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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, October 6, 2021
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
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, Asst. City Admin./CFO
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council/Youth Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Mason Harker

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Curt Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the city council meeting was reviewed by Chair Cochran.

Councilmember Armstrong mentioned the November 16th Board of Canvasser's meeting and asked if board members could attend the meeting virtually. Mayor Overson and John Taylor both

responded in the affirmative and City Attorney Tracy Cowdell indicated that city hall would still be the anchor location, even if some board members chose to attend the meeting virtually.

Regarding the *Meet the Candidates* event scheduled for the following evening, Mr. Cowdell reminded the councilmembers that it was a private event of ChamberWest. While it was being held in city hall, it was not a city event.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council/Youth Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Ryan Buchanan, Oselle Capener, Karsyr Childs, Brad Christopherson, Walker Christopherson, Chayson Gale, John E. Gidney, Terry Lynne Gidney, Lynn Handy, Mason Harker, MacKenzie Hathaway, Bob Knudsen, Jenna Marchant, Byron McDougal, Cindy McDougal, Kevin McDougal, Emma Powers, Maryn Seaman, Brandon Sorensen, and Morgan Thompson

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 – *Youth Council*
(Opening Ceremonies for October 20, 2021 to be arranged by *Council Chair Cochran*)

Maryn Seaman directed the Pledge of Allegiance before Jenna Marchant offered comments regarding the importance of leadership and taking responsibility for one's actions. 

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson reported that there had been a ribbon-cutting recently for Summit Vista's new Memory Care facility which had been named Meadow Peak. She expressed appreciation to those who attended the event and stated it was an amazing new facility.

She recently returned from a ChamberWest-sponsored trip to Washington D.C. during which she had the opportunity to meet with federal delegation members. She and others met with staffers and key departments impacting Taylorsville businesses. These individuals included Sen. Mike Lee, Sen. Mitt Romney, Congressmen John Curtis, Burgess Owens, Blake Moore and Chris Stewart, Dr. Virginia Foxx who was the ranking member of the Education and Labor Committee, Congressman Byron Donalds of Florida, House Republican Whip Steve Scalise, and Congressman Hudson, the Republican Conference Secretary.

She initially wasn't sure if the trip would make a difference, but she ended up feeling that there had been a huge impact both on the attendees as well as on the federal officials who met with them. ChamberWest had organized and sponsored the trip and Mayor Overson said she could not emphasize enough how important the city's relationship with ChamberWest was.

The mayor updated the city council regarding the Shop Local program. After the first week, 1,224 coupons had been redeemed for an \$18,360 value to Taylorsville businesses.

ChamberWest had recently held a press conference regarding the ongoing problem of theft of catalytic converters. A bill file would be opened and sponsored by both the House and the Senate, and she looked forward to seeing the result of the cooperative effort.

Taylorsville had recently hosted a monthly COM (Council of Mayors) meeting wherein Mark McGrath provided a brief presentation regarding the development of Centennial Plaza. It had been a wonderful opportunity to meet with many mayors around the Salt Lake Valley and discuss shared interests that various communities faced throughout the valley.

Mayor Overson provided some September statistics regarding staff work throughout the city. During the previous month there had been 173 business license applications submitted with 188 being issued. Concerning Code Enforcement, 146 new cases had been opened with 144 cases

having been resolved. This left the division with an active case load of 621. It was a huge amount of work for such a lean staff, but they worked very hard, and they were to be commended for all they did for the community. In September, the Planning Department received five new applications and completed seven. The Building Department had issued 149 building permits and 36 were still active.

As was always the case in the fall, free leaf bags were available in city hall—this year in the foyer on the first floor. Mayor Overson encouraged residents to help their neighbors if necessary. The bags would be available while supplies lasted and the full bags could be dumped at either Swensen Regional Park or Vista Park. She extended her appreciation to Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District for their support of this program.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Cochran briefly reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any comments. There was no one who wished to comment, so Chair Cochran closed the comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of 2021-2022 Youth Council and Youth Ambassadors – *Kris Heineman and Mayor Overson*

 Kris Heineman explained how excited she was about the 2021-2022 Youth Council. She thanked the parents and grandparents who were in the audience to support the kids. She then called each of the Youth Council members forward in preparation to take the Oath of Office as youth councilmembers. Mayor Overson then administered the Oath before group photos were taken.

Ms. Heineman then explained Taylorsville's Youth Ambassador program. There were two members of the Youth Council who had been named Youth Ambassadors for 2021-2022 and each of whom had planned a service project. Those young people were Brandon Sorensen and Emma Powers.

Brandon Sorenson explained that he was President of the Key Club at his high school and was scheduling a community blood drive at his school in October and then holding a second such drive for the community at large which would take place at a city facility.

Ms. Powers indicated that her service project involved holding a clothing drive for the homeless community. Her goal was to partner with the rescue mission and to donate 60 pounds of clothing by December to help provide some warmth for those that needed it.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Capital Improvements Report – *Ben White*

 City Engineer Ben White updated the council regarding various capital projects that were funded in the current budget.

Centennial Plaza This project was nearly complete although there were some details yet to be finalized. Art pieces would soon be added and would be rotated with other pieces on an ongoing basis.

Councilmember Harker inquired about the art. Mayor Overson responded that there would only be a few pieces placed initially and the collection would increase over time. City logos would be placed at the entrance of the plaza and additional lighting was still on the way. A formal ribbon cutting would take place on October 15, 2021.

 **City Hall Remodel** Mr. White explained that this project appeared to be complete but that there were some key parts that remained unfinished. He hoped they would be done soon.

 **Labrum Park Project** Half of this project was made possible by grant funding and there had been a great deal of effort made by volunteers. He expected the project to be completed in the Spring which was when planting could begin. Councilmember Harker admitted it was a lot more work than had been originally anticipated. Mr. White mentioned the park trail that resident Doug Shupe had brought up during a recent council meeting had been funded and would be complete by the end of the fiscal year.

CDBG Sidewalk Project There were some CDBG grant funds that needed to be spent and the project chosen was the curb and gutter on 5000 South which had never been installed. Some ADA ramps were also put in place and sidewalk was replaced where trip hazards had been identified.

 **2700 West Wall** Regarding the placement of a wall along the west side of 2700 West, the money that had been allocated for the project would allow approximately 2/3 of the wall to be completed on that side of the road, beginning slightly south of 5400 South. Mr. White indicated that there were some utility challenges and grade issues to deal with. He and others would meet with residents later in the year to discuss specific issues that would affect specific homes/yards. He expected to put the project out to bid in January or February. If he did so sooner, the city was likely to end up paying more for the project.

I-215 Trail Site Plan This was directly under I-215 and the ground was being graded and Mr. White expected that it would be paved within 2-3 weeks.

Redwood Road Beautification This was a complex project that involved all utilities. The power lines currently above ground would hopefully be buried by spring. The power lines would still be visible after that because an entire electrical system would need to be constructed and energized underground before the equipment above ground could be decommissioned. UDOT had approved the design and he expected UDOT would have a bid and contractor in place by Thanksgiving or December. The project involved Rocky Mountain Power, Comcast, and all other utilities would do more of the work than would UDOT. Councilmember Harker stressed the importance of keeping the residents informed of impending road closures and changes to traffic patterns.

4700 South & 2600 West Improvements A frontage road was several years in the future but improvements on 4700 South were expected soon. However, it was important to remember that the city did not control the property on the north side.

1780 West Concept This was a direct result of the BRT project (Bus Rapid Transit). The city had committed to having a road from 4700 South to the Salt Lake Community College.

Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center/Museum While this wasn't necessarily a capital project, it was a city project to hire a consultant and hopefully get this building on the National Historic Registry. He was attempting to hire a contractor or handy man to handle some current maintenance issues.

4800 South Bridge The bridge was quite old and had been hit by several vehicles over the years. It was intended that the parapets on both sides of the bridge would be replaced within the next year and the new design would replicate the old one quite closely.

Fire Station The old fire station on Redwood Road was undergoing some work for future use as a city facility.

Carriage Square This was another CDBG project which involved replacing the parking lot and doing some landscaping. Work was expected to begin in early Spring.

Chair Cochran asked if the property owners were participating in the upgrades as well. Mr. White responded that each had committed to upgrading their own property, but this was the portion that the city had agreed to take care of. City Administrator wished to confirm that the parking lot was going to be reconstructed. Mr. White responded in the affirmative and explained that drainage would be improved to the extent possible.

Pickleball Courts G. Brown Design has been hired to do a concept and design of "Tank Park" at 3200 West 6200 South to see if it was an appropriate site for pickleball courts. G. Brown was also

looking at Taylorsville Park for concept work—just to determine if either site was appropriate for pickleball courts.

Skateboard Park Councilmember Harker asked if any repairs had been made at the skateboard park. Mr. White responded that some grinding and minimal repairs had taken place but nothing that he would consider substantial.

Returning to the topic of pickleball courts, Mr. White said that from an engineering standpoint, he did not recommend attempting to improve the existing court but instead, building new ones. Councilmember Harker said she still wished to know what it would cost to re-orient the current court and add a fence. Councilmember Armstrong indicated that the city would get more bang for its buck by building new courts elsewhere. Mr. White agreed. He also pointed out that a majority of the council would need to vote in favor of retaining the existing courts at Millrace at which point there would be a discussion about necessary improvements.

Chair Cochran reminded everyone that the council had allocated a certain amount of funding for pickleball. Where the courts would be placed was up to city administration. Councilmember Harker reiterated her belief that there was no reason not to also make the existing court more usable by reorienting it and adding a fence. Mr. White responded that he would bring a proposal back to the council.

Councilmember Barbieri mentioned that the lights were out under the bridge on 1300 West near the duck pond. Councilmember Burgess said there was a similar problem at the monument sign as you enter the city on 4700 South. Additionally, he indicated that the paint used to cover some graffiti did not match the original paint. He felt the monument needed some attention to look better.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 City Council Minutes – September 15, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve the minutes from September 15, 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

5.1 **Ordinance No. 21-14– An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville approving text amendments to the Taylorsville Municipal Code, Section 13.35, Notice Requirements, to update the City’s Public Noticing Standards to align with State law – *Wayne Harper***

 Economic & Community Development Director Wayne Harper explained that code changes at the State level pertaining to publishing notices in newspapers of general circulation had changed during the last legislative session. Ordinance 21-14 was being presented to the council so that city code would align with the new state law.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance 21-14, approving text amendments to the Taylorsville Municipal Code, Sections 13.35, Notice Requirements, to update the City’s Public Noticing Standards to align with State law. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

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

The motion passed 5-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters on the agenda

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Armstrong – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Chair Cochran – Asked that the councilmembers consider whether they wished to have 2nd meetings in November and December. There was also a fifth Wednesday in December when a *Let's Talk Taylorsville* meeting would traditionally take place if it were not for the holidays.

8.4 Councilmember Harker – Wondered if any action had taken place regarding making the hours of operation in Taylorsville parks consistent throughout the city.

Mayor Overson responded that Salt Lake County's practice was to have their parks open from 6am to 10pm. She felt it made sense for Taylorsville to be consistent with the County. Councilmembers Harker, Armstrong and Burgess all spoke in favor of maintaining that consistency. Chief Cottam pointed out that specific times were easier for officers to enforce than were subjective terms such as "dawn" and "dusk." The subject of changing signage throughout the parks was brought forth. The mayor pointed out that in the winter, sprinkler systems and restrooms were winterized, and the parks were considered closed. That might be something to consider when planning signage.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that park hours were currently spelled out in city code so a change to the hours would require an ordinance. He stated that the administration would bring back an ordinance addressing new park hours so that the council could formalize their decision.

8.5 Councilmember Barbieri – Nothing for subsequent consideration

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

9.7 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

9.8 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

10.1 Meet the Candidates Night – Thursday, October 7, 2021 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to adjourn the regular meeting and convene a Closed Session to hold a strategy session regarding pending or reasonably imminent litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

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

The motion passed 5-0

The meeting was closed at 7:39 p.m. for the purposes listed below, wherein no other matters were discussed.

- **Strategy Session Regarding Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**

Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder