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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Mayor:

Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Curt Cochran
Vice-Chair Anna Barbieri
Councilmember Dan Armstrong
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Councilmember Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/C.F.O.
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ben White, City Engineer

BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Cochran conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1. Review Agenda

Chair Cochran reviewed the agenda for the regular meeting.

Regarding Agenda Item #6.1, Councilmember Barbieri recalled the figure as \$150,000 rather than \$180,000. Tracy Cowdell reminded her that the additional \$30,000 was from the funds that were repaid to the city from ChamberWest after the first tranche of spending.

Chair Cochran pointed out that it might be helpful to explain to the public *why* the city was purchasing the real property mentioned in Agenda Item #7.1.

Councilmember Armstrong asked that Valley Emergency Communication Center provide a periodic report to the city council as other contracting agencies did. Chair Cochran stated that he and Council Coordinator Kris Heineman had already discussed this and would arrange for a periodic report from VECC in the future.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Todd Gray, Deputy Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Econ./Comm. Development Dir.
Kirsty Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

Others: Debbie Barton, Jim Dunnigan, Nancy Henderson, Bruce Holman, Susan Holman, Dale Keel, Bob Knudsen, Gary Santy, Jared Smith, Jolene Tanner, Kent Tanner, Lynette Wendel, Howard Wilson, and Susan Yadeskie.

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Curt Cochran 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 and Reverence – *Councilmember Harker* (Opening Ceremonies for September 15, 2021 to be arranged by *Councilmember Burgess*)

 Councilmember Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a reverence.

The recording equipment did not begin until approximately 6:33 p.m.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Despite being a non-golfer, Mayor Kristie Overson attended a recent ChamberWest golf tournament to talk with business owners and find out what the city could do to assist them during these difficult times. She later joined the Chamber at a ribbon-cutting for a remodel at Granite Credit Union on 4700 South.

She and Wayne Harper had recently had lunch with Congressman Burgess Owens at Greek House. Congressman Owens had a keen interest in small business and was able to meet with Winston Asif and hear his story. She enjoyed the opportunity to show him how much Taylorsville valued its businesses, both large and small.

 She and Councilmembers Burgess and Harker had attended Granite School Districts budget lunch, where good questions were asked about how the district came to the numbers that they had. She also enjoyed the opportunity to meet new superintendent Dr. Rich Nye and discuss issues that involved Taylorsville, particularly Taylorsville High school.

Regarding the project on 5400 South Bangerter that was once the home to Kmart, the sale of the property had been finalized. The developer's plans were well underway, and the project had been named Volta which was a Greek word that referred to a promenade or leisurely walk. She was excited about the name because it encompassed the exact feel and lifestyle that she anticipated would be created by the development.

 Mayor Overson had met with the Arts Council Board of Trustees which included Chair Cochran. They enjoyed hearing what the Arts Council had in store for the coming season. *Peter Pan, Jr.* had recently sold out and both she and Councilmember Harker had attended one of the shows at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center.

Boy Scout Troop #117 regularly met at the Taylorsville Museum and in exchange for the use of the meeting space, they offered their services to the Historic Preservation committee to assist with work needing to be done on site. The city had found some old and tattered American flags which were then turned over to the troop whose members would retire them in a respectful and dignified manner.

The city was preparing to potentially work remotely once again, testing things out to ensure that to the extent possible, the city was prepared to serve the citizens from home if need be. She gave credit to Human Resources Director Stephanie Snow, Scott Harrington and I.T. for ensuring that the city could function well remotely if needed.

 During the month of August, 162 business license applications had been submitted with 187 being issued. Code Enforcement had opened 113 new cases and resolved the same number. There were still 527 active cases. In Development, eleven plan applications had been submitted with five completed. The Building Department issued 169 building permits and there were currently 35 active permits.

Mayor Overson explained how a former Taylorsville High School student felt that the U.S. military should have a lounge for their use at the Salt Lake International Airport. He started writing letters to those he felt could make the lounge a reality a couple of years ago, then came a petition and it now appeared that his idea would become a reality.

Some city residents had gotten together to clean up a small portion of I-215. The freeways were the responsibility of the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and she hated when she did not have the authority to act on a problem that affected city residents. She was appreciative of the folks that had taken it upon themselves to take care of a problem.

Another resident had arranged for a walk-through of Gary C. Swensen Valley Regional Park with not only the mayor but Salt Lake County Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton who brought along some individuals from the County's parks management team. They spent an hour discussing parks operations and the needs of various parks.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Cochran reviewed the citizen comment procedures and called for any citizens who wished to address the council. There were no citizen comments, and Chair Cochran closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Jolene and Kent Tanner to the Historic Preservation Committee – Councilmember Harker

 Councilmember Harker explained that she had known the Tanners since she was a teenager and she invited them to step forward to address the council, which they did.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to appoint Jolene and Kent Tanner to the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Taylorsville Dayzz Report – Jim Dunnigan

 Mr. Dunnigan expressed his gratitude to the council and was glad that Taylorsville Dayzz had taken place in late June before COVID-19 began surging again. He introduced the committee members who were present and explained a bit about what each individual brought to Taylorsville Dayzz.

He mentioned what a great job the police and fire departments had done, and the police told him there were no “reportable” events that took place during the event. He presented some interesting statistics regarding the effort it took to plan and work the event. Not counting the work put in by the actual committee members, he explained that:

- There were 413 individuals who volunteered their time
- Those individuals contributed a total of 1267 hours of time
- The volunteers came from 17 different organizations
- 1,000 mini-Bundt cakes had been distributed to people wishing to celebrate Taylorsville’s 25th birthday as a city
- 39 local entertainers performed
- 17 live cannons were set off when the Utah Symphony performed Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture
- 4 skydivers

- 2 Apache helicopters
- 2 fireworks shows

Mr. Dunnigan wished to thank the police and fire departments for their assistance with the event as well as the support and partnership of the city council and administration.

3.2 Parks and Recreation Report – *Jared Smith*

 Mr. Smith explained that there needed to be a discussion about park hours and ensuring they were consistent throughout the city. He said that he had met with Chief Cottam, and they felt that 6am to 11pm would be ideal. Mr. Smith believed that 11pm was more objective than the word “dusk.” He also mentioned that not all lights in the pavilions were operational and in some cases were non-existent. He felt this was a public safety issue.

He also wished to know why portable restrooms were brought in by leagues using the baseball and softball fields rather than using the permanent facilities already on site. He felt the leagues allowed the portable restrooms to remain in place too long without being picked up. Mr. Taylor explained that was a matter for Salt Lake County to address since they were apparently issuing permits to include portable restrooms.

Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation to the city for adding sidewalks to the area around Vista Park.

He wrapped up his report by providing an update of the Labrum Park project, including photos of many of the volunteers.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes –August 18, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes from August 18, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 21-34: A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving \$180,000 of City funds to continue the *Shop Local* program – *Wayne Harper*

 Wayne Harper reminded the council that at the previous meeting, they had informally agreed to allocate \$180,000 for a second tranche of funding to assist both residents and small businesses of Taylorsville. This resolution was prepared to memorialize that decision. Assuming the council voted to approve the funding, it was anticipated that the *Shop Local* bucks would arrive in mailboxes within ten days.

Councilmember Barbieri asked if the Chamber had been able to identify the businesses that were hurt the most by the pandemic. Mr. Harper explained that they had.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution 21-34, allocating \$180,000 in City funds to continue the *Shop Local* program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 21-35 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville authorizing the acquisition of certain real property located at 4551 South Atherton Drive – *Tracy Cowdell*

 Mr. Cowdell explained that the city had an opportunity to purchase certain real property and the administration knew that additional space was needed for a variety of things. A building on roughly 1.3 acres had become available and included storage space, bay doors, and office space. IBEW felt good about the building going to public use and staff recommended that the city

continue with the environmental and title work and eventually enter into a purchase agreement conditioned upon the results of the due diligence.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 21-35, authorizing the acquisition of certain real property located at 4551 South Atherton Drive, conditioned on the results of due diligence studies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Armstrong – He expressed a desire for periodic reporting from Valley Emergency Communications. In addition to that, he had been approached by several individuals who had expressed an interest in creating a committee to focus on beautifying on-ramps and off-ramps of 4700 South I-215.

Mr. Taylor responded that the Redwood Road interchanges ended up costing about \$2,000,000 to landscape. Additionally, it was UDOT property which meant there was a design and approval process that must be followed. The city could begin that process if the council wished. Councilmember Armstrong felt that an ad hoc committee could seek donations for the project. It was pointed out that the responsibility for continued maintenance needs would need to be addressed.

Councilmember Armstrong inquired when the frontage road project on the northwest side of I-215 would begin. Mr. Taylor anticipated it would begin late next year or possibly the year after that.

Mayor Overson reminded the council that funding was limited but it was likely there were opportunities for outside funding. The city would not want to take that financial burden on itself but if that was the direction the council wished to take, the staff could certainly search for outside funding sources.

8.3 Council Chair Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Councilmember Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Councilmember Barbieri – Mentioned that it had been brought to her attention that some of the volunteers who had helped at Labrum Park were actually Mr. Labrum's daughters. She appreciated their efforts on the project.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

9.7 "Let's Talk Taylorsville" – Wednesday, September 29, 2021

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)

10.1 Movies in the Park – Saturday, September 11, 2021 featuring *"Trolls World Tour"* (Movie begins at dusk)

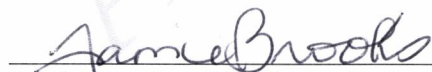
11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room 202)

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

No closed session was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to adjourn the meeting and Chair Cochran declared it adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

