

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Council 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
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:37 Chairman Dama Barbour conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Council Member Christopherson referenced an email he recently circulated regarding a Quarterly Report from the city's Public Information Officer. He inquired whether a Council vote was needed. Chair Barbour indicated a vote was not needed and said she has already requested the scheduling of this report.

3. Adjournment

The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. and Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session at this time to discuss the professional competence of an individual. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Burgess-yes, Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All members of the City Council voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

CLOSED SESSION

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, City Administrator John Inch Morgan, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson-yes, Johnson, and Overson. City Attorney John Brems, and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

A meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 was closed to discuss the character and professional competence of an individual. The closed meeting was not held, however, as the meeting was noticed improperly. It was requested that this closed meeting be properly re-noticed for June 12, 2013.

REGULAR MEETING

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Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Lisa Schwartz, Emergency Response Coordinator
Marsha Thomas, Municipal Court Judge
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder/Event Coord.

Citizens: Janice Auger Rasmussen, Dieter and Elaine Waegner, Gordon Wolf, John Gidney, Royce Larsen, Brett McIff, Katrina Thatcher, Irsel Grossman, Lynn Handy, UPD Officer Jonathan Bushnell, UPD Detective Brett Miller, UPD Detective Denise Ikemiyashiro, Carol Hicks, Alan Anderson, Ken Acker, Jim Dunnigan, Brent Garside, Susan Gee, Sandra Grimsley, Naidr Stayner, Rodger and Grankie Dick, Lynn Anderson, Robert Behr, Jerry Fullmer, Jean Turner, Dan and Sandra Gillen, Harper Smith, Dale Wood, Sterling Howes, Judy Howes, Wina Sturgeon, Tom Huddleston, Jacki Standing, Holly Nielsen, Tifanie Pulley, Judy Moore, Jon Harper Smith, Kim Thompson, Orleen Novasio, Casey Thatcher, Gina Morgan, Justin Morgan, Rose Ketcham, Fred and Verdene Purney, Marin McIff, Aubree Newton, Margene Burgoyne, Greg Burgoyne, Pat Ames, Larry Thomas, Jay Curtis, Bud Roberts, Carl Osterman, Blake Anderson, Tennys Madsen, Dixie Richens, James Richens, Louise Lundberg, Dean Campbell, Kenneth Flitton, Harold & Teresa Shewell, George Dye, Karen Jentsch, Tammy Parkinson, Allison Christensen, Joanne Mitchell, Bot Mitchell, Colean Larsen, Debbie Kay, Kevin Kay, Kristen Openshaw, Doug Openshaw

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:30:35 Chairman Dama Barbour 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 of Allegiance
– Youth Council Member Marin McIff**

18:31:43 Youth Council Member Marin McIff directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Reverence – Youth Council Member Aubree Newton (Opening Ceremonies
For June 19, 2013 to be arranged by Council Member Johnson)**

18:32:52 Youth Council Member Aubree Newton offered the Reverence.

1.3 Best of Taylorsville Award Presentation - *Rhetta McIff*

18:33:05 Neighborhood Services Coordinator Rhetta McIff presented the Best of Taylorsville Award to Dieter and Elaine Waegner. Mr. and Mrs. Waegner received a plaque and a tree voucher in recognition of their award. Mr. Waegner relayed that he enjoys sharing flowers and beautification ideas with his neighbors

1.4 Citizen Comments

18:36:39 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments on issues other than the budget. It was noted that citizens wishing to comment on the proposed budget will be given opportunity during a public hearing later in the meeting.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Katrina Thatcher to the Arts Council - Mayor Rechtenbach

18:37:26 Mayor Rechtenbach recognized Katrina Thatcher and nominated her to serve on the Taylorsville Arts Council.

18:38:25 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to appoint Katrina Thatcher to the Taylorsville Arts Council. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Burgess-yes, Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Police Department, Taylorsville Precinct Awards Presentation - *Deputy Chief Wyant*

18:39:49 Unified Police Department (UPD) Deputy Chief Tracy Wyant recognized Taylorsville Precinct Officers of the Month for March, April, and May, 2013, as follows:

Officer Jonathan Bushnell, Patrol Division – March Officer of the Month
Detective Brett Miller – April Officer of the Month
Detective Denise Ikemiyashiro – May Officer of the Month

18:44:29 Chief Wyant described commendable actions and service rendered by each of the officers introduced.

3.2 ICSC Report – Vice-Chair Overson

18:50:33 Vice-Chair Kristie Overson reported on the International Convention of Shopping Centers (ICSC) as recently attended by Mayor Rechtenbach, Economic Development Director Donald Adams, Economic Development Specialist Wayne Harper, and herself. She mentioned a conversation she had with a business owner who was very blunt in stating that he did not want to locate in Taylorsville because of the look of Redwood Road. Vice-Chair Overson cited activities she participated in at the convention, including receptions and business dinners. She stated that she met with businesses expressing interest in commercial corners at 5400 South and Redwood Road. She relayed that she is excited to see the active participation of businesses who want to locate in Taylorsville. It was relayed that the Economic Development Department is working on a CFI intersection near Wal-Mart that will result in a restaurant opening later this year. Vice-Chair Overson referenced other businesses that may be established within Taylorsville in the near future. Vice-Chair Overson observed that timing is critical in establishing development opportunities now in order to reap benefits over the next two years. 18:52:13 Vice-Chair Overson commended Mr. Adams and Mr. Harper for their hard work on behalf of Taylorsville.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes - CCWS 05-08-13 & RCCM 05-15-13

18:52:36 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chair Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Burgess-yes, Christopherson-yes, Overson-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

6.1 Mayor's Report

18:53:54 Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach reported that contracts have been secured to purchase new playground equipment for the Azure Meadows and Bennion Parks. He also noted that a bid has

been awarded for construction of the restrooms at the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center (Jones Dairy) and work should commence very soon.

18:55:29 Mayor Rechtenbach gave prepared remarks regarding the proposed FY 2013-2014 Budget. He cited changes being made to the proposed budget. He noted that three full-time employee allocations have been eliminated at an approximate cost of \$246,000, along with the elimination of two part-time allocations in the amount of \$31,000. He referenced modifications to other departmental budgets that have been made and indicated that the budget cuts made total around \$300,000.

19:00:11 The Mayor announced that John Taylor has been hired as a full-time employee to serve as the City Engineer and also to function as the Community Services Division Director. He recognized Mr. Taylor and noted that the city has previously been contracting with Mr. Taylor for part-time engineering services. Mayor Rechtenbach cited the benefits of having Mr. Taylor as a full-time employee of the city. He advised Council of changes made to the City's Organizational Chart.

19:03:01 Council Member Larry Johnson asked the Mayor to review items added to the budget. Mayor Rechtenbach cited \$584,000 in items removed from the budget. He gave clarification on amounts budgeted for mileage reimbursement and stated that there are a number of employees whose job requires them to travel throughout the city. He indicated that the city is required to reimburse for such mileage. He stated that a vehicle allowance line item was added to better clarify mileage reimbursement.

19:06:48 Chief Financial Director Scott Harrington described changes made to the budget in relation to the change to a staff engineer and cited an \$11,000 savings.

19:09:06 Council Member Johnson asked for additional explanation regarding reimbursement for the use of city employees' personal vehicles. City Administrator John Inch Morgan explained that the Mayor is proposing that Taylorsville be consistent with reimbursement to employees who are using their personal vehicles for city business.

19:10:50 Mayor Rechtenbach noted that prior to his own appointment as Mayor, Mayor Wall was also requesting mileage reimbursement; however, since Mayor Rechtenbach has been in office over the past five months, he has not turned in a request for mileage reimbursement.

19:12:13 Additional clarification was given from Scott Harrington. He noted that the mileage reimbursement information is clearly outlined within the budget by department.

19:14:28 Council Member Christopherson commented that a lot of time is being spent discussing five employees whose job descriptions entail driving their own vehicle for city business. He

noted that if the city were to provide a vehicle for each person, it would cost the city far in excess of the vehicle allowance amount. He noted that this is not a raise, but rather a reimbursement for personal vehicles that are being used for city purposes.

19:15:59 Council Member Overson confirmed that the mileage reimbursement line has been removed from the budget and has been replaced by a budget allotment for vehicle allowances.

6.2 Continued Budget Discussion Fiscal Year 2013-2014

19:17:13 City Administrator John Inch Morgan reviewed the city's budget process and described the utilization of Strategic Planning Meetings held throughout the year. He cited issues and concerns that were raised during these meetings and the process used to factor such into the current proposed budget.

19:21:29 UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant cited the significant savings seen through the city's transition to the Unified Police Department for law enforcement services. He clarified that joining the UPD made it possible to transfer the city's old debt of under-maintained/under-replaced fleet to the UPD. He referenced a savings of \$1.2 million. Chief Wyant observed that the transition has been beneficial to Taylorsville, as calls have been reduced by 9% and response times have improved.

John Inch Morgan compared costs from the 2013 budget and the 2014 budget. He cited costs associated with each department listed in the proposed budget. He summarized that the overall increase to the budget is \$2.6 million.

19:30:13 Mayor Rechtenbach stated that, considering the new cuts that have been proposed and the adjustments that have been made, he believes the approximate tax increase would now be 38%. Mr. Harrington clarified that, with the Mayor's recommended cuts, the proposed tax increase would be reduced to 39.5%.

19:30:56 Council Member Johnson asked about costs for construction at the cemetery. Mr. Morgan gave clarification that the project was budgeted for \$10,000, but the bid came in at just under \$25,000. He noted that, at mid-year, the Council recommended that the amount be raised to the original engineer's estimate of \$30,000. He cited money for this project that is unspent.

6.2.1 Official Public Hearing on the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget

19:31:14 Chair Barbour described procedures for conducting the budget public hearing. She opened the public hearing regarding the FY 2013-2014 Budget and called for citizen comments.

19:32:59 Alan Anderson, President/CEO for ChamberWest, spoke on behalf of the business community. He read prepared comments and stated that ChamberWest remains neutral on the proposed tax increase.

19:35:56 Gregory Burgoyne commented on the budget. He stated that he has worked in the Finance Department at West Valley City for 30 years. He said that he is appalled that so many City employees make more money than he did after many years of employment.

19:37:53 Margene Burgoyne spoke on the budget and stated that she is against the proposed tax increase. She added that Taylorsville is unique in its population, demographics, and needs and suggested that it does not have to look like its neighboring cities.

19:40:17 Former Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger Rasmussen commented on behalf of a group in attendance. She spoke against the proposed tax increase and discussed the history of the city's budget throughout the years. She referenced additional city employees that have been hired since the time she was in office.

19:46:06 Jewell Morgan commented that she grew up in Taylorsville. She relayed that she opposes the tax increase.

19:47:22 Pat Ames spoke regarding the budget and against the tax increase. She suggested freezing salaries and benefits for two years; imposing a moratorium on non-critical travel, training and hospitality; stopping the allocation of funds for street beautifications; and taking a closer look at community and economic development.

19:52:37 George Dye commented on the budget and against the tax increase.

19:55:48 Jerry Fullmer spoke against the proposed tax increase in the budget. He cited ways the city can reduce funds rather than increasing taxes.

19:57:58 Tifanie Pulley commented on the budget and spoke against the proposed tax increase.

20:00:48 Edwina Sturgeon spoke against the tax increase in the proposed budget.

20:03:33 Judy Moore commented on the budget and against the proposed tax increase.

20:05:52 Andrew Brown spoke against the proposed tax increase in the budget.

20:08:22 John Harper Smith commented on the proposed budget and against the tax increase. He suggested following through with code enforcement collections in order to self-fund that department.

20:10:34 Bill Jensen spoke against the proposed tax increase and cited the need for employees to account for reimbursement of actual mileage used.

20:13:12 Israel Grossman commented on the proposed budget and against the potential tax increase. He quoted an excerpt from *Taylorsville Tidbits* and cited the need to make cuts on items other than public safety. He observed that it is improper to threaten the loss of essential public safety services.

20:16:48 Kim Tomkin spoke on behalf of a group in attendance. He called the proposed tax increase a fiscal catastrophe and related his budgeting experience as the director of several prisons in Utah in past years.

20:22:27 John Gidney spoke in favor of the proposed budget.

20:25:58 Lynn Handy spoke on behalf of the Taylorsville Budget Committee and described the scrutiny given to the proposed budget by committee members. He commented in favor of the proposed budget and encouraged elected officials to invest in the city and help it move forward.

20:32:27 Lynn Handy made personal remarks in favor of the proposed budget.

20:33:54 Colleen Larsen commented on the proposed budget and encouraged the reduction of expenses. She spoke against the tax increase.

20:36:57 Brent Garside spoke against the proposed budget and the potential increase. He encouraged residents to vote on November 5, 2013.

20:39:50 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Barbour declared the public hearing closed.

6.2.2 Administration

20:40:06 Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington reviewed the budget for Administration. He noted that overall this budget is tentatively scheduled to increase by 1% from the 2012-2013 budget. He stated that the majority of this increase is in the election line item which will increase from \$2,500 to \$99,000 due to the upcoming race for four elected officials. He commented that without that line, Administration would have a flat budget.

20:41:39 Council Member Larry Johnson inquired about the budget for legal expense. Mr. Harrington confirmed that some of that budget is for the contract with City Attorney John Brems. Mayor Rechtenbach clarified that Mr. Brems is contracted with Taylorsville and has other clients; however, he is always available by email, phone, or to come into the office as needed.

Mayor Rechtenbach estimated that the time Mr. Brems devotes to Taylorsville City is around 30 hours per week.

20:44:52 Council Member Overson inquired about costs for codification of ordinances. Mr. Morgan gave clarification on codification services and confirmed that some of the expense is carry-over for codification of the new land development code. He relayed that the codification process costs about \$25 per page, which covers review of the ordinances, publication in an online version, and several printed copies of code. Mr. Morgan clarified that the codification work was completed this year, but is being paid out of the upcoming year's budget.

20:46:12 Council Chair Dama Barbour explained that Council Members have been reviewing the proposed budget and visiting with administrative staff regarding the budget over the past several weeks.

Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he appreciates meeting with city staff and noted that they do not agree with him on every issue. He questioned the cost for the upcoming elections. Mr. Morgan explained that the cost changes depending on the number of races held, number of judges/poll workers needed, and the number of polling locations that must be set up. He noted that the election cost will decrease if there is not a primary election.

20:49:32 City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle commented that the city's contract with Salt Lake County for election services is for a "not-to-exceed" amount, and the county bills for actual costs following the general election.

6.2.3 Non-Departmental

20:50:08 Scott Harrington gave a brief review of the Non-Departmental Budget. He made clarification on professional fees and the removal of \$40,000 for a lobbyist. He noted that this budget is decreasing overall by 2.7%. He gave explanation for the increase in the "Newsletters and Survey" line item from \$22,000 to \$66,000. He stated that this increase represents an effort to get a better pulse on the wants of residents; and there will also be additional newsletters generated over the course of the year.

20:52:12 Council Member Overson questioned changes to insurance costs. Mr. Harrington stated that the decrease encompasses the transfer of the City Police Department to UPD. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification with regard to salaries and wages.

20:52:36 Mr. Harrington gave clarification on salaries for van drivers and the Emergency Response Coordinator. He noted that there is an increase in salaries due to raises from the previous year and the Emergency Response Coordinator was increased from a ½ time employee

to a ¾ time employee. He advised that the majority of the salary for the Emergency Response Coordinator will be offset with projected grants.

20:54:21 Council Member Johnson objected to the increase in the budget for newsletters and surveys. Council Member Burgess inquired about the possibility of cutting costs by conducting surveys electronically. Mr. Harrington stated that is possible, but may increase the risk of a skewed survey. He added that there are always options in this area. Council Member Johnson suggested reducing that amount to \$22,000.

20:57:05 Council Member Johnson stated that he is not in favor of using lobbyists. Chair Barbour inquired how much return on investment the city has seen as a result of the efforts of lobbyists. The Mayor said he does not have an exact number, but the return on investment is greater than the amount paid to the lobbyist. The Mayor confirmed that he is at the Capitol often himself, but the contracted lobbyist is working for Taylorsville year round to secure appointments with legislators, meetings with transportation commissioners, etc. in order to establish relationships with the city. He summarized that the money the city receives either directly or indirectly through these meetings far exceeds what the city pays out.

21:00:36 Council Member Overson noted that in 2008-2009, the lobbyist budget was \$220,000 and it is now \$80,000. John Inch Morgan gave a brief history on the funding used in previous budgets. He noted that initially the lobbyist salary was listed in the Council's budget at their request; however, since the City no longer has a lobbyist present in Washington D.C., that funding has been removed and lobbyist costs are now placed in "Professional Fees."

21:02:28 Council Member Johnson asked for a poll of the Council regarding his suggestion to reduce the budget for surveys and newsletters to \$22,000. The Council was polled. Council Member Brad Christopherson presented rationale for increasing the budget for surveys/newsletters, but said that given the desires expressed tonight by residents for a more conservative budget, he is in favor of reducing the amount to \$22,000. Council Member Burgess agreed to reduce the amount to \$22,000. Council Chair Barbour stated that she would like to keep the funding as is, pending further information and review from Administrative staff.

21:06:32 The Mayor described rationale for increasing the budget for surveys and newsletters in order to improve communication with citizens. He noted that 17,000 letters were sent to residents explaining the tax increase and budgeting process; however, less than 150 people are in attendance at this meeting. He observed that this is a small sampling of residents, and there is a need for wider outreach.

21:07:18 Council Member Overson voted to leave the budget as is. The final vote was 3-to-2 in favor of cutting the budget for surveys/newsletters to \$22,000. Mr. Harrington confirmed that the budget line will be reduced accordingly.

6.2.4 Parks, Public Buildings and Public Land

21:08:50 Mr. Harrington described the basis for increases to the Parks, Public Buildings, and Public Land Budget. He stated that this budget reflects a planned increase from \$182,000 to \$213,000. He noted that utility rates are increasing and there are more expenses related to parks recently acquired by the city and amenities to parks. He indicated that an additional \$16,000 is being requested for maintenance on the parks and an additional \$18,000 for proper maintenance on the Bass Fishing Pond. Mr. Harrington summarized that this portion of the budget is increasing 17%.

21:10:13 Council Member Christopherson inquired about the park maintenance added since last year. Mr. Harrington gave explanation for Labrum Park and Azure Meadow Park that were acquired by the city.

21:10:51 Mr. Morgan reviewed the history of the city's acquisition of the Labrum Park from Salt Lake County.

21:12:38 Mr. Johnson inquired about the possibility of hiring a part-time employee at \$15,000 a year to maintain the parks, rather than contracting with Salt Lake County for maintenance. Mr. Morgan described services provided by the County. The possibility of providing a higher level of park maintenance was discussed. It was suggested that the maintenance of parks could likely be provided by a number of individuals who live near the parks they would maintain.

21:14:49 Mr. Johnson asked Administration to investigate the possibility of hiring a part time employee for park maintenance.

21:16:18 Council Member Johnson said that he is not familiar with the Bass Fishing Pond and asked about the necessity of maintaining it. Mr. Morgan noted that many people are patrons of the Bass Pond. Council Member Overson noted that the Bass Pond is already in place and the budget is needed to maintain the pond. Council Member Overson encouraged Council Member Johnson to visit the Bass Pond. Discussion ensued regarding conditions of the pond. Mr. Morgan explained that the city has public works employees who maintain the grounds surrounding the pond, along with a maintenance person known as "Dave the Fish Guy." He explained that maintenance needs to be done by a professional who is familiar with biology/ecology and understands the nature of keeping the pond clear of string algae, etc.

21:19:50 Council Member Burgess asked for a description of the specific maintenance provided. Mr. Morgan cited personnel who work on keeping the pump functioning, maintaining the grounds, and keeping algae clear from the pond itself. He relayed a suggestion made by "Dave the Fish Guy" to possibly charge patrons. Council Member Overson observed that the pond currently looks bad and said a decision should be made to either clean it up or cover it up.

21:23:53 Council Member Johnson suggested finding someone else to better maintain the pond. Mr. Morgan cited the need to have a qualified person with expertise in biology in order to maintain the pond. He indicated that efforts can be made to try and find a qualified individual.

6.2.5 Public Works

21:25:24 Mr. Harrington reviewed the budget for Public Works. He cited increases for city-wide cleanups using dumpsters about five times per year. It was noted that residents have been in favor of the cleanup program. Mr. Harrington discussed the sidewalk maintenance budget and cited increases for sidewalk repairs to eliminate trip hazards. He described road maintenance and referenced increased costs for contract services for Public Works with the county.

21:28:25 Council Member Overson inquired about the sidewalk line item. Scott Harrington described the 50/50 Sidewalk Repair Program. He confirmed that the demand for this program is very high and funds are usually depleted before the end of the year.

21:30:16 Council Member Johnson questioned funds for the Sidewalk Program. Mr. Harrington noted that this increase was requested previously by the City Council.

21:31:21 City Engineer John Taylor commented on the life expectancy of 40 years for sidewalks. He observed that a lot of neighborhoods have sidewalks that are deteriorating. He added that the \$100,000 is not used only for replacement, but also to reduce trip hazards. He indicated that there is a backlog for this service. 21:33:32 Discussion was held regarding potential liability on injury claims due to deteriorating sidewalks.

21:34:02 Council Member Johnson asked for a report on big hazard incidents with regard to sidewalks that need attention versus those that don't. Mr. Taylor explained that hazards change with the seasons and there is not really a report in place. He noted that Taylorsville is reactionary toward fixing sidewalks when residents call with issues.

21:35:14 Council Member Burgess commented on a sidewalk in his neighborhood and how a neighbor who uses a walker would benefit from this program. Mr. Taylor responded that it would be nice to be able to be proactive.

21:36:12 John Inch Morgan talked about road funds that come to the city and where that money is obligated to be spent. He cited \$1.7 million dollars in B&C road maintenance funds.

21:37:09 Mr. Johnson asked about Public Works Repair and Maintenance and an add package two years ago. Mr. Morgan provided the specifics of what was spent during that period of time and how much more is needed.

21:38:15 Council Member Christopherson asked for numbers regarding being proactive or just maintaining city roads. Mr. Taylor confirmed that \$1.6 million is needed in roadway work just to stay on top of the repairs. He observed that if the city is not proactive, there will be no way to keep up on maintenance because roads will continue to get worse and will not be able to be patched. He relayed that the replacement value of city roadways is at \$90 million, and without regular and proactive maintenance they will not last the 25 years they are supposed to. He noted that the price for repair and replacement goes up once it is too late to utilize preventative maintenance.

21:40:23 Chairman Barbour asked about the effectiveness of slurry seal. Mr. Taylor responded that it is very effective and should be done every five to seven years; if it goes longer, it is far more costly to repair.

21:41:01 Council Member Johnson asked for an e-mail with a grade for each road. He requested specific information on what a really bad road looks like compared to a good road. Mr. Taylor agreed to send him that information.

21:42:34 Council Member Overson asked for clarification on the road maintenance budget and Mr. Taylor explained that from November to March, road maintenance cannot be done. Mr. Morgan gave additional clarification on the expenditure of public works funds for asphalt work, snow plowing services, etc.

21:45:31 John Taylor explained that some of this year's road work has been performed, but has not yet been invoiced so expenditure of funds has not shown up in the current budget.

21:46:12 Mr. Morgan confirmed that public works was bid out two years ago and the result was that Salt Lake County had the lowest cost.

21:47:19 Mr. Taylor gave additional explanation on the negative impact of continuing to defer road maintenance, as it will ultimately result in more expense to the City.

21:48:38 Council Member Johnson addressed the budget for Neighborhood Cleanup. He suggested removing the \$22,000 additional amount for extra dumpsters. The Council was polled regarding this suggestion, with the results being a 3-to-2 vote to leave it in.

21:50:02 Council Member Johnson stated that at the time the add packages were considered and placed in the budget, the 40% tax increase was not known. He suggested that these costs can no longer be justified. Mayor Rechtenbach commented that Council Members have known about the proposed additions to the budget and the possible tax increase for some time. He said that a lot of time can be saved if the Council would like to just remove all the items its members previously requested.

6.2.6 Community and Economic Development

21:53:02 Scott Harrington cited the budget allocation for electronic plan submittal. Community Development Director Mark McGrath described significant benefits to the City and the development community through implementation of the electronic plan review program. He noted that projects need to have a significant profit margin in order to make a profit in a city that has a long entitlement process. He stated that the proposed software significantly helps shorten that timeline. He observed that the primary benefit from the city's perspective is the ability to compare different submittals.

22:01:34 Council Member Johnson inquired whether staff can be reduced if the electronic plan review program is implemented. Mr. McGrath said that he would not recommend reducing staff. Mr. Johnson asked whether this budget item can wait. Mr. McGrath confirmed that the job can still be done without the availability of electronic plan review, but with less efficiency. Council Member Christopherson inquired whether the city has lost business because of the lack of electronic plan review. Mr. McGrath stated that business has not necessarily been lost, but there have been expressions of frustration. He gave an example of one developer's frustration.

22:04:54 Council Member Johnson asked whether further discussion might be held in the future on the budget for electronic plan review.

22:05:51 Economic Development Director Donald Adams called for any questions on the Economic Development budget. He gave clarification on the transfer of salaries from the Mayor's budget to the Economic Development Department.

22:07:10 Council Member Christopherson asked for feedback given from various businesses with whom Mr. Adams is currently involved.

22:08:04 Mr. Adams cited issues the city faces as an older community, i.e. curb appeal; road/transportation issues; traffic concerns, etc. He stated that there are a lot of leases that bind future users and many legal entanglements that are taking a long time to unwind.

22:12:10 Council Member Christopherson summarized his comments by stating the need to develop commercial properties and a larger sales tax base.

22:17:37 Mr. Adams stated that it is important to recognize some successes such as employment generation and full office buildings. He expressed that the city needs to be competitive and re-invent itself to bring in businesses.

22:18:39 Council Member Johnson agreed that economic development is important, but said it can be promoted without crippling residents economically.

22:19:43 Mr. Adams stated that his budget has a very small impact on the current budget situation.

22:20:46 Council Chair Barbour cited several potential economic development projects in the works, and relayed comments expressed in the past at the ICSC Conference that Taylorsville does not show well as a city. She stated that economic development is something that needs to be focused upon.

22:22:33 Council Member Johnson addressed the Economic Development travel and training budget and inquired about specific expenses for attending the ICSC Conference. Mr. Adams observed that there is a difference between expenditure and budget. He cited the need to have a budget in place as an insurance policy in case the need arises to make travel arrangements to meet with tenants or developers. He stated that sometimes he must act quickly. He noted that this budget has historically been under-spent.

22:27:41 Council Chair Barbour referenced the city's Strategic Plan and the desire to make the city better. She thanked Administration for their efforts to refine the budget and accept the suggestions for cuts. She suggested that the proposed tax increase is still too much. She noted her desire to build up the fund balance and maintain public safety. She called these two items her "sacred cows" in the budget.

22:29:47 Council Chair Barbour suggested removing raises and market adjustments. She also suggested removing the \$120,000 for improvement to the City Center property and requested that Administration refine the budget to reflect a 26 to 29% range of a tax increase.

22:32:57 Council Member Christopherson cited changes experienced in the budget, i.e. items from the strategic planning sessions; \$1.35 million from the fund balance to cover the last six months of the fire contract; \$212,000 increase for the fire contract; and \$177,000 for UPD increases. He added that there is \$75,000 in costs for the health insurance increase, for a total of about \$1.9 million. He confirmed his support of the tax increase range that Chair Barbour has proposed.

Council Member Burgess stated that he would like to see the increase be around 25%, but would agree to the lower part of Council Chair Barbour's proposed amount. He confirmed that he is in favor of the suggestions for building up the fund balance and public safety.

22:36:27 Council Member Overson agreed to remove \$120,000 from the City Center property upgrades and to have one additional police officer instead of two. She estimated that the overall additional expense to taxpayers would be about \$75-80 per year.

22:37:50 Council Member Johnson cited the people's concerns and stated he cannot support Chair Barbour's proposal. Chairman Barbour noted that four City Council Members are in favor of a 26 to 29% tax increase, with emphasis on building the fund balance and preserving public safety.

22:40:21 Council Member Overson called for any specific ideas Council Member Johnson has for cuts. Mr. Johnson agreed to put together some ideas for next week. He indicated that he does not believe the budget will be adopted next week, however.

22:42:13 Council Member Burgess asked that additional scrutiny be given in order to identify areas that can still be cut.

22:43:16 Mayor Rechtenbach noted that he presented the City Council with a written proposal a month ago wherein he asked what the Council would like to see accomplished. He indicated he has been given a list from the Council and residents and is now questioning how much further the budget can be cut. He asked for clarification by stating his understanding that all areas of the budget are up for consideration, except for public safety and the fund balance. Council Chair Barbour stated that this direction is correct.

Council Member Johnson commented that he respects the Administration for their efforts in presenting their budget. He further stated that he did not realize how much the tax hike would be and suggested that the proposed tax hike is ridiculous and unnecessary. Council Chair Barbour indicated that she disagrees with Council Member Johnson and said she believes the city could spend every penny of the proposed tax increase and Taylorsville would be a better community; however, the improvements and suggestions need to be added in smaller degrees.

6.3 Discussion of 2012-2013 Fiscal Year-End Budget - *Scott Harrington*

22:47:50 Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington described amendments needed to the FY 2012-2013 Year-End Budget. He cited only four changes to this budget, including the addition of \$17,400 to the Mayor's Budget to cover a payout to former Mayor Wall for paid leave time accrual.

22:50:24 Council Member Christopherson questioned City Attorney John Brems on whether the payout requirement is through city ordinance. Mr. Brems acknowledged that the amount of accrued leave that can be carried forward could be reduced. He reminded Council Members that several years ago Mr. Morgan had a long discussion with members of the Council regarding reasons to fund for leave accruals, but it was decided not to fund such. Mr. Brems noted that this is a liability to the city. Mr. Morgan cited some flexibility when a position remains vacant for a time after an employee leaves and the cost can be recouped; however, that is not always the case and leave accrual must be paid when an employee terminates.

22:53:52 Mr. Morgan stated that there is some confusion with regard to the adjustment of the fund balance for \$120,000. He noted that it had been previously discussed that this would be used for landscaping in front of City Hall as a part of the 2013-2014 Budget. He observed that the instructions given were that whatever the under-spend would be, it would be transferred to Capital Fund to be used for improvements in landscaping. Council Chairman Barbour stated it was suggested that the funds be transferred into the fund balance.

6.3.1 Official Public Hearing on the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year-End Budget

22:54:45 Chair Barbour opened the public hearing regarding the FY 2012-2013 Year-End Budget and called for citizen comments. 22:54:49 There were no citizen comments, and Chair Barbour declared the public hearing closed.

22:55:35 Council Member Christopherson asked for clarification about the under-spend amount remaining in the budget. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the current year's under-spend amount will go to the fund balance.

22:56:05 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington clarified that the \$20,000 amount designated for the cemetery is going toward the emergency water connection that was lost because of a canal break.

22:56:57 Discussion was held on the potential amount of the fund balance. Mr. Harrington stated that he will have an exact percentage next week. Mr. Morgan cautioned against drawing down the fund balance too low in case of an emergency.

23:00:05 Council Member Burgess inquired about any update on the canal repair. Mr. Morgan stated that no new information has been provided.

23:00:23 Council Member Christopherson asked a question about costs saved through not participating in a tax anticipation bond. Mr. Morgan cited a savings of about \$60,000 to \$70,000.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding July Meeting Schedule - *Chairman Barbour*

23:01:01 Chair Barbour suggested that the City Council Meeting scheduled for July be amended, due to the Independence Day holiday. It was agreed to hold two regular meetings on July 10, 2013 and July 17, 2013 and not to hold a Work Session during the month of July.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

23:02:14

- 9.1 RDA Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, June 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 Special City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, June 25, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10.1 Taylorsville Dayzz - Thursday, June 27-29, 2013 - For information and schedule of events: www.taylorsvilledayzz.com

11. CLOSED SESSION

- 11.1 Discussion Regarding the Professional Competency of an Individual

The Closed Session was not held due to improper noticing. It was rescheduled for June 12, 2013.

12. ADJOURNMENT

23:02:49 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Burgess-yes, Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-19-13