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City of Taylorsville
Work Session
Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Attendance:

Council Members:

Chairman Dama Barbour
Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief
Marsha Thomas, Judge
Michael Kwan, Judge
Tess Faulkner, Clerk of the Court

Excused: Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, Community Development Director Mark McGrath

Others: Ken Acker, Dean Campbell, Royce Larsen, Dave Ballou, Daryl Gudmundson, Gordon Wolf, Cary Davis, John Gidney, Philo Farnsworth, Lee Bennion, Brent Garside, Tom Haraldsen.

18:00:46 Chairman Dama Barbour called the Work Session to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. It was noted that Mayor Rechtenbach was excused.

1 **1. Budget Discussion:**

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3 **1.1 Police Services**

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5 18:01:54 City Administrator John Inch Morgan explained that he will be presenting an overview
6 on public safety, emergency irrigation water for the Taylorsville Cemetery, and employee
7 benefits.

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9 18:03:16 Mr. Morgan reviewed comparisons of the General Fund for fiscal years 1997 through
10 2013. He reviewed the history of the cost of public services.

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12 18:05:04 Public Safety trends and budget issues were reviewed. Specific budget data for law
13 enforcement services was outlined. Increases were cited to include an additional \$100,000 in
14 traffic enforcement and funding for two additional officers. Mr. Morgan noted that the
15 comparison is from base budget to base budget.

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17 18:11:58 Chair Barbour called for the need to add \$80,000 to equip two additional officers that
18 will be funded through a COPS grant. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the funding will be received
19 this year. Mr. Harrington explained that the full cost will be realized by the city in the fourth
20 year of the grant. He cited a one-time revenue amount that will be received through seizure
21 funds. Chair Barbour noted that \$100,000 for overtime costs also needs to be added.

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23 18:16:19 Council Member Christopherson observed that taking advantage of the federal COPS
24 fund is the cheapest way for Taylorsville to add additional officers. He stated his support of the
25 Police budget as presented.

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27 18:16:49 Council Member Johnson expressed concern about potential increases to the UPD
28 contract in future years. He agreed to the law enforcement budget, as presented, and Council
29 Member Overson concurred.

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31 18:18:52 Council Member Burgess called for some additional clarification. Mr. Morgan
32 explained that the city will pay \$80,000 for two police officers with the remainder of costs paid
33 by the COPS grant; however, if the grant is not awarded, the \$80,000 will be placed in the Fund
34 Balance and no new officers will be hired. Mr. Morgan confirmed that costs will continue as
35 referenced for three years and then during the fourth year the full cost will be assessed.

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37 18:20:26 UPD Chief Tracy Wyant gave statistics on the high call volume experienced in
38 Taylorsville that exceeds other precincts. He cited the \$585,000 savings the city has seen
39 through the recent change to UPD services.

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1 18:22:41 It was confirmed that all Council Members are in approval of the Police Budget as
2 presented.

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4 **1.2 Court Services**
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6 18:24:26 Mr. Morgan reviewed the budget history from 1999 to the present for Municipal Court
7 Services. He cited one FTE position eliminated in the Court, as well as one position that has
8 gone unfilled. He cited increases to employee benefits and to the prosecution contract.
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10 18:25:35 Judge Marsha Thomas cited current revenue at \$160 per case and referenced revenue
11 related to citations issued through police overtime and DUI citations. She relayed that 1,657
12 citations were issued by officers on overtime from November 18, 2012 through April 30, 2013.
13 Judge Thomas gave additional clarification on costs, comparing revenue per case and police
14 officer overtime revenue.
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16 18:27:42 Council Member Larry Johnson questioned whether an additional officer would be
17 more prudent than paying police overtime.
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19 18:28:14 Chief Wyant confirmed that for another \$20,000 to \$25,000 another officer could be
20 added. He explained that an additional officer would not necessarily be dedicated to traffic. He
21 cited the need to assign an officer to patrol. He observed that Taylorsville has two of the busiest
22 intersections in the State and cited the importance of monitoring those areas.
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24 18:29:46 Chair Barbour recognized members of the Taylorsville Budget Committee in
25 attendance. She informed committee members that the Council is open to their comments
26 throughout this year's budget discussion.
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28 18:31:17 Council Member Burgess asked for further clarification regarding the disbursement of
29 overtime hours. Chief Wyant stated that a block of hours are allocated per pay cycle for
30 dedicated traffic enforcement. He noted that statistics from overtime enforcement shifts are kept
31 for future reference.
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33 18:33:35 Council Member Johnson asked whether adding an additional traffic officer would pay
34 for itself.
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36 18:34:23 Mr. Morgan observed that there needs to be a balance between two new officers and
37 traffic overtime. He made clarification on the benefit to assigning traffic officers during crucial
38 periods and at specified areas.
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40 18:36:16 Council Member Johnson inquired about the Court's \$2,900 Travel and Training
41 Budget. Judge Thomas acknowledged that travel and training has been increased to

1 accommodate needed and required training for court clerks. She cited an offset through the
2 reduction of expense for office supplies.

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4 18:38:03 Mr. Morgan explained that some court increases cannot be avoided, i.e. contracts, etc.
5 He stated that efforts have been made to offset any increases through decreases in other areas.

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7 18:39:27 Mr. Morgan relayed the City's desire to renew the contract with the current
8 prosecutors.

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10 18:40:04 Chair Barbour noted that the city has no control over State surcharges.

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12 18:40:29 Council Member Christopherson inquired about the cost of the current prosecutors
13 compared to past contracts. Mr. Morgan cited the expertise of the current prosecuting attorneys
14 and gave his opinion that they are the best the city has ever had. Chief Wyant also commended
15 the work of the current prosecutors from a law enforcement perspective. Mr. Morgan indicated
16 that prosecution services could be re-bid, but continuity would be lost. He noted that he will
17 periodically bid out prosecution services.

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19 18:42:44 Judge Thomas commented on costs for the prosecutor and the indigent defense. She
20 cited the competency of both. She stated reasons that she would prefer that both contracts be
21 moved from the Court budget. Mr. Morgan confirmed that Administration oversees and
22 manages those contracts. He acknowledged that even if the city did not have its own court, there
23 would still be prosecution and defense costs.

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25 18:45:07 Council Member Overson inquired about bailiff services and Mr. Morgan confirmed
26 that those services are provided by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Overson then
27 asked for further explanation regarding the number of court employees. Judge Thomas gave
28 reasons that one staff position has purposely been eliminated, but is being held as a placeholder
29 in the event that caseload increases. She relayed that the Court is working diligently to keep
30 costs down.

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32 18:46:47 Chair Barbour observed that she believes the Court is going in the right direction. It
33 was confirmed that there are currently two full-time judges in the Court.

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35 18:47:21 Council Member Johnson stated that there is still a loss in the Court's funding and
36 asked for further explanation. Judge Thomas explained that the difference is based on projected
37 revenue and actual revenue. She cited the difference in caseloads when compared with other
38 cities. Judge Thomas relayed that the National Center for the State Courts recommends six
39 clerks per judge. She noted that District Courts have 6.7 clerks per judge. She explained that the
40 weighted caseload of 1.5 judges multiplied by six equals nine clerks. She observed that the City
41 has 10.75 Clerks, which is not outside the recommendations.

1 18:50:23 Chair Barbour called for a poll of the Council on approval of the Court budget.
2 Council Member Johnson cited concerns he has over the loss of money in the Court. Chair
3 Barbour noted that this is the best year the Court has had in recent years.
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5 18:52:33 Mr. Morgan cited the city's obligation to mete out justice regardless of whether the
6 Court is always making money. He said it is a philosophical question whether providing justice
7 should make money. He observed that the Court is always concentrating on efficiency. Mr.
8 Morgan commended all those in the Court for their concerted efforts to tighten the budget and
9 close the gap between Court revenue and expense.
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11 18:55:41 Judge Thomas described the implications of reducing the Court by one position when
12 the Court already has a very lean staff. She gave her promise that the Court will always
13 streamline as much as possible.
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15 18:56:31 Clerk of the Court Tess Faulkner cited the importance of every staff member in the
16 Court and cited the fast pace and busy schedule of everyone. She indicated that the impact of
17 cutting staff would be huge. She referenced improvements that have been made. Ms. Faulkner
18 gave additional detail regarding specific Court tasks and assignments.
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20 18:59:13 Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he is not ready to sign off on the Court
21 budget and would like to pursue additional information, i.e. the caseloads in other comparable
22 cities. It was agreed that the Court would provide information on caseloads.
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24 19:01:57 Mr. Morgan noted that the removal of traffic overtime affected Court revenue. Council
25 Member Christopherson observed that proposed increases to the budget are reasonable and
26 insurance increases are not in the city's control. Council Member Burgess called for additional
27 clarification on benefits.
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29 19:02:23 A poll on approval of the Court budget presented was, as follows: Johnson-no;
30 Christopherson-yes; Barbour-yes; Overson-yes; and Burgess-no (until additional information on
31 benefits is provided).
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33 19:04:17 Ken Acker inquired about the cost of the employee position that is currently unfilled.
34 Mr. Harrington relayed that the amount in the budget is \$55,972 for wages and benefits.
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36 **1.3 Fire and Emergency Medical Services** 37

38 19:07:01 Mr. Morgan reviewed budget trends for fire and emergency medical services from 1997
39 to 2013. He described the city's history for funding fire and emergency medical services. He
40 gave clarification on a 52% increase experienced in Fiscal Year 1998.
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1 19:08:30 Mr. Morgan cited budget issues regarding capital improvements to the Fire Station,
2 along with staffing and response times. He relayed that the proposed 2014 budget for fire
3 services is \$4,070,472, which is 16.8% of the total budget.
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5 19:09:25 UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski discussed staffing issues for fire services. He
6 described typical response procedures for standard traffic incidents, i.e. an engine company with
7 an ambulance usually results in five individuals responding for those two units. He cited
8 responsibilities of fire personnel and how they are utilized on a callout from VECC.
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10 19:16:00 Chief Ziolkowski confirmed that the fire budget presented does not include the
11 recommended addition of one staff member. He acknowledged that Station 117 could
12 accommodate one additional person if necessary. Chief Ziolkowski noted that currently the cost
13 for an FTE is \$113,000. He clarified that an additional person adds 24 hours to shift capabilities;
14 the total cost would be about \$400,000.
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16 19:19:27 Chief Ziolkowski confirmed that Station 117 has a four-man team and if the ambulance
17 must transfer, the station is out of service until the ambulance returns to city boundaries. Chair
18 Barbour confirmed that to remedy that situation, the cost is \$400,000 which is not part of the
19 recommended budget and is only included as an Add Package item.
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21 19:21:35 Council Member Overson asked whether the circumstances described have occurred in
22 Taylorsville. Chief Ziolkowski acknowledged that the situation has occurred. He described an
23 example of such an experience.
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25 19:24:33 Council Member Johnson relayed that he has heard no complaints regarding fire
26 service as it currently exists. He commended UFA for doing a great job.
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28 19:25:27 Mr. Morgan noted that automatic mutual aid is currently assisting Taylorsville and
29 services are being imported from surrounding cities far more often than they are exported. He
30 observed that the net import numbers are unfair.
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32 Chair Barbour emphasized that the services described are absolutely necessary.
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34 19:28:44 Chief Ziolkowski outlined the 5% increase to the fire budget, as mandated by the UFA
35 Board of Directors. He specified increases, as follows: health care premiums, retirement cost
36 increases, VECC fees, and UCAN radio fees. He noted that UFA does not have a choice on any
37 of these items.
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39 19:26:30 Chair Barbour polled the council on whether to accept the budget for fire services as
40 presented, with results as follows: Burgess-yes; Overson-yes; Barbour-yes; Christopherson-yes;
41 Johnson-yes. All Council Members polled were in favor of the fire services budget presented.

1 19:31:23 John Inch Morgan advised that the city must budget for a full year, assuming no Fire
2 District services are voted in by citizens in November. He cited the city's responsibility to
3 ensure a safe building and said this expense must be addressed at some point. He observed that,
4 if the city decides to build a new fire station, the best and quickest way would be to bond with a
5 debt service of \$400,000 to \$450,000. Mr. Morgan suggested that this should be revisited at
6 mid-year after the outcome of the election is known. He noted that it must be dealt with one way
7 or another. He mentioned that the fault line runs right through the existing fire station and it
8 could be leveled during an earthquake event.

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10 19:33:52 Mr. Morgan confirmed that if the city joins the District, the cost for fire services will go
11 down.

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13 19:34:12 Council Member Overson called for clarification on the building maintenance budget
14 for the fire station, and Mr. Morgan gave explanation on types of repairs that may be needed.

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16 19:35:10 Chief Ziolkowski said that typical repairs under \$5,000 are handled through the UFA
17 contract; if repairs are over \$5,000 and attached to the building, the expense comes back to the
18 city.

19 20 **1.4 Animal Services**

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22 19:36:09 City Administrator John Inch Morgan reviewed historic trends on costs for animal
23 services in Taylorsville. He cited no increase in this year's budget for animal services. He
24 added that the percentage of the budget for animal services is 1.87%.

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26 19:36:57 Mr. Morgan noted that the city owns approximately 18% of the Taylorsville/West
27 Valley City Animal Shelter, with bond costs at \$138,500. He discussed options available to
28 contract for animal services through other entities. Mr. Morgan advised that in order to contract
29 with another agency, the city would need to buy out the cost of the bond with West Valley. He
30 noted that in joining with West Valley City, there was a significant drop in costs. He described
31 changes to the model for animal services implemented through West Valley last year.

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33 19:39:41 Mr. Harrington confirmed that the bond obligation with West Valley goes to 2024 for
34 the full bond. Mr. Morgan gave clarification on equity in the building. Council Member
35 Johnson asked for clarification on community outreach services. Mr. Morgan gave explanation
36 on costs for community services. He noted that there are animal services events for the
37 community, such as the Best Friends Society and the Big Fix.

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39 19:42:19 Council Member Christopherson commented that the current Council is technically
40 bound by the decisions of previous councils. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the city could change
41 providers for animal services, but it would come at a cost.

1 19:42:04 The Council was polled as to approval of the budget for Animal Services, as follows:
2 Christopherson-yes; Johnson-yes; Barbour-yes; Overson-yes; Burgess-yes. Chair Barbour and
3 Council Member Overson cited the recent improvements made to animal services in conjunction
4 with efforts of a citizen committee.

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6 **1.5 Emergency Communications (911, VECC)**

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8 19:44:17 Mr. Morgan reviewed budget costs for 911 and VECC Emergency Communications.
9 He described fees that are assessed to each telephone line to fund emergency call takers through
10 the Public Safety Access Points (PSAP). He cited increases due to the addition of more mobile
11 lines over land lines.

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13 19:46:29 Council Member Christopherson cited the Council’s intent to support public safety
14 services. Poll of the Council was taken, as follows: Christopherson-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-
15 yes, Burgess-yes, and Johnson-yes. All Council Members voted in favor of the Emergency
16 Communications Budget, as presented.

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18 **1.6 Cemetery Emergency Water Connection Costs**

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20 19:47:04 Mr. Morgan relayed that the North Jordan Canal has been shut down for approximately
21 two months due to a break in the area of 6700 South. He cited the need to find other means to
22 irrigate the Taylorsville Cemetery.

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24 19:48:37 Mr. Morgan described two alternatives that are apparent, as follows: connect the
25 irrigation system to culinary water or contract for water trucks.

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27 19:49:11 City Engineer John Taylor gave additional information on water options, including
28 bringing in water trucks at costs of \$400 to \$500 per service. He clarified that this service would
29 be needed twice a week at approximately \$1000 per week. He noted that total expense for the
30 service of a water truck could result in \$8,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Taylor noted that another option is
31 a water utility easement at a cost of approximately \$10,000 at Conifer Way or by connecting at
32 Redwood Road at a cost of \$20,000.

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34 19:51:27 Mr. Morgan noted that the outage could be longer than two months. He cited the
35 potential for cracks in the canal and the need for re-piping the entire canal.

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37 19:52:33 Council Member Christopherson said he supports doing what is needed to keep the
38 cemetery green.

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40 19:52:48 John Taylor recommended the \$10,000 connection to Conifer.

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1 19:53:54 Council Member Johnson agreed that irrigation issues need to be resolved and
2 suggested taking the money needed from the fund balance. He cited the need to have a shut-off
3 valve and ensure water availability long-term.

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5 19:54:24 Scott Harrington cited some budget adjustments that could be made in the current
6 year's budget to cover the expense for the cemetery irrigation. He noted that there is about
7 \$10,000 that can be taken from the General Fund and also cited \$4,000 in the Cemetery Fund.

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9 19:55:26 Chair Barbour agreed that the cemetery needs to be kept green, but indicated that she
10 objects to taking anything from the fund balance.

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12 19:55:57 Lee Bennion gave clarification on watering hours at the cemetery. Mr. Harrington
13 estimated that watering costs could be \$1500 to \$2000 per month.

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15 19:56:36 Mr. Morgan noted that the north side of Taylorsville Park is owned by Salt Lake
16 County, who may make the decision to let that area go dry. It was relayed that the south side of
17 the park is owned by Taylorsville and already has a culinary tap.

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19 19:57:29 Council Member Overson indicated that the residents in her area benefit from the canal.
20 She inquired about options to recoup as shareholders in the canal since a fee is paid. Mr. Morgan
21 cited legal avenues that must be pursued.

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23 19:58:50 Council Member Overson observed that this is a good reminder of the need to maintain
24 an adequate fund balance for emergencies. Mr. Morgan commented on costly emergencies that
25 the City has experienced in the past.

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27 20:01:08 Council Member Johnson stated that he believes the canal will be operable again in two
28 months. Council Member Burgess asked if Conifer has the ability to provide the water pressure
29 needed. Mr. Taylor stated his belief that it does. He stated that he will verify this fact before
30 initiating the project.

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32 20:01:33 The consensus of the Council was to approve \$10,000 from the current budget in order
33 to connect to the Conifer water line.

34 35 **1.7 Employee Benefits**

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37 20:03:26 Mr. Morgan cited the need to make decisions regarding employee benefits in order to
38 set up an employee benefits fair very soon and provide timely information on insurance costs to
39 city employees.

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1 20:04:15 Mr. Morgan cited increased insurance premiums based on health care incidents among
2 employees. He stated that the payout has far exceeded the premiums.

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4 20:04:50 Mr. Morgan cited several options to reduce the increase to both city and employee
5 premiums, i.e. increase out-of-pocket maximums from \$2,000 to \$2,500; increase Emergency
6 Room co-pay amounts from \$250 to \$300; and remove chiropractic benefits from the plan. It
7 was noted that there is no proposed change to dental insurance. Mr. Morgan relayed that there is
8 an increased benefit with the optical plan at no added cost.

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10 20:07:25 Council Member Johnson suggested that the dental plan is poor. Mr. Morgan disagreed
11 and observed that the dental plan is widely approved by users and is fairly low cost.

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13 20:08:37 Council Member Johnson asked that consideration be given to changing the
14 city/employee split from 80/20 to 70/30 in order to increase employees' contribution. Mr.
15 Morgan recommended that the 80/20 split be maintained. He reiterated that a decision must be
16 made now in order to move forward.

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18 20:11:29 Chair Barbour called for questions from the Council.

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20 20:11:58 Scott Harrington cited the city's share of the increase in health insurance costs.
21 Council Member Johnson asked to see a 70/30 comparison with a lower deductible.

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23 20:14:37 Mr. Harrington cited employee costs for a family at mid-level coverage to be
24 approximately \$275 per month with the 80/20 split. Mr. Morgan reiterated the need for a
25 decision by next week. He agreed that, if more information is needed, it can be brought back
26 next week.

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28 20:16:26 Council Member Christopherson cited the consequence of ObamaCare.

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30 20:17:04 Mr. Morgan noted that healthcare coverage was bid out two years ago and is bid every
31 three years. He indicated that for the past several years, the city has received more benefit than
32 has been put out. He noted that the city saw a small increase in costs when young, healthy
33 officers were moved over to other police agencies. He described options the city was faced with
34 in changes to benefits plan.

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36 20:18:12 Council Member Christopherson said he would like to keep costs under control and
37 expressed his support for benefits as proposed.

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39 20:20:54 Council Member Overson said she is not prepared to give an answer tonight and would
40 like to see other options, i.e. a 75/25 split. She stated that she does not want to prolong the
41 decision, but needs a better understanding.

1 20:22:19 Council Member Johnson suggested that city health benefits are good and said he
2 would like more information. Council Member Burgess commented that he would like to make
3 an educated decision. He indicated that he would like more information given at the next
4 meeting.

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6 20:23:32 Dave Ballou commented on the cost savings with stand-alone dental policies. Mr.
7 Morgan affirmed that the city currently has a stand-alone dental policy.

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9 20:24:54 Daryl Gudmundson observed that current insurance costs are out of reach. He broke
10 down the cost per year and stated that, for young families, this is a high cost.

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12 20:25:25 Mr. Morgan agreed to provide some additional numbers/options for discussion at next
13 week's meeting. It was confirmed that the same information will be provided to the Budget
14 Committee, who will meet next Tuesday evening.

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16 **2. Follow-Up Budget Matters**

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18 20:26:35 Mr. Morgan cited the need to address some budget questions that came up in the
19 previous Council Meeting. He cited a question regarding bonding issues with Economic
20 Development.

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22 20:28:21 Chair Barbour called for a five-minute recess at 8:28 p.m.

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24 **2.1 Response to Previous Council Budget Questions**

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26 20:39:41 Chair Barbour reconvened the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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28 20:40:13 Donald Adams explained that out of the \$10 million bond, Economic Development has
29 drawn down \$645,000, with another \$395,000 allocated to Markosian. He added that
30 approximately \$1 million has been pulled and \$9 million is still available. He cited funds that
31 have been committed on spreadsheets, but have not been pulled out at this time.

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33 20:42:03 Mr. Morgan gave clarification on debt service on the bonds and the need to refinance
34 once bonds are drawn down. Mr. Adams noted that the figures are based on a 15-year
35 amortization schedule.

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37 20:43:05 Council Member Overson confirmed that the interest being paid now is on the money
38 that has actually been drawn out.

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40 20:43:32 Mr. Adams relayed that the amortized interest rate averages at approximately 4.5%.

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1 20:44:11 Scott Harrington gave clarification on the city’s bonds and relayed that there is \$20,000
2 per year in interest on the first draw of \$645,000.

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4 20:45:47 Mr. Adams noted that there will be net new money coming to the city through
5 additional tax revenue as investments in the city are made.

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7 20:46:39 Council Member Johnson expressed concern about how long the Markosian project is
8 taking. Mr. Adams stressed that deadlines have always been in place and construction has
9 begun. He noted that this project should be completed by late summer or early fall.

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11 20:48:45 Mr. Adams gave additional explanation about terms in the agreement with Markosian.
12 He acknowledged that the project has always been moving forward.

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14 20:52:25 Scott Harrington called for any additional questions regarding Economic Development
15 Fund 36.

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17 20:53:13 Mr. Morgan called for any amendments to the Budget Discussion Schedule, as
18 provided. He called for any questions on topics for next week.

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20 **2.2 Other Budget Discussion**

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22 20:54:53 Cary Davis, of the Budget Committee, cited the committee’s budget review process and
23 summarized its conclusions. He observed that financial information is presented accurately and
24 in accordance with standards; and current issues facing the city have been identified with a best
25 attempt made to be frugal and keep costs under control. It was relayed that the Budget
26 Committee recommends the public safety portion of the budget, as presented, and would like
27 additional information/discussion on employee benefits.

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29 20:57:00 Cary Davis confirmed that the Budget Committee will review those budget topics that
30 are being reviewed by the Council each week and make recommendations.

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32 20:58:06 Discussion was held regarding the room set-up for future Council budget discussions.

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34 **3. Citizen Comments**

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36 21:01:27 Brent Garside stated his observation that Council Members think like city employees
37 instead of citizens. He requested that the budget be made more detailed, so that citizens can
38 understand it fully.

1 21:04:27 Dave Ballou stated that the budget he is reviewing is pretty vague. He agreed that he
2 would like everyone to think like citizens and observed that he wishes he had benefits similar to
3 those offered by the city.
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5 21:06:23 Mr. Morgan confirmed that the fully detailed budget is available to citizens upon
6 request. He noted that printing out the full budget is nearly the equivalent of a ream of paper.
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8 21:06:37 John Gidney commented on the detailed budget and noted that he has been looking at
9 budgets for many years and has financial expertise. He observed that all City Council Members
10 are citizens and have the best interest of residents in mind. He expressed his appreciation that
11 whenever he requests additional information, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Harrington are great about
12 answering questions and providing the data upon request.
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14 21:09:30 Mr. Morgan cited a desire to be transparent and said Administration will be happy to
15 provide any information to anyone who would like more detailed information.
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17 21:12:27 Cary Davis cited all of the financial information that needs to be understood in order to
18 make good budget decisions. He noted it takes time and a lot of questions. He acknowledged
19 that it is a difficult job to explain the final decision in a simple way so that all the citizens can
20 understand it.
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22 21:14:25 Council Member Burgess stated his gratitude for everyone that has contributed to the
23 discussion because it is important to understand the decisions that need to be made before
24 moving forward.
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26 21:14:34 Council Member Christopherson stated that he grew up in Taylorsville and his heart is
27 there. He cited his concern over the 47% tax increase, but observed that quality of life and
28 public safety issues must be taken into account. He summarized that there is a huge gap that
29 needs to be filled to keep Taylorsville a great place to live and work. He observed that
30 Economic Development has a major impact in this area. Council Member Christopherson stated
31 that he would like the citizens and residents to know that there are tough choices ahead. He
32 invited anyone who has questions or concerns to contact Council Members, Administration and
33 staff members.
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35 21:18:42 Chair Barbour thanked all those in attendance for their interest and participation. She
36 stated that all of the budget concerns will continue to be discussed over the next few weeks.
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38 **4. Other Matters**

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40 There were no other matters.
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1 **5. Adjournment**

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3 21:19:46 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Work Session.
4 Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for
5 discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows:
6 Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, Barbour-yes, Johnson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council**
7 **members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at
8 9:20 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved:

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder, and Kristy Heineman, Deputy Recorder