

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2016
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

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

Excused: Mayor Lawrence Johnson

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

1. Roll Call of Council Members

[6:03:52 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:03 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

2. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

[6:07:04 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong called for future discussion regarding UDOT's timing of traffic lights. He cited heavy traffic congestion. City Administrator John Taylor acknowledged that there is a problem on 5400 South and an adjustment may be needed by UDOT's Operations Department. He agreed to arrange for a meeting with UDOT to specifically discuss traffic light timing. Council Member Armstrong confirmed that he will attend the meeting scheduled. Council Member Kristie Overson observed that there is also a traffic signal timing issue on Redwood Road that is creating congestion.

[6:10:09 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong cited an advertisement he heard earlier in the day by Summit Vista indicating that they are now moving dirt on their project. Mr. Taylor acknowledged that dirt is being moved in conjunction with the road that is being built for the City.

3. Adjourn

Chairman Burgess declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Lawrence Johnson

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Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Shay Smith, City Engineer

Others: Oanh Le-Spradlin, Pam Roberts, John Gidney, Jim Dunnigan, Lynette Wendel

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:32:14 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

1.1 Roll Call of Council Members

[6:32:52 PM](#) City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.2 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Armstrong (Opening Ceremonies for November 2, 2016 to be arranged by Council Member Barbour)*

[6:32:54 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:33:30 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong offered the Reverence.

1.3 Mayor's Report

[6:34:11 PM](#) Mayor Lawrence Johnson reported on the improving medical conditions of two young girls who were involved in a serious auto-pedestrian accident last July on 4800 South.

[6:36:30 PM](#) Jim Dunnigan reported on the successful Taylorsville Dayzz event held last summer. He noted that he has been serving as the Taylorsville Dayzz Chair for 16 years. He reviewed the history of the event and thanked elected officials for their support. He cited the guest artist that performed with the symphony to commemorate the City's 20th Anniversary. Mr. Dunnigan noted that Taylorsville Dayzz is a great event for families and the community. He cited hundreds of volunteers who provide service during the event.

[6:39:43 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong cited some incidents that occurred during the event and asked whether there are additional steps that can be taken to improve security. Mr. Dunnigan acknowledged that there are a lot of people who attend Taylorsville Dayzz and cited the committee's goal to make it a safe event. He relayed that a meeting is being planned to discuss additional security measures that may be implemented.

[6:41:54 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour thanked Mr. Dunnigan and his volunteers for their work over the years. Council Member Brad Christopherson added his appreciation and noted that the Taylorsville Dayzz event is a great activity for the City.

1.4 Citizen Comments

[6:42:44 PM](#) Chairman Ernest Burgess reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 UDOT – I-215 Update Report – *Oanh Le-Spradlin*

[6:42:58 PM](#) Oanh Le-Spradlin, Project Manager with UDOT, gave a progress update on the I-215 Improvement Project. She noted that the project spans from 300 East to S.R. 201. She listed completed activities, as follows:

- Asphalt resurfacing on WB I-215 from 300 East to Redwood Road
- Ramps at S.R. 201
- Ramps at 4700 South
- 3800 South SB bridge
- SB I-215 bridge demolition over S.R. 201
- Concrete Paving in the median

Ms. Le-Spradlin illustrated a video of the hydro demolition technique on the project. She described the bridge demolition process at S.R. 201. She outlined current activities, including: construction of the 3500 South Bridge; finishing up ramps at 4700 South and S.R. 201; and the mainline SB I-215 reconstruction.

[6:50:45 PM](#) Ms. Le-Spradlin indicated that the project will continue during the winter and addressed winter operations. She reviewed traffic shifts that are planned. She discussed ramp impacts and noted that most ramps will be open for the holiday season, except the westbound S.R. 201 on-ramp, which will be closed for up to 65 days beginning late October.

[6:52:52 PM](#) Ms. Le-Spradlin reviewed 2017 activities planned for the project, as follows: Northbound I-215 reconstruction; ABC bridge slide at S.R. 201; and additional ramp improvements.

[6:53:30 PM](#) Ms. Le-Spradlin called for questions from the Council. Council Member Dan Armstrong asked about any advance notifications that will be issued to residents regarding ramp closures. Ms. Le-Spradlin said that UDOT's media department has plans in place to advertise way in advance.

[6:55:22 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong described traffic congestion and impacts along 5400 South and 4700 South. He cited a need for UDOT to better time traffic lights. He said adjustments need to be made soon before the holiday shopping season commences. Ms. Le-Spradlin agreed to relay concerns.

[6:57:24 PM](#) Mayor Johnson thanked UPD officers for traffic enforcement and also expressed appreciation to UDOT for their high concern over safety, signage and traffic. He noted that UDOT follows up on any complaints. He cited a kit that is issued for those who are impacted by construction noise.

[6:59:56 PM](#) Ms. Le-Spradlin relayed that complaints or concerns can be phoned in to 888-528-WROC or emailed at I-215@utah.gov.

3.2 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Report – Pam Roberts

[7:02:11 PM](#) Pam Roberts, of the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD), reported on sanitation services provided in Taylorsville during the third quarter.

[7:02:23 PM](#) Ms. Roberts reviewed District updates and information. She cited the annual *Area Cleanup Program* concluded on June 14, 2016 in Taylorsville. She relayed that there are currently 553 Green Waste subscribers in the City of Taylorsville who have helped divert 212 tons of green waste from the landfill this year.

Ms. Roberts discussed usage of the public glass collection container at Salt Lake Community College and said it is down 87% from last year. She indicated that WFWRD is coordinating with the college's Sustainability Coordinator to promote the site for students and the community.

Ms. Roberts relayed that the contracts with recycling vendors have been renewed. She indicated that even though costs are increased, it is still much cheaper than using the landfill. She also described the annual leaf bag program

[7:04:05 PM](#) Ms. Roberts referenced the upcoming WFWRD Board Meeting to adopt the 2017 budget. She reported that there will be no raise in rates/fees. She relayed that the Board composition will change in 2017. It was noted that Taylorsville Council Member Dama Barbour currently serves on the Board and there are nine members. Ms. Roberts explained that the Board will increase to 14 members to include representatives from metro townships.

[7:05:51 PM](#) Ms. Roberts cited the District's goal to "reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink." She reviewed tonnage and diversion rates, along with year-to-date comparisons. She indicated that so far this year residents have diverted 19% in recycling, glass and green waste. She said that results in a total savings of almost \$95,000. She also reviewed diversions district-wide.

[7:07:22 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor cited some previous scheduling issues with trailer rentals for code enforcement. He thanked WFWRD for its efforts to solve those issues.

[7:08:08 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson observed that the collection bins on 2700 South are already full of leaf bags. Ms. Roberts acknowledged that leaf bag collection volume is hitting early. Council Member Overson noted that there are no bins at Vista Park yet. She cited construction that will begin soon at Vista Park. Ms. Roberts acknowledged that bins will be placed strategically at Vista Park in conjunction with construction.

[7:09:37 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson asked about the final date for green waste collection. Ms. Roberts indicated that the deadline is mid-December.

[7:10:32 PM](#) Ms. Roberts relayed that WFWRD Executive Assistant Anthony Adams has moved into Taylorsville and lives in Council Member Ernest Burgess's District.

3.3 Economic Development Report – *Wayne Harper*

[7:12:52 PM](#) Economic Development Director Wayne Harper reported on economic development activities in Taylorsville. He relayed that the first implementation of DSRC, in conjunction with autonomous vehicles, will happen in Taylorsville. He stated that there will be boxes on every intersection signal pole on Redwood Road that will communicate with UTA busses along that route.

[7:15:37 PM](#) Mr. Harper relayed that beginning at 9:00 p.m. on October 28 and continuing through 5:00 a.m. on October 31, 2016, Bangerter Highway will be closed between 4700 South and 5400 South while the water line is installed under the highway. He said that detours will be provided for rerouting and 5400 South will stay open. He said that a map illustrating detours will be provided tomorrow. He clarified that 4000 West will not be closed. City Administrator John Taylor observed that 3200 West and 4000 West will probably receive the majority of the traffic that is rerouted. He noted that the 5400 South and 4700 South intersections will remain open, but the highway in between will be closed over the weekend specified. Mr. Harper indicated that detour maps will be forwarded to the City's Public Information Officer who will post the information on the City website.

[7:18:09 PM](#) Mr. Harper cited several recent ribbon cuttings and business openings. He listed businesses that will be opening soon. He relayed that the new Regal Cinemas Theaters will open in February of 2017.

[7:20:11 PM](#) Mr. Harper illustrated photos of progress being made at the Crossroads of Taylorsville development.

[7:20:57 PM](#) Mr. Harper shared photos of new development at Legacy Plaza at 54th. He described the demolition of the Showstar Cinemas 6 building and relayed that Texas Roadhouse will be building at that location now.

[7:22:08 PM](#) Mr. Harper cited the following activities in conjunction with the Summit Vista Project: implementation of a new marketing team; additional pre-sales; subdivision plat ready; and staff review of plans. He indicated that the City is waiting for them to close on the property and new roads are being constructed on the site. He illustrated photos of roadwork at 6135 South and Prairie View Drive. He clarified that Summit Vista has permission from UDOT to construct the road and, if they fail to close on the property, UDOT will own the road.

[7:23:33 PM](#) Mr. Harper discussed plans for the Crescent Corporate Center and indicated that construction there will start in the spring.

[7:24:33 PM](#) Mr. Harper stated that three more businesses have closed at the West Point Shopping Center, including Arctic Circle, and only two tenants now remain.

[7:25:03 PM](#) Mr. Harper reported that Rancheritos is relocating. He stated that the Bank of the West building is under contract and will be replaced by a fast food restaurant and car wash.

[7:25:44 PM](#) Mr. Harper cited the former RC Willey property and called it a great enigma. He showed the latest site plan and relayed that there is no active tenant looking at the building. He noted that Starbucks and Popeye's will be going in on pads at the front of the property.

[7:26:19 PM](#) Mr. Harper stated that Mad Greek and Taco Time recently closed and Beto's has moved in. He said that the TV Specialist building owner has submitted plans to renovate that building and add a second story.

[7:27:08 PM](#) Mr. Harper reported that the Taylorsville Town Center has been acquired by new owners who are planning to keep the center as is for now, but may do some upgrades and modernization of that center in about a year. He stated that the City will be meeting with the owners regarding specific plans for the Center in about two weeks.

[7:27:52 PM](#) Mr. Harper reported that the Iasis Oquirrh Medical Building will be going in across the street from the City Hall property on 2700 West and 5400 South.

[7:28:21 PM](#) Mr. Harper gave an update on IHC moving into Sorenson Building 12 with a pharmacy technical support call center. He noted that ITT has shut down nationwide. He indicated that there are three empty buildings in that area which brokers are working to fill.

[7:29:48 PM](#) Mr. Harper discussed the Taylorsville Crossing property and efforts to fill up that building. He illustrated photos of current construction on I-215.

[7:30:39 PM](#) Mr. Harper called for questions and there were none. He shared a positive post from West Jordan City's blog regarding active development currently occurring in Taylorsville.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – October 5, 2016 City Council Meeting

[7:32:11 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson **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: Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members 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 Lighting Discussion – *Shay Smith*

[7:33:21 PM](#) City Engineer Shay Smith gave a presentation on street lighting in the City related to costs for street light replacement. He indicated that costs to replace the 1260 lights owned by the City would be about \$3000 per fixture (including pole and base), for a total of about \$5 million. He acknowledged that this is the high end cost. He cited costs for 10-year, 15-year and 20-year replacement plans. He described life cycles of lights.

[7:38:26 PM](#) Mr. Smith indicated that the costs of converting lights from sodium to LED would be about \$300 per light (with a total of \$500,000 for 1260 lights). He acknowledged that a total replacement plan would include LED lights.

[7:39:01 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson questioned whether the new light poles would be the black town & country style. Mr. Smith confirmed that would be the case. He gave clarification on some light fixtures in the City that are owned by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). City Administrator John Taylor gave additional explanation that about half of the lights in Taylorsville are owned by the City and half are owned by RMP. He clarified that the costs provided are only for City-owned lights. It was noted that lights last about 20 years. It was confirmed that replacement would include the base, pole, and light. Council Member Dan Armstrong inquired whether some of the existing bases might be used. Mr. Taylor said some may be preserved, but that is yet to be determined.

[7:41:35 PM](#) Mr. Smith described a plan to put all the lights in a GIS account and record the condition of each.

[7:42:41 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour said she appreciates this information and the City needs to start looking at a plan. She noted that it is not feasible to replace all the lights at one time, but stated that it would be irresponsible to not come up with some kind of a plan.

[7:43:27 PM](#) Mr. Smith illustrated maps of City-owned lights and RMP-owned lights.

[7:43:47 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson inquired as to what the City's Public Works contract covers. Mr. Taylor explained that the City has a separate street light contract with Salt Lake County Public Works in the amount of \$90,000, which includes power for the lights, maintenance, and emergency response for lights. He indicated that the City usually ends up with roughly \$30,000 that goes back into capital replacement and infrastructure of lights. Mr. Taylor clarified that there is not much maintenance that can really be done to extend the life of poles. He noted that weather factors affect the condition of poles.

[7:45:52 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour cited problems already seen on lights installed on Redwood Road. Mr. Taylor explained that the powder coating used now lasts longer. He observed that the City should increase the streetlight replacement allocation now and start addressing the need. He suggested that if nothing is done with street lights for 10 years, it will be a problem.

[7:47:27 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong inquired about money saved on energy costs by going to LED lights. Mr. Smith said he does not have a cost estimate for that, but acknowledged that it should be a significant savings. He discussed potential costs to buy out lights from RMP, rather than paying for their use. He explained that it is currently a lengthy three-layer process if a

light goes out through RMP. He observed that the City may want to consider buying out some of those RMP lights.

[7:49:23 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson asked for clarification on powder coating on decorative silver lights and outages with Redwood Road lights. Mr. Taylor described a conduit running under Redwood Road that is affecting outages and cited issues with determining responsibility. Council Member Overson asked about safety issues relating to unlit lights aligning Taylorsville High School. Mr. Taylor indicated that those lights are on UDOT's road and it is UDOT's issue.

[7:51:06 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson cited rocks at the I-215 exit (next to Workforce Services) and questioned who owns that property. Mr. Taylor confirmed that UDOT owns the property. Council Member Christopherson indicated that the rocks show the effects of having pipe laying on them. He questioned who is responsible to make the rocks look better, as they did when the original beautification project was completed. Mr. Taylor said that City crews can re-rake the rocks as a simple fix, but full restoration should be UDOT's responsibility.

[7:53:15 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell weighed in on UDOT easement access documents. He noted that UDOT usually strictly enforces those easements.

[7:54:44 PM](#) Mr. Smith indicated that he will look at energy numbers. Mr. Taylor recommended sitting down with RMP to determine costs for purchasing their lights. He clarified that the City pays for the energy, but pays RMP to maintain their lights. Mr. Smith cited a \$10 fee on each light on top of energy usage. Potential costs for a study on RMP-owned lights were referenced. It was recommended that this be addressed at budget time.

[7:56:17 PM](#) Council Member Barbour observed that lighting is an important safety concern. She stated that the City needs to move forward with a plan for the study and get the process going. Mr. Taylor agreed to get a cost of what RMP requires to run a study.

[7:57:38 PM](#) Chair Ernest Burgess cited a two part plan involving costs for replacing City lights and costs for acquiring RMP lights. Mr. Taylor agreed that there are two parts and said the lighting contract with Salt Lake County will be reviewed prior to budget recommendations.

7.2 Discussion Regarding Amending 2.36.040 of City Code Regarding Campaign Finance Statements – *Tracy Cowdell*

[7:58:22 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell called for follow-up discussion regarding a potential amendment to Section 2.36.040 of City Code to address campaign finance reporting. He referenced discussion held in the previous City Council Meeting related to the campaign finance disclosures of elected officials in Taylorsville and cited direction that was given to draft an

ordinance amendment. Mr. Cowdell noted that a memo from the attorney's office, a draft ordinance and examples of code for Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County were provided in Council packets. He reviewed current State election code and Taylorsville reporting requirements.

[7:59:54 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell noted that every city in Salt Lake County follows State law in regard to campaign finance requirements, except Holladay City (who has less stringent code than State law) and Salt Lake City (who has more stringent requirements than State law). He clarified that if a municipality has not adopted its own ordinance for finance disclosure requirements, it must follow State law, which is what Taylorsville currently does.

[8:01:02 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell listed three options for Taylorsville, as follows: (1) continue to leave City code as is and follow State law; (2) require additional disclosure requirements and reporting dates, along with adopting the majority of State law; or (3) completely re-write and adopt the City's own election ordinance. Mr. Cowdell said that he recommends option number three the least. He called for the need of direction from policy makers.

[8:03:14 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell explained that the drafted model Ordinance No. 16-13 leaves in the entire election code for the City as following State law, except it modifies a small section to require some additional campaign disclosure requirements. He said this draft ordinance was based on feedback and direction given in the last Council Meeting. He recommended one additional minor tweak to set the annual disclosure date for elected officials as December 31 for yearly reporting of contributions and expenses. Mr. Cowdell explained that candidates would provide disclosures on July 1 during an election year, seven days before each primary/general election, and no later than 30 days after a municipal election. Elected officials would also file an annual disclosure on February 15th of each year, unless a termination report is filed with the City Recorder. He noted that there could conceivably be years when a person is a candidate and an elected officer and, in that case, both categories would apply to that individual. Mr. Cowdell called for feedback or any additional direction from policy makers.

[8:06:51 PM](#) Mayor Lawrence Johnson stated a desire to share some thoughts and questions as he was not in attendance at the last Council Meeting when this proposal was discussed. He noted that Taylorsville follows the State election code and no one has ever raised concerns about the current disclosure process. He observed that the process is good and the State law is strictly followed. He indicated that only Salt Lake City has added more disclosure requirements and he does not believe Taylorsville wants to be like Salt Lake City. He agreed that the City should always be looking for ways elected officials can be more transparent. Mayor Johnson said he is in favor of strict compliance with Utah law, although he could support a few changes to the City's election ordinance. He said he would support the requirements for disclosure seven days before a primary and general election, as well as 30 days after the election. He also suggested that all elected officials should disclose every July 1, which would prevent elected officials from

raising money right after being elected and then not having to report for 3 ½ years. Mayor Johnson indicated that the February reporting date does not make sense to him, as candidates are not yet known at that time and people are not thinking about elections. He questioned whether the February reporting date is for the public and the residents, or whether it is for a political reason.

[8:08:52 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong called for clarification on the reporting periods and whether totals will be cumulative for the whole term. He said he questions the practicality of the proposed date requirements. He noted that most accountants are pretty busy in mid-February.

[8:10:25 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell described the way the process would work practically through adopting the Utah Code. He clarified that each report is a standing report and is essentially not cumulative. He explained that any money raised or any funds spent during a reporting period would all be reported, unless a termination report is filed with the City Recorder.

[8:12:38 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong expressed concern with reporting dates that do not coincide with bank statement cutoff dates, etc. He recommended picking a quarter-end date like March 31 or June 30. He said he has issues with standing elected officials opening up campaign books to new candidates. Council Member Armstrong asked if there is another motive behind this proposal that should be brought to the Council for discussion.

[8:13:49 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell repeated his recommendation that the reporting period be set for year-end at December 31, with the actual report not due until January 15th or February 15th. He said this will give the elected officials time to reconcile books.

[8:14:45 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong relayed that he has done accounting for another elected official (not in Taylorsville) and observed that this reporting could become very complicated. He asked again whether something else is motivating this or if someone has a problem.

[8:15:17 PM](#) Mayor Johnson commented that he is in favor of everyone reporting on July 1st, which is still six weeks before the primary election. He observed that all elected officials should be reporting at the same time. He agreed that the February 1st date presents difficulties. He cited the potential of opening up campaign books and, even though there is nothing to hide, having another candidate piggybacking on that information. The Mayor reiterated that all six officials should be reporting at the same time. He observed that if the purpose for the ordinance amendment is political, it is wrong. He said that a mid-February reporting date is too early and recommended pushing it toward July 1st, which is still six weeks ahead of the primary election.

[8:17:39 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson acknowledged that she brought this issue up two weeks ago. She said her basis for doing so was the trend being seen within organizations of financial mismanagement, whether personal or as a company. She noted that even if this is only

occurring with one person, it is a reflection on the entity or City. She stated that her motivation is transparency and that is why she brought this matter forward.

[8:18:35 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour relayed that she has the same motivation of transparency and agreed that all six elected officials should provide financial disclosures at the same time.

[8:18:57 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong recommended giving a little time and pushing the reporting dates to a less busy period.

[8:19:37 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson said he is confused, as his recollection of the previous discussion two weeks ago is that there were concerns that there is 3 ½ year drought between the election and the potential for raising money. He said this is regardless of which office is held. He acknowledged that he has not received any complaints himself. He cited concern, as Taylorsville certainly has a lot of development occurring currently. He stated that he has not received donations from anyone who has business going before the City Council, but it is imperative to ensure that the City is squeaky clean. He observed that public trust and transparency are a big deal. He said that officials should not be looking for ways to hide the ball, but rather to shed light. He suggested that if there is nothing to hide, then books should be disclosed. Council Member Christopherson stated that he has not raised any money since he was elected, but is happy to produce any bank statements on his campaign account. He said his understanding was the intent not to change any dates for candidates running for office, but simply change the ordinance for elected officials to make financial disclosures on an annual basis.

[8:21:47 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson said he does not believe campaign finance disclosures would require accountants, as anyone can maintain a ledger of contributions and expenses. He reiterated that there is nothing wrong with transparency and there is a huge issue with public trust in this country. He suggested that the disclosure only requires a simple ledger on what was raised and spent for public review. He agreed that February 15th is not a good deadline, but an annual date should be picked for disclosure from elected public officials. He noted that if an official is raising money, it should be disclosed and put out in front; if not, it is disclosed and does not matter.

[8:23:43 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell mentioned that the draft ordinance contains some of the language from the Salt Lake City ordinance to address a municipal election. He described the way disclosures would work around a municipal election. He noted that the dates in the ordinance can be changed to whenever the Council directs.

[8:25:27 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong asked for clarification about financial disclosures for candidates who are potential running for office and begin collecting for a campaign prior to

announcing candidacy. Mr. Cowdell explained that under State law, once an individual is gearing up to run for election, a campaign committee needs to be formed and a bank account opened in the campaign's name. He said that once this is done, disclosure rules apply, but the first disclosure would not be due until July 1 of the municipal election year according to the draft ordinance. He noted that under current State law, a person could raise all kinds of money, perhaps even from nefarious sources, and not have to disclose it until seven days prior to the election. Mr. Cowdell restated the four reporting dates proposed in the draft ordinance for candidates in a municipal election year, along with a disclosure required for elected officials in February of each year. In years when there is no municipal election, only the February 15th disclosure report would be required, unless a termination report is filed with the City Recorder. Mr. Cowdell said the idea is that if an elected official is not raising money, a campaign disclosure report does not have to be filed.

[8:27:01 PM](#) Council Member Armstrong asked if anyone who starts a campaign committee can be required to file a report, as well. Mr. Cowdell confirmed that this could be required and a disclosure could even be required every 30 days if the Council desired. He acknowledged that disclosures are a lot of work during campaign periods.

[8:28:21 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong said that, through campaigns he has worked with, he has seen 15 or 20 people with authorization to expend campaign funds. He observed that obtaining the financial receipts from volunteers can be difficult and timely. He proposed giving a little more time to present campaign disclosures and requiring anyone who opens a campaign committee to do the same thing with the same deadlines.

[8:28:52 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour agreed with that suggestion and thanked Mr. Cowdell for putting all the information together. She indicated that she supports as much transparency as possible. She cited the good discussions held both tonight and two weeks ago and suggested coming back in two weeks to discuss going forward.

[8:29:35 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell called for any feedback and said he is happy to provide a couple of different ordinance options if desired. He indicated that he can also receive feedback through email or telephone calls if needed. Council Member Barbour agreed that is what she will do.

[8:30:06 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson stated that he would like to see a simple annual disclosure form from elected officials. He said that a simple disclosure statement similar to that done for outside interests would suffice. He indicated that he is not trying to create additional work, but just wants to form public trust.

[8:31:08 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson recommended just saying "an election" and removing language specifying a primary or general election. She also suggested taking out the February 15th date, but requiring an annual disclosure.

[8:31:43 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson suggested a January 15th date. Council Member Armstrong recommended allowing more time than 15 days.

[8:31:53 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell suggested that an easy way to construct the ordinance statutorily is to state that all candidates and elected officials follow the requirements of Utah Code, with the addition of an annual disclosure date of June 30th.

[8:32:28 PM](#) Council Member Overson said she believes that all the Council is asking for is an annual disclosure.

[8:32:38 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour suggested that the Council can think about that date.

[8:32:50 PM](#) Council Chair Burgess agreed that it is fair that everyone has the same reporting requirements so that it is equally transparent. He suggested that the potential date for annual reporting can be discussed in two weeks. Council Member Barbour agreed and Chair Burgess said this is the direction of the Council.

[8:33:18 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell said he has only one additional question. He stated that the way the ordinance is written now, it is anticipated that the disclosures will be consecutive. He observed that an additional disclosure may not necessarily be consecutive, but rather a separate annual disclosure requirement. He cited a potential problem if some of the things that may want to be seen closer to an election are not contained in the report and only totals are included. He said that if the Council anticipates a dual disclosure system, it should be addressed in the ordinance.

[8:34:38 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson asked for confirmation that campaign finance statements are available for viewing on the City website once they are submitted.

[8:35:12 PM](#) City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle confirmed that all campaign finance statements are required to be posted on the City website and are still there from the last municipal election. She clarified that those statements from past years' elections have since been taken down from the City website, but are maintained as permanent City records and are available for public inspection.

[8:35:35 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell said that the easiest thing for City staff would be to make the finance statements consecutive and not concurrent. Council Member Christopherson agreed that makes the most sense. Mr. Cowdell suggested using the same forms and producing statements consecutively. Council Members concurred.

[8:36:14 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour called for confirmation that the same disclosure forms would be used that have always been provided to candidates. Mr. Cowdell confirmed that

the same forms would be used for reporting, but they would be submitted additional times. Council Member Overson agreed with this plan.

[8:38:29 PM](#) Chair Burgess asked for additional clarification on consecutive reporting. Mr. Cowdell clarified that one additional interim report would be added to current requirements. He noted that any deadline set later than July 1st would likely be too close to the existing deadline that is seven days before a primary election.

[8:38:07 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong mentioned a possible reporting date of May 15 or June 15.

[8:38:14 PM](#) Chair Burgess stated that transparency is the most important issue.

[8:38:47 PM](#) Mayor Johnson called for clarification on the dates of the candidate filing period for municipal elections. Ms. Cottle confirmed that the candidate filing period begins the first of June. The Mayor noted that candidates are known after the filing period ends and suggested that a reporting date sometime in June would be fine.

7.3 Park Reservation Process Update – *John Taylor*

City Administrator John Taylor gave an update on the City's process for citizens to reserve parks. He relayed that links have been provided on the City website to make reservations for City parks. He stated that Salt Lake County will also add the process for Vista Park. He said reservations will be accepted for Vista, Millrace, Labrum, Southridge, and Taylorsville Parks.

[8:41:07 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson called for clarification on consistency. Mr. Taylor stated that it will be the same process, whether from the County website or the City website.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

[8:41:58 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour cited a ULCT Legislative Policy Committee Meeting she attended with Council Member Overson and relayed that there are already 249 bills for the interim session. She stated that several bills pertain to licensing in the City and to fees. She inquired whether the City can defend all its fees.

[8:43:20 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath reported that the City is working on a new fee study for impact fees, etc. He said Zions Finance will be hired to bring the City up to date with State code. He indicated that business license fees are all up to date with State Code.

[8:44:05 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked whether the City has realized a reduction in its 911 surcharge fees. A slight reduction was referenced by Finance Director Scott Harrington. Council Member Barbour said that several municipalities have reported reductions. She indicated that food trucks will be another big issue that needs to be tracked. She relayed that she also learned a lot about the permit for storm water management. She observed that these are some things the City will have to deal with and be on top of. She confirmed that the bills will try to eliminate local control of food trucks.

[8:46:11 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson cited issues surrounding background checks related to food trucks.

[8:47:13 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson commented that there is currently no local control with food truck licensing and usually no sales tax is coming to the City from food trucks that come in. He said most food trucks are commissaries of Salt Lake City or Murray. He cited the potential of implementing co-licensing agreements.

[8:45:32 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson reported on a VECC Meeting attended today with Mr. Harrington and explained that there has previously been really spotty collection of 911 fees from telecoms, i.e. AT&T. He indicated that Senator Wayne Harper has agreed to run a bill to address this problem. Council Member Christopherson noted that this is critical in regard to the funding of VECC/911. He relayed that collections have increased by about \$300,000 in the last year since Mr. Morgan has been auditing 911 fees.

[8:49:58 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson cited some cable boxes that are unsightly and rusted with wires hanging out, especially on Redwood Road. She said this creates potential safety issues and asked who is responsible for these boxes.

[8:50:39 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor stated that boxes are the cable company's responsibility. He said that franchise agreements have been threatened previously and may need to be done. He described issues that have been dealt with in the past. He agreed to check the status of this issue with code enforcement. Mr. Taylor acknowledged that this should be addressed quickly because it is a safety issue.

[8:51:44 PM](#) Chair Ernest Burgess observed that decoratively painting cable boxes helps eliminate graffiti.

[8:52:35 PM](#) Senator Harper stated that an audit on 911 fees has been requested and education has been provided to national groups, i.e. AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc. He confirmed that this issue is being addressed and there will be some statutory changes.

[8:53:43 PM](#) Mayor Johnson asked whether it was more expensive to go with Hexagon for 911 and if it is a better system for the additional cost. Council Member Christopherson confirmed that dispatch is now through Hexagon. He said it is a more effective system that is more redundant and will save lives. He noted that an in-depth study was completed and confirmed that UFA was involved in testing the new system.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[8:55:42 PM](#)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 8, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[8:56:16 PM](#)

- 10.1 **“National Take-Back Event” for Unused and/or Outdated Medication:**
Saturday, October 22, 2016; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., at Taylorsville City Hall
- 10.2 **Taylorsville Symphony Concert – Featuring Music from the Maestros of Germany:** Friday, October 28, 2016 – 7:30 p.m. – Bennion Jr. High (6055 South 2700 West); Free to the Public

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

[8:57:04 PM](#) It was determined that no Closed Session was needed and a Closed Session was not held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

[8:57:08 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn 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: Armstrong-yes, Overson-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 8:57 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 11-02-16

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