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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 15, 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
Council Vice Chair Anna Barbieri
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Michael Green, Asst. City Atty/Head Prosecutor
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

Others: Doug Shupe

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Curt Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted, wherein all councilmembers were present except Councilmember Harker who arrived immediately thereafter.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the 6:30 p.m. city council meeting was reviewed. Resident Doug Shupe provided each councilmember with a group of photographs which he would explain during the citizen comment period of the regular meeting.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin./CFO
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Michael Green, Asst. City Atty/Head Prosecutor
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney

Others: Lynn Handy, Bill Hardesty, Bruce Holman, Susan Holman, Bob Knudsen, Macie Muller, Barbara Riddle, Doug Shupe, Matt Thomas, Gordon Willardson and Susan Yadeskie

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair 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/Reverence – *Councilmember Burgess & Macie Muller* (Opening Ceremonies for October 6, 2021 to be arranged by *Councilmember Armstrong*)

 Councilmember Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance before introducing Macie Muller who had recently played Peter Pan in a local production of *Peter Pan, Jr.* Miss Muller sang *Neverland* before Councilmember Burgess offered a reverence.

Chair Cochran explained that Agenda Item #3.2 would be heard prior to Item #3.1.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that over 300 members of the Utah chapter of the American Planning Association attended a conference next door at the Mid Valley Performing Arts Center with some time also spent at the Centennial Plaza campus. A close eye was kept on the parking situation during this two-day event, but everyone was able to locate a place to park.

Salt Lake County had also held a press conference on the steps of the Centennial Plaza Amphitheatre, signing a proclamation encouraging the business community, local civic groups, and community institutions to make Salt Lake County a welcoming place. She was delighted that the County had chosen Taylorsville from which to deliver the message.

The final Movie in the Park for the year was held the previous Saturday in the new amphitheater. Mayor Overson expressed appreciation to the Youth Council and the Parks and Recreation Committee for their work on the event.

September 11th had been a day of service around the valley, and she was aware that many people participated in a variety of projects. She saw a clean-up project on I-215 involving ten residents. UDOT had not provided enough garbage bags for the group so fortunately, city staff was able to scramble and quickly come up with additional bags.

A 'Share the Harvest' community event had taken place which included crafts, music, and food, some of which was collected for the Taylorsville Food Pantry.

As a board member for the Jordan River Commission, Mayor Overson had recently participated in a field trip to see what West Jordan was doing to improve their stretch of the Jordan River. There was a great deal of open space that not everyone was aware of.

The trail east of I-215 was being improved as part of the Taylorsville's Trail Master Plan. Communities on the east side of the freeway would now have a safer walking route to Centennial Plaza.

Salt Lake County's Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention facilities board (TRCC) met to review the budget after making drastic cuts the previous year due to COVID-19. The Board approved a restoration of funding for projects that had been put on hold and she was hopeful that

they would authorize funds for improvements to Taylorsville Park. It was also anticipated that Salt Lake County would be conveying ownership of Taylorsville Park to the city.

 City administration had facilitated a meeting between Taylorsville High School, UDOT and the city engineer at city hall. It had been a great opportunity to connect the school district with state transportation officials to discuss some of the challenges currently existing with traffic around the school. It was a productive meeting, and several potential solutions were discussed.

Regarding ChamberWest, earlier that day during the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee meeting on the hill, ChamberWest's Business Theft Task Force gave a presentation on an ongoing problem of automobile catalytic converters being stolen. The task force had received unanimous approval to move ahead with potential legislation to address the issue.

The most recent issue of the Utah Peace Officer Association (UPOA) magazine featured the new Taylorsville Police Department. She thanked Communications Director Kim Horiuchi and the police department for their constant efforts on the city's behalf. Mayor Overson ended her remarks by pointing out that there were many good things happening and that Taylorsville was truly a place for people to connect.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Cochran reviewed the Citizen Comment procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

Taylorsville resident Doug Shupe wished to address Labrum Park. He had provided each councilmember with several photographs (which will be retained with the permanent meeting materials). He felt the lack of a walkway going from the South Jordan canal to the park was a very dangerous situation. He wished a walkway to be built between the curb and the wall. He held many people responsible for the fact that no one had done anything about this problem thus far, including himself.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.2 Cultural Diversity Committee Report – *Bill Hardesty*

 Mr. Hardesty explained that during Taylorsville Dayzz, his committee had discussed what the word “diversity” meant. They had come up with 67 different answers. The data provided to the committee indicated that people want differences to be recognized but did not wish the differences to be polarizing.

The committee was working on finalizing a mission statement and had added some new members, including an individual from the LGBTQ+ committee which he found exciting. He stressed the importance of including *all* cultures, rather than only those that were ethnic in nature—that community diversity should involve everyone.

Mr. Hardesty explained that a Purpose Statement and a Vision Statement had both been agreed upon by the committee although they were still working on their mission statement. They had also created a committee logo and improved their record keeping.

The committee’s plans for 2021-2022 included:

- Meeting with the Arts Council to discuss combining an event and potentially adding a night to Taylorsville Dayzz
- Building a Facebook page and beginning to plan events around things like Hispanic Heritage month, Juneteenth, etc. The committee was interested in doing a deep dive into the new census data to see what could be learned about the city’s demographics
- Ongoing discussions about changing the name of the committee

Councilmember Harker wished to confirm that the current name was the Cultural Diversity Committee. Mr. Hardesty indicated that was correct but there were some that felt that name limited the committee’s focus to ethnic diversity only.

As the council liaison for the Historical Preservation committee, Councilmember Harker was under the impression that the Cultural Diversity committee was interested in assisting with the *Saturday with Santa* event in December. Mr. Hardesty said that was correct although he pointed out that Santa wasn’t Santa to everyone. Instead of celebrating Christmas, some individuals celebrated other holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, etc. Councilmember Harker said that was exactly why the Historic Preservation Committee hoped the Cultural Diversity Committee would participate in the event.

3.1 ChamberWest Report – *Barbara Riddle*

 Ms. Riddle pointed out that ChamberWest had a new logo and mission statement which had taken quite a while to develop. *“Enhancing the business community through connections, promotion and advocacy”*

She explained that the hospitality industry, having taken such a hit due to the pandemic, was organizing itself and she was excited to see what that ended up looking like.

Ms. Riddle then went through some of the many activities the Chamber sponsored to advocate for local business:

- Leadership Institute Program
- Professional Development and Small Business Series
- Job Fair
- Tourism/Hospitality Committee
- Social and Digital Media Support
- Promotional assistance with business’ special events
- Legislative Affairs Committee
- Empowering Women Luncheon Series
- Leadership Institute Program
- Friday Connections
- Annual Awards Gala

The 2021 *Shop Local* program had kicked off earlier that day with 44 businesses currently signed up to participate. She anticipated that quite a few others would be signing up as well. Recently, over 20,000 postcards were mailed to residents, each of which had two \$15 “bucks” which had been printed in four different languages.

The Legislative Affairs Committee created a task force which in turn created a subcommittee working group to address the ongoing issue involving theft of catalytic converters. Senator Mayne passed proposed language along to Representative Wilcox in a collaborative effort to effect change.

ChamberWest would host a Meet the Candidate night on October 7th at Taylorsville City Hall from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30p.m.

The Chamber’s Fall business conference would be held on Tuesday, November 16th at the Utah Cultural Center in West Valley.

Councilmember Barbieri commented on how helpful the Chambers’ Becky Guertler was at the recent day of service on September 11th.

3.3 Historic Preservation Committee Report – Susan Yadeskie



Ms. Yadeskie explained that her committee felt that the councilmembers and city administrators were friends and she appreciated them deeply. Her committee continued to grow and had added new members. She described the camaraderie and the mutual respect that the committee members held for one another as everyone did their part. Each member had different skill sets and interests and there was something for everyone to do.

The committee kept working throughout the pandemic. The members had volunteered 1,267 hours from March 2020 through December 2020 despite the active pandemic. Those hours equated to \$29,149 dollars at \$23 per hour which was the rate recommended for most grants. It was clear that the numbers for 2021 would be even higher.

Volunteers had scanned 195 binders of historical information at the museum, preserving the information for future generations. There were also audio recordings which were being transferred to a digital format. The application to get the current Islamic Center on the National Historic Registry was almost complete and it was hoped that the museum would eventually be added as well.

Planning meetings for the 2021 *Saturday with Santa* event would soon begin. During some previous years, the event had been referred to as *Christmas Around the World* when other communities had become involved.

Tombstone Tales would be taking place in September, and it would be “bigger and better” because it had evolved to include members of other cultures who had either lived in or been buried in the city.

Councilmember Harker asked about proposed improvements to the exterior of the museum. Ms. Yadeskie responded that the first step was to get the building on the National Registry. Then grant funds could be applied for, which would lead to physical improvements being made. She was waiting to hear from city administrators whether some of the more pressing repairs could be made sooner rather than later.

Mayor Overson indicated that she hoped to provide the council with an accounting of the budget at an October meeting, specifically the funds that the council had allocated for special projects such as the museum. She suspected that Councilmember Harker’s question could be answered at the next council meeting.

Chair Cochran mentioned that the museum grounds looked beautiful.

3.4 Green Committee Report – Matt Thomas

 Mr. Thomas reported on the clean-up event that had been held earlier in the year. He was disappointed that it hadn't been held at city hall. Instead, it was held at Taylorsville High School, and he expressed appreciation to the council for funding the event. Facebook and word-of-mouth appeared to be the most effective ways of informing the public that the clean-up was taking place. The committee hoped to hold it in April the following year which could conflict with school if the event did not return to city hall. This year, people in over 500 vehicles brought solid waste to the event. He expressed his appreciation to the Youth Council who helped at the event.

The Green Committee had decided to change their focus to educating 1st through 6th graders about the importance of reusing and repurposing various items. It was hoped the result would be a family event wherein the children could teach their parents, and parents could in turn encourage their kids to be part of the solution.

Councilmember Harker felt that June was a great time to hold the event because it was when residents were more likely to be thinking about cleaning up. She also recommended that the committee reach out to Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling who had already created a virtual presentation for school children which they had used when the pandemic hit.

Councilmember Barbieri agreed that June was the perfect time to hold the event. She also liked the increased visibility and accessibility of Taylorsville High School. She felt the Green Committee had done a spectacular job.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – September 1, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve the minutes of September 1, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 21-13 An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville approving a text amendment to Taylorsville Municipal Code Sections 13.07.020, 13.08.020, 13.09.030,

13.10.020 and 13.11.010 related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), extended living areas, guesthouses, and corresponding definitions – **Wayne Harper**



Economic and Community Development Director Wayne Harper explained that recent legislation had changed how Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) were defined in State code. He clarified that these were only units that were contained within an *existing single-family dwelling*. It did not include tiny homes, mobile homes, or anything else detached from the existing structure.

The new State code would go into effect on October 1, so time was of the essence to remain compliant with the law. He explained that:

- ADUs were not for short-term rentals (Airbnb, for example)
- Property owner was required to live on-site
- Business license was required
- Notice must be recorded at the County
- City could still prohibit ADUs on lots smaller than 6,000 square feet and prohibit separate utility meters

Mr. Harper explained that the proposed ordinance was being used as a model for other municipalities. Requiring that a notice be recorded at the Salt Lake County Clerk's office would ensure that if/when the property was sold in the future, the new property owner would be made aware that there had been an ADU permit in place but that they would need to apply for a new permit if they wished to continue the ADU status.

A conditional use permit process would no longer be required, nor would there be a maximum amount of floor space. The cost of the permit would be reduced for those property owners who were taking part in the Good Landlord program. No permit would be required if the ADU was occupied by family members. There were two extensive changes to the current process which were that 1) the definition and everything dealing with extended living areas had been repealed and folded into the state definition of ADU which would make compliance much simpler; and 2) the definition of "guesthouse" had been modified and limited. The Planning Commission had forwarded a unanimous recommendation for the City Council to approve Ordinance 21-13 and staff recommended the Council's approval as well.

Regarding the prohibition against short-term rentals, Councilmember Armstrong asked what was considered short term. He also wished to know if an ADU required a separate entrance from that of the primary dwelling. Mr. Harper responded that anything less than a 30-day stay was short term and that a separate entrance was not a requirement under the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember Armstrong inquired about grandfathering in existing non-conforming properties. Mr. Harper responded that it was hoped those individuals would be willing to become compliant. His department was currently working with Code Enforcement to identify those properties.

City Administrator John Taylor indicated there would need to be some internal discussions about doing everything possible to make it easy for property owners to apply for the permit — even potentially waiving licensing fees. However, potential penalties for non-compliance would need to have some teeth.

In response to an inquiry from Councilmember Harker, Mr. Harper explained that a single bedroom would not be considered an ADU. There would need to be a separate bathroom and kitchen facilities to meet that standard as well as an additional parking spot on site. Therefore, an inspection would be necessary to ensure that all conditions were met. Additionally, a single bedroom could not be rented out.

Chair Cochran asked where tiny homes or trailers fit into this situation. Mr. Harper responded that the proposed ordinance only addressed living space within an existing residential structure. There were some (although very few) lots within the city where guest houses were permitted, but they could still only be occupied by family and could not be rented out.

Mayor Overson wished to reiterate that what Mr. Harper and his department had done was to ensure that Taylorsville remained compliant with the new action taken by the state and now we must figure out how to work together to help people be compliant. This was not a hammer but instead, a tool. Various city departments would be working together to ensure these situations were handled appropriately.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-13, approving a text amendment to Taylorsville Municipal Code Sections 13.07.020, 13.08.020, 13.09.030, 13.10.020 and 13.11.010 related to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), extended living areas, guesthouses, and corresponding definitions. 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

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no additional matters on the agenda.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – Councilmember Burgess asked that the Council be updated when it was determined if any changes had helped solve the traffic challenges currently taking place at Taylorsville High School. Mayor Overson indicated that she would be happy to check back with the school and see if there was anything else the city could do to assist them in seeking a solution.

Youth Council Advisor Kris Heineman mentioned that the members of the Youth Council had mentioned earlier in the day that the traffic situation at the school had improved dramatically.

8.2 Councilmember Armstrong – Councilmember Armstrong felt that not only had the traffic problem not gotten better, it had actually gotten worse. Traffic was also worse on 2200 West near Vista Elementary.

8.3 Council Chair Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Councilmember Harker – Councilmember Harker asked how much TRCC funding was anticipated for Taylorsville Park. Mayor Overson responded that initially the request had been for \$1.7 million. She anticipated the request would be granted and that it would be spread out over three years.

Councilmember Harker also wished to know what action would be coming out of the meeting that had taken place with UDOT and Taylorsville High School pertaining to the existing traffic problems in the area. Mayor Overson indicated that UDOT had recommended a change to the timing of a traffic signal and that the school principal had mentioned some internal changes that the school could make. The mayor did not know yet if those had been made. Councilmember Harker expressed her appreciation to the mayor for acting so quickly and for her ability to bring together those parties that were needed to bring about positive change.

8.5 Councilmember Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

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

- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 "Let's Talk Taylorsville" – Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.7 Planning Commission Work Session- Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.8 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Councilmember Harker pointed out that the Parks and Recreation Committee would be digging ditches the following Saturday at Labrum Park. More volunteers were always welcome.

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*) *- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker and the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

