7:11:39 PM](#) Chair Burgess referenced the importance of educating residents on how to keep storm drains clear of debris.

[7:12:13 PM](#) Mayor Johnson relayed that the fence has been ordered for the area between 4800 South and 5400 South in front of the school. He indicated that it should be started in about two weeks.

## **7.2 Discussion Regarding Community Signage – *Mark McGrath***

[7:12:40 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented recommendations of potential locations for additional community signage. He relayed that there is currently \$55,000 budgeted for community signage. He noted that, based on costs from previously constructed signs, this budget will likely enable the construction of one large, one medium, or two small

monument signs. He showed a master plan map illustrating potential community signage throughout the City. He noted that, for various reasons, not all of the specified locations are ready for signage.

[7:13:33 PM](#) Mr. McGrath relayed that he has identified 11 locations in the City that are probably ready for new signage. He said recommendations include a combination of parks, community buildings, and gateway locations. He illustrated the various options for sign types.

[7:15:54 PM](#) Mr. McGrath reviewed the 11 potential locations for new signs, as follows:

- 4100 South / Jordan River – Community Gateway Sign
  - Vertical type suggested
- 4700 South / Bangerter Highway (IHC Taylorsville Clinic) – Community Gateway Sign
  - Horizontal type suggested
- 4800 South/Jordan River – Community Gateway Sign
  - Vertical type suggested
- 6600 South / 2700 West – Community Gateway Sign
  - Residential neighborhood; no existing signage; vertical type suggested
- 5400 South /Jordan River (Millrace Park) – Community Gateway and Park Sign
  - Large monument type suggested
- Redwood Road / 5400 South (Center Point) – Commercial District Sign
  - Possible to retrofit existing sign with new branding
- 4900 South 2700 West (Taylorsville Recreation Sign) – Community Building Sign
  - Replace existing sign with better visibility
- City Center / 2700 West (City Center) – Community Building Sign
  - Integrate sign into existing landscaping at main entrance
- 1630 West 4800 South (Taylorsville Senior Center) – Community Building Sign
  - Existing sign still looks good, but location may be confusing; may relocate across the street to advertise the park, senior center and apartments
- 5000 South / 2200 West (Vista Park) – Park Sign
  - Described possible “Hall of Fame” wall along the ball field for future consideration; illustrated Taylorsville property lines for sign placement
- 5100 South Jordan Canal Road (Labrum Park) – Park Sign
  - Suggested location at main entrance into the park on the Canal Road or at the roundabout; vertical type suggested with City logo and park name
- Taylorsville Cemetery on Redwood – Community Location Sign

[7:33:53 PM](#) Mr. McGrath reiterated that there is about \$55,000 in the budget for signage this year. He observed that this would cover one very large sign, two of the horizontal signs, or three of the vertical signs. He estimated costs of about \$17,000 or \$18,000 for the vertical community

location signs. He said the cost to retrofit the two existing signs at Center Point would be about \$15,000 to \$20,000 for both.

[7:36:38 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson called for discussion on preferred locations.

[7:36:58 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson agreed that the existing sign in front of the Recreation Center is the most beat up and visibility there is poor. She also suggested that 4800 South / Jordan River would be a good location. She said she likes the idea of a Labrum Park sign.

[7:38:34 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson suggested new signs at the Recreation Center, 4800 South / Jordan River, and retrofitting the sign on 5400 South and Redwood. Mayor Johnson agreed that the sign at 4800 South looks bad.

[7:39:42 PM](#) Council Member Barbour agreed with Council Member Christopherson's suggestions. Council Member Armstrong said he would like to replace the most worn signs, but is not very particular about specific locations.

[7:40:36 PM](#) Chair Burgess said he likes the idea of a sign at the cemetery and noted that a new sign could be done with the Redwood Road Project. He said he would also like to plan for more branding signs over the coming years.

[7:43:07 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour agreed that the City needs to keep moving forward with its sign plan and signs should be dealt with as budget priorities each year. She asked about the costs for the three signs suggested by Council Member Christopherson. Council Member Overson concurred with Council Member Christopherson's recommendations.

[7:44:41 PM](#) Mr. McGrath agreed to follow up with the sign contractor to identify sign types and exact costs in order to move forward.

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

[7:45:24 PM](#) Chair Ernest Burgess referenced the need for a future discussion on the City's parks reservation policy.

[7:45:31 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson commended Administration for the lights that have been repaired and replaced in her Council District. City Administrator John Taylor relayed that Code Enforcement goes out once a week in the early mornings to identify lights that are an issue. He expressed hope that a difference will be seen as a result of proactive efforts.

[7:46:33 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked for clarification on whether light poles are being replaced. Mr. Taylor stated that more bulbs are being replaced so far, but acknowledged that rusty poles will have to be replaced at some point. He suggested that future discussion be held on this. He cited LED upgrades done in several areas in the City and also at Bennion and Westbrook Elementary Schools. He said efforts will continue at the remainder of schools to implement bright lights and flashing beacons at cross walks. Council Member Barbour observed that safety standards have been increased.

[7:48:43 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson referenced lights that were part of the Redwood Road Beautification Project and said the poles are now looking shabby and rusty. Mr. Taylor cited plans to purchase a couple of extra new poles for replacement purposes. He agreed to follow up on the potential of powder coating poles. He also discussed lights in front of Taylorsville High School that are in need of repair. He referenced related issues between UDOT, Rocky Mountain Power, and Salt Lake County. Mr. Taylor said that progress has been made, but those lights are still not on so the City will continue to follow up.

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

[7:50:14 PM](#)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 3, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 3, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.7 Mayor’s Town Hall Meeting – Wed., August 31, 2016 – 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

## **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

[7:51:03 PM](#)

- 10.1 Public Safety Committee Presents: “*Night Out Against Crime*” Thursday, August 11, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30p.m. at Taylorsville City Hall. See City Website for more information.**

[7:51:10 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong asked whether the City would want to have a scout troop provide hot dogs and hamburgers at the *Night Out Against Crime* event. Mr. Taylor said he did not think the Public Safety Committee would turn down such an offer. Council Member Brad Christopherson described activities planned for the event and noted that they would be similar to last year.

- 10.2 UFA Presents: “*Push to Survive*” Open House: August 3,9,15 & 21 – 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. at Station #118 located at 5317 South 2700 West**

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

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

[7:53:03 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property at 7:53 p.m. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Ernest Burgess called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was closed at 7:53 p.m. for the purposes listed below, wherein no other matters were discussed.

- **Discussion Concerning the Sale or Purchase of Real Property**

Those in attendance at the Closed Session were: Mayor Larry Johnson, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Armstrong, and Overson; 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 Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Ernest Burgess called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 08-17-16

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