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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Note: The District No. 3 council seat was temporarily vacant

Others Present: Marc McElreath

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Meredith Harker conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:03 p.m. A roll call was conducted, wherein all councilmembers were present.

Review Agenda

The agenda for the 6:30 p.m. City Council meeting was reviewed. Chair Harker explained that the Parks and Recreation committee was still interested in moving forward with their beautification project of Labrum Park. Committee members were hoping to apply for a grant that would provide some funding for the improvements.

Mayor Overson and John Taylor asked that the committee provide further information to administration before applying for the funds and Chair Harker indicated that they would do so.

Councilmember Cochran pointed out that the grass on the northwest end of Millrace Park had died.

2. Adjourn

Chair Meredith Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Wayne Harper, Comm./Economic Dev. Dir.
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief

Others in Attendance: John E Gidney, Lynn Handy, Bill Hardesty, Marc McElreath, and Gordon Willardson

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

 Chair Meredith Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Councilmember Armstrong* (Opening Ceremonies for October 7, 2020 to be arranged by *Councilmember Cochran*)

Councilmember Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance before reciting two quotations which seemed particularly apropos.

The world suffers a lot—not because of bad people but because of the silence of good people – Napoleon Bonaparte

Only Americans can hurt America – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Councilmember Armstrong stressed the importance of getting to know our neighbors and learning to compromise with one another. He hoped the nation would come together and allow the country to move forward. He then offered a reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that with parts of city hall under construction, and all the many adjustments that had been necessary due to COVID-19 and the myriad of challenges brought forth by 2020, the city staff continued to do the work of the people from a variety of locations. Together they made a terrific Taylorsville team.

1.2.1 8U All Star Softball Team Recognition

 Mayor Overson asked the coaches of the Taylorsville Kombat team to step forward as she called the names of each player.

- Paislee Cooper
- Lyla Cowley
- Emerge Davis
- Kylee Dunn
- Madison Goble
- Briauna Hurtado
- Jessica Johnson
- Kimber Johnson
- Lilyana Knight
- Leaalimanuu Mailo
- Maya Sandburg
- Abraya Yazzie

The young ladies who were all 8 years old and younger had ended their all-star season with a record of 13-3, outscoring their opponents 222-114. Their coaches were so proud of their accomplishment and in the way they represented Taylorsville fastpitch softball. All those present

1 congratulated the girls with a round of applause before allowing the parents time to take team
2 photos.

3 4 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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6  Chair Meredith Harker reviewed the procedure for making public comment before calling
7 for any citizen comments.

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9 Marc McElreath addressed the council regarding agenda item #5.1 and asked that the Council
10 consider amending city code 13.26.080 by allowing a new Taylorsville business to fly the U.S.
11 flag higher than current code allowed.

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13 Don Quigley also asked the Council to allow an American flag to fly as high as was possible.

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15 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

16 17 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

18 19 **2.1 Appointment of Bill Hardesty as Chairman of the Cultural Diversity** 20 **Committee – Mayor Overson**

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22  Mayor Overson explained that she had spoken to Mr. Hardesty earlier in the day and found
23 him eager to serve the community. She was delighted to introduce him to the Council.

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25 Mr. Hardesty stepped to the podium and pointed out that in today's world, there seemed to be a lot
26 of people talking but very few people listening. He hoped that the Cultural Diversity committee
27 could help change that.

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29 The Council ratified Mayor Overson's appointment of Mr. Hardesty although no formal vote was
30 taken.

31 32 **3. REPORTS**

33 34 **3.1 Unified Fire Authority – Captain Rich**

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36  Captain Rich presented information on the previous three months of UFA activity. The
37 number of incidents reported was down just slightly, despite the pandemic. It was believed this
38 was because some patients opted not to call 9-1-1 at a time when they otherwise would have, if
39 not for the current pandemic. It appeared that call volume was beginning to return to normal.
40 Captain Rich also spoke briefly about trending response times for both fire and medical

emergencies before discussing several deployments to assist with wildfires in both California and Oregon. Additionally, Urban Search and Rescue had responded to Baton Rouge, LA to assist with Hurricane Laura. There were 12 firefighters and/or paramedics from Taylorsville involved in that deployment. Participating in these events allowed the UFA to not only assist other communities but it also meant that it could potentially be a recipient of similar aid in the event it was needed in the future. Unfortunately, there currently was not an effective mechanism in place for a Utah agency to request this type of assistance from other states. It was a legislative issue and he mentioned that at some point, his department might ask for the City's support as they attempted to ensure that such a mechanism was put into place.

Regarding staff recruitment, it was anticipated that there would be conditional employment offers extended prior to Thanksgiving. Recruit school would begin early February.

A new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system would soon be implemented which would allow all public safety entities in the Salt Lake Valley to be on the same system. This would be huge for residents and it was a change that had been more than ten years in the making. The "go live" date was set for September 29 and there would be a six-month evaluation period, after which any noted inequities would be addressed.

Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters would take place September 27 through October 4. This would be the fourth year that UFA had participated in the event.

3.2 Communications/Website/Social Media Report – Kim Horiuchi

 Ms. Horiuchi explained the main messaging tools the City was using to get information out to residents. These were the city's website, e-notifications, social media and the city newsletter.

Granicus, the city's website provider reviewed the website since it had been in operation for a year. The review provided some valuable insight as to how the public was using the site. The most visited pages were the home page, the Taylorsville Dayzz page and the Taylorsville News page.

The "call to action" buttons on the home page were working well and it appeared that users were finding the information they needed. Granicus' final report indicated that the website design looked "terrific" and that the city's "digital content strategy appeared to be strong."

Taylorsville currently had 5187 followers on Facebook and 3600 on Twitter. The number of followers of the city's Instagram account had more than doubled in the last two years.

Chair Harker expressed her enthusiasm for the consistent layout of the city's newsletter. She was very pleased with Ms. Horiuchi's efforts.

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2 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**
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4 **4.1 Minutes –September 2, 2020 City Council Meeting**
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6 **MOTION:** Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of September 2,
7 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.
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9 Councilmember Cochran Yes
10 Councilmember Burgess Yes
11 Councilmember Armstrong Yes
12 Chair Harker Yes
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14 The motion passed 4-0
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16 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**
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18 **5.1 Ordinance No. 20-18:** Public comment and consideration for a Zoning Text
19 Amendment to the Taylorsville Municipal Code Sections 13.20.020: *R-1 and R-2 Districts*
20 *Table of Setbacks, Building Heights, Off Street Parking;* and Section 13-26-080: *Standards*
21 *for Permanent Signs Allowed Without a Permit – Wayne Harper*
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23  Mr. Harper pointed out how instrumental Ms. Horiuchi had been in moving business
24 licensing and building permitting online. Because of the changes she had made to the website,
25 there was no longer a need for paper applications.
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27 He then went on to explain that there were two parts to the proposed ordinance. One portion
28 addressed the size of setbacks. There had been an unintended consequence of a 2012 ordinance
29 change which resulted in many residents being prohibited from adding porches, etc. to their homes.
30 The proposed ordinance would change that.
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32 The second portion of the ordinance addressed flagpole heights as some had mentioned during the
33 citizen comment period. Staff had recommended an 80-foot limit in commercial/industrial zones,
34 but the planning commission had unanimously recommended that the limit be extended to 100
35 feet. Therefore, the Council was now being asked to consider a height of 100 feet although the
36 draft in the agenda packet still listed 80 feet.
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38 Mr. Cowdell reminded the Council that the agenda had indicated that public comment would be
39 accepted on this matter.
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Chair Harker invited any member of the public who wished to speak on the matter to step forward. There was no one who indicated a desire to speak.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to adopt Ordinance 20-18, changing 80' to 100'. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

Councilmember Armstrong Yes

Councilmember Burgess Yes

Chair Harker Yes

Councilmember Cochran Yes

The motion passed 4-0

5.2 Ordinance No. 20-19: Public comment and consideration for a Zoning Text Amendment to the Taylorsville Municipal Code Sections 13.21.070: *Drainage Systems*; and Section 13.21.080: *High Water Table Areas* – **Wayne Harper**

Mr. Harper explained that it had recently been discovered that the language in Title 13 (Land Development) conflicted with that in Title 17 (Storm Drains). This ordinance would resolve that conflict.

Chair Harker asked if there was anyone present in the audience who wished to comment on this topic. No one did and the matter was returned to the Council for a possible motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 20-19 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Cochran Yes

Chair Harker Yes

Councilmember Burgess Yes

Councilmember Armstrong Yes

The motion passed 4-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Budget Update Regarding Sales Tax and other City Revenue – Scott Harrington

 Mr. Harrington explained that he had structured his report to resemble the City's usual financial report. Overall, unaudited figures showed that 93.5% of the budgeted revenue had been

1 collected thus far. Sales tax was up in comparison to the same point during the previous fiscal
2 year. He went through the various revenue streams in more detail and answered questions posed
3 by councilmembers. Although the City had anticipated needing to use \$720,000 from the general
4 fund, it no longer appeared that would be necessary.

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6 Councilmember Armstrong wondered if there was anything that had been cut from the budget that
7 could now be reinstated. Mr. Taylor responded that police overtime had been reinstated and that
8 there had been some discussion regarding funding sidewalk repair. Mr. Harrington pointed out
9 that there would be some additional costs for the new police department that would need to be
10 added to the budget around January.

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12 Mayor Overson agreed that this was a good time for the council to consider any projects they
13 wished to address in anticipation of a mid-year adjustment and that perhaps a budget workshop
14 was in order.

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16 Councilmember Armstrong felt it would be helpful for the Council to receive a budget update
17 every two months. Mr. Harrington pointed out that he would have the September sales tax figures
18 shortly.

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20 Chair Harker was in favor of having a budget workshop wherein administration brought a list of
21 items it wished to return to the budget and the councilmembers would do the same.

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23 Mr. Cowdell pointed out that increasing the budget would require a public noticing process so
24 administration would need a little more lead time than was typical at the mid-year point. It was
25 determined that the workshop would take place at 5:00 p.m. on November 4th immediately prior
26 to the regular meeting and at that point, they would determine if an additional workshop was
27 necessary.

28 29 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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31 There were no other matters listed on the agenda

32 33 **8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

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35 **8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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37 **8.2 Councilmember Armstrong** - nothing for subsequent consideration.

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39 **8.3 Councilmember Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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1 **8.4 Council Chair Harker** – She asked Mr. Cowdell to review the process that the
2 City would follow in appointing someone to fill the District #3 vacancy.

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4 Mr. Cowdell responded that each applicant would present an opening statement before
5 responding to questions posed by the Council. Mayor Overson asked that if there was
6 any topic that councilmembers were interested in discussing with applicants, that those
7 topics be forwarded to administration. Chair Harker asked that the council be able to
8 review the questions prior to sending them to the applicants.
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10 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS**

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12 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30**
13 **p.m.**

14 **9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

15 **9.3 Special City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

16 **9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

17 **9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.**

18 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**
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20 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

23 *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*
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25 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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27 **MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to adjourn, Councilmember Armstrong**
28 **seconded the motion and Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at**
29 **8:21 p.m.**
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34 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

35 Minutes approved: