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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2017
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Council Members:

Council Chairman Brad Christopherson
Vice-Chairman Daniel Armstrong
Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Ernest Burgess
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
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

Excused: Mayor Lawrence Johnson

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chairman Brad Christopherson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:04 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Chair Christopherson called for an update during the regular meeting on plans for walls on 3200 West and 6200 South and also concerning the status of gateway signs. He cited questions on sidewalk funds and a need for

further discussion regarding campaign finance requirements. A newspaper article questioning campaign contributions was referenced.

[6:07:18 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson cited information she emailed the Council regarding potential participation with the Western Growth Coalition. She asked council members to review this information for subsequent consideration.

2. Adjourn

[6:08:20 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Lawrence Johnson

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer

Others: Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Stephen Aina, Doug Stowell, Jim Dunnigan, Lynn Handy, Clark Knudsen, Meredith Harker, Ronald Allred, Carl Fauver, John Gidney, Dan Fazzini, Kory Holdaway, Debbie and Heather Bargon, Nancy Henderson, Noel Lee, Michael Lee, David Young

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:30:14 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson 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 Chair Christopherson (Opening Ceremonies for August 23, 2017 to be arranged by Mayor Johnson)*

Council Chair Brad Christopherson directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Christopherson offered the Reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

It was noted that the Mayor's Report will be given later in conjunction with the Taylorsville Dayzz Report.

1.3 Citizen Comments

[6:32:05 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Taylorsville Dayzz Report – *Jim Dunnigan*

[6:54:02 PM](#) Taylorsville Dayzz Chair/State Representative Jim Dunnigan commented on legislative efforts to help deal with the homeless population and mental health challenges.

[6:55:52 PM](#) Mr. Dunnigan reported on the recent Taylorsville Dayzz event. He described the various activities that took place. He thanked city officials, staff, law enforcement officers, and fire personnel for their contributions. He cited many volunteer groups, comprised of 391

individuals, who also assisted. He relayed that over 1400 volunteer hours were donated. He recognized members of the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee. Mr. Dunnigan also thanked Mayor Johnson for his efforts to ensure that motion sensor lights were installed on the Taylorsville Recreation Center in time for the event.

[7:02:12 PM](#) Council Members extended appreciation to Mr. Dunnigan and all those who worked to make Taylorsville Dayzz a wonderful event.

[7:02:48 PM](#) Mayor Johnson read an email received from Kristin Johnson describing the successful 5K Race that took place in conjunction with Taylorsville Dayzz. The Mayor thanked Ms. Johnson for her efforts.

3.2 Prosecutors and Indigent Defense Reports – *Doug Stowell/Stephen Aina*

[6:33:04 PM](#) Prosecutor Stephen Aina reported on prosecutorial services provided in the Taylorsville Justice Court during the two previous quarters. He described recent cases handled by prosecution. He provided statistics regarding DUI cases, other misdemeanor cases (thefts, assaults, domestic violence incidents, criminal trespassing), traffic cases, other infractions (disorderly conduct, noise disturbance), and parking violations.

[6:40:05 PM](#) Mr. Aina described challenges being faced as a result of strategies implemented to challenge DUI's.

[6:41:35 PM](#) Mr. Aina addressed questions from Council Member Dan Armstrong about challenges to speeding tickets.

[6:47:09 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell gave additional explanation on court processes surrounding plea agreements.

[6:49:11 PM](#) Doug Stowell presented statistics on court cases during the previous quarter for which indigent defense services were provided. He referenced difficulties encountered in court when dealing with individuals who have mental health problems. Mr. Aina agreed that this is a significant problem and cited alternatives that are being pursued.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Council Meeting: July 19, 2017

[7:05:34 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as

follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-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 Panhandling Laws, Regulations and Signage Discussion

[7:06:19 PM](#) Discussion was held about Taylorsville's laws and regulations regarding panhandling and signage.

[7:06:52 PM](#) Council Member Barbour referenced the recent State law passed regarding panhandling. She cited problem areas in the City.

[7:07:55 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell described new state law that was passed and noted that Taylorsville officers have been aggressively addressing problem areas with citations. He noted that Detective Scott Lloyd is overseeing this effort with very aggressive enforcement. Mr. Cowdell asked whether the Council wishes to prohibit panhandling through new city ordinance on city roads that are posted at less than 35 mph. He also described a lawsuit filed against Sandy City in regard to panhandling and said that his office will be monitoring that lawsuit. Mr. Cowdell noted that the state law is not just targeting panhandlers, but all unsafe activity on roads.

[7:12:20 PM](#) Further discussion ensued regarding specific activity that is prohibited under the new state law. It was noted that individuals are encouraged to donate to charitable organizations that assist the homeless, etc. rather than donating to individuals soliciting on city streets. Council Member Dama Barbour noted that the Family Support Center is always looking for contributions to assist families in need. She also referenced The Road Home as a good organization that assists homeless individuals.

[7:19:22 PM](#) UPD Chief Tracy Wyant commented on aggressive efforts that are being made by officers to enforce the law. He observed that the problem is likely to get worse before it gets better.

[7:20:23 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson asked what the city can do to help with the problem. Chief Wyant noted that many panhandlers are simply trying to support a drug habit. He encouraged donations to legitimate organizations that assist those truly in need.

[7:21:28 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor asked for the Council's input on the situation. Chair Christopherson said he has noticed an improvement, but is concerned with a potential increase to the homeless population in Taylorsville. He cited problem areas where homeless individuals are gathering and creating camps.

[7:24:27 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell described a large cleanup near the Jordan River that was recently conducted. He thanked legislators for recent proactive efforts.

[7:27:55 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour commented on sober living locations that are going into residences. Community Development Mark McGrath acknowledged that there are some of these in the city, but they are required to obtain business license.

[7:30:09 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess suggested the use of a drone system to identify homeless camps. Chief Wyant observed that until vegetation is removed on the private property and wetlands in the area, there will be continuing problems. Mr. Taylor said that the property owner involved is going through the process to have the wetland designation removed, but it is a very long process.

[7:33:48 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked about signage on Redwood Road for Sports Clips. Mr. McGrath described the way this issue was resolved with the business.

[7:35:11 PM](#) Mayor Johnson relayed that the architect for the Performing Arts Center (PAC) has been selected. He stated that he, Mark McGrath, and Gordon Wolf will be serving on the PAC Design Committee. He asked that a Council Member be appointed to the committee, as well. The Mayor said the committee will likely meet once per week. Chair Christopherson cited a desire to keep the Council apprised and allow them to weigh in on decisions.

[7:38:26 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell noted that having a lot of collaboration between the city and the county was contemplated in the agreement with the county, so that is the expectation.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

[7:39:36 PM](#) Chair Christopherson called for an update on gateway signs. Community Development Mark McGrath gave an update on the sign locations planned and said a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is now ready to go out. He noted that Salt Lake County has recently decided to place its own sign at the Taylorsville Recreation Center, so the city may want to focus on a different location. Mr. McGrath relayed that suggestions will be brought to the Council. He

acknowledged that the process is moving along and the SOQ will be sent out to sign companies. He confirmed that the preferred original design will stay the same and signs will be uniform.

[7:42:35 PM](#) Council Member Burgess cited a sign on 4700 South that is not currently lit properly. City Administrator John Taylor agreed to follow up.

[7:43:54 PM](#) Chair Christopherson cited a matching grant available with the County to hire a part-time Arts Director for the city to help coordinate with the Arts Council. He asked whether the Council would like to consider a budget adjustment to hire an Arts Expert. Mayor Johnson suggested waiting until the Performing Arts Center (PAC) is further along. Council Member Dama Barbour recommended having Gordon Wolf come and give input to the Council on the suggestion. Mayor Johnson described a pending agreement in the works with Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) for participation on improvements to its amphitheater.

[7:48:02 PM](#) Council Coordinator Kris Heineman confirmed that a presentation from the Arts Council is scheduled for the next Council Meeting.

[7:48:50 PM](#) Mr. Taylor gave an update on the 3200 West Wall. He stated that contact is being made with property owners and the hope is to start construction mid-September. Mayor Johnson discussed the potential 4700 South Wall (to the canal). Mr. Harper confirmed that matching funds are being pursued.

[7:50:20 PM](#) Chair Christopherson asked about a potential wall at 6200 South and 2200 West. Mr. Taylor explained that the city is working through issues with the Canal Company on this. He said a meeting was held last week and it is a work in progress to get all parties in agreement. Economic Development Director Wayne Harper confirmed that the city is waiting for a response from the Canal Company.

[7:52:27 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess inquired about a potential wall at 4700 South and I-215. Mr. Taylor noted that this will be part of the BRT project.

[7:53:32 PM](#) Mayor Johnson cited cleanup needed at the I-215 on/off ramps on 4700 South. He said that a grant will be pursued.

[7:54:39 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked if money left in her District's cleanup budget was used for sidewalks. Mr. Taylor confirmed that it was and said he will provide her with a list of completed sidewalk improvements.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[7:55:47 PM](#)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2017 – at 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 Taylorsville Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 6:15 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.6 Board of Canvassers Meeting – Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10.1 *Night Out Against Crime* (Sponsored by the Public Safety Committee) – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall**

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

It was determined that a Closed Session was not needed and no Closed Session was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

[7:56:30 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 08-23-17

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder