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**City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes**

**Wednesday, November 17, 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 Coordinator
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Sally Beesley, Beth A. Hartung-Soria, Kevyn Smeltzer and Jay Ziolkowski

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Council 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 regular city council meeting was reviewed by Chair Cochran. He asked if any councilmembers had issues to discuss for Item #8.

Councilmember Armstrong indicated that he had missed the meeting following a recent fatal auto-pedestrian accident but asked that the city consider improving lighting at all the main thoroughfares in Taylorsville.

Councilmember Burgess had heard from a constituent who expressed concern about transients living around the Jordan river. The river flowed through several jurisdictions, and he wondered if there was anything that could be done to bring multiple cities together to come up with a global plan for addressing the ongoing problem. After some discussion it was found that the TVPD was actively working on the issue and their efforts appeared to be effective. Mayor Overson explained that the Jordan River Commission had representation from each city along the river and were well aware of the problem.

In response to a question from Mayor Overson, Chief Brady Cottam responded that the city received funding from the Division of Wildlife which was earmarked for enforcement near the river. The work typically took place in the summer months which was when the problem was at its peak. Taylorsville was taking care of problem activity within its borders.

Councilmember Harker asked if the city would be hosting a holiday event the following month. Mayor Overson responded that there would be an open house during business hours on December 9th to honor community and business leaders. The councilmembers would soon be receiving invitations.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran adjourned the briefing session at 6:11 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Councilmember Meredith Harker

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator

Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, Unified Fire Captain
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Sally Beesley, Andres Calderon, Ken Donarski, Sandra Carpio, Beth A. Hartung-Soria, John E. Gidney, Ben James, Jody James, Bob Knudsen, Marc McElreath, Dean Paynter, Kevyn Smeltzer, Nick Whittaker, and Jay Ziolkowski

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Curt Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Armstrong* (Opening Ceremonies for December 1, 2021 to be arranged by Mayor Overson)

 Councilmember Dan Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a Reverence.

Chair Cochran offered his congratulations to Mayor Overson and Councilmembers Barbieri and Harker who had recently been re-elected. He also offered congratulations to Bob Knudsen who was in the audience and had recently been elected to represent District No. 5 on the city council.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson joined in congratulating the others that had recently been elected or re-elected. She also acknowledged Councilmember Armstrong and looked forward to serving with him until his term ended on January 5th when Councilmember-Elect Knudsen would be sworn in.

The mayor reported that she had recently attended two ribbon cuttings. One was at South Pacific Island Art which she described as a lovely and unique shop which honored Polynesian art, history, culture, and island traditions. It was located in the Crossroads of Taylorsville Shopping Center, and she encouraged those present to visit the shop.

Earlier in the week she had attended the opening of Maria's #2 Mexican restaurant in Legacy Plaza at 5400 South Redwood. She described the event as both fun and festive and wished great success upon both new local businesses.

Unified Fire Authority had operated very well under Chief Executive Officer Dan Petersen who would soon be retiring. As a member of UFA's board of directors, she had the opportunity to help

1 select someone to succeed Chief Petersen who would continue to serve until a successor could be
2 found.

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4 Mayor Overson expressed her pride in Taylorsville Police as they worked daily to carry out the
5 department's mission to provide high quality law enforcement services, thus preserving and
6 protecting the people and the diverse and unique culture that came with living in Taylorsville. The
7 city continued to receive positive feedback its officers on an almost daily basis. A particularly
8 heartwarming story had recently been shared on social media about two officers in particular. She
9 attributed the department's accolades to a great police chief and many dedicated police officers.

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11 The mayor reminded the councilmembers that Volta was the name that had been chosen for the
12 Westpoint project which was to be built at the old Kmart location. City administration had met
13 with the design team several weeks before. She indicated that many topics were discussed during
14 the meeting and the project was moving along nicely.

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16 Mayor Overson had been honored to represent the city at the funeral of Kyle Finch and pay her
17 respects to his family. The city had ordered crossing lights at the intersection where the accident
18 that took his life took place. Additionally, some LED light replacements had been ordered which
19 would be installed in the overhead streetlights. She asked for the council's help in identifying and
20 prioritizing funding for both items, either with a mid-year budget adjustment or for the FY21-22
21 budget.

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23 ChamberWest had held their Fall business conference the previous week and the mayor had the
24 pleasure to speak to leaders of Taylorsville businesses as well as those of neighboring cities. She
25 stated that Taylorsville's presentation was great thanks to the city's economic development team.
26 She had thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to brag about the city.

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28 The ShopLocal program would wind down later that week and \$144,000 in ShopLocal bucks had
29 been redeemed thus far. Any remaining bucks needed to be spent by the following Friday when
30 the program would end. She hoped the program would be repeated at some point in the future.

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32 A quarterly staff meeting had recently been held for all city employees. The training topic was the
33 importance of cyber security, and she expressed her appreciation to Scott Harrington for arranging
34 the training.

35 36 **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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38  Chair Cochran reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience and asked anyone
39 who wished to be heard to step forward.

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41 Ben James asked that 2700 West be renamed Constitution Avenue as it was in West Valley City.

Jody James spoke briefly on the same topic. She said she realized there would be a cost to making the change and she would be willing to pledge some money for the project.

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Cochran closed the citizen comment period at 6:52 p.m.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Salt Lake County Public Works – Kevyn Smeltzer

 Kevyn Smeltzer of Salt Lake County Public Works presented information regarding the roadways that had either been overlaid or slurry sealed in the past year. He also provided information regarding snow removal but pointed out that the division was short twelve employees. He asked that the city let him know as soon as possible if they had any issues with snow removal, explaining that quite a bit of the snow removal staff was new and had recently completed simulator training. He asked that councilmembers let their constituents know that if there were problems, it was much more effective to call or email the county. Posting information on Facebook was unlikely to be effective as his staff would not receive the notification. Even better, there was a phone app called CitizenVue which would automatically generate work orders created by citizens. It will also send an email back to the resident when action was taken on the work order.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes –City Council Meeting of November 3, 2021

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2021 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Public Hearing – To Receive Public Comment regarding Needs for the Upcoming 2022-2023 Plan Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Ken Donarski

 Ken Donarski reminded the council that the city contracted with him to consult on the Community Development Grant (CDBG) program and HOME funds. He explained that this public comment period was an opportunity for service providers who sought CDBG funding from the city to explain the funding needs they saw within the city and possibly to illustrate the ways in which the Taylorsville community benefitted from those services. He explained that the following day there would be a training opportunity to help service providers understand the application process and pre-applications could begin the following Friday.

Chair Cochran asked about the funding timetable. Mr. Donarski responded that pre-applications could be submitted from November 19th through December 12th. The formal application period was December 13th through January 13th, and the applications would then be presented to Mayor Overson for her recommendations. Those recommendations would then be presented to the council for ratification.

Chair Cochran opened the public hearing comment period at 7:01 p.m.

Andres Calderon of Assist Inc. explained that his group had been assisting Salt Lake County residents since 1969. Assist Inc. provided emergency home repairs, accessibility design assistance and community design programs. Their organization provided small construction grants for households with significant need of critical home repairs such as replacing leaky roofs, broken sewer lines and non-functioning furnaces. Accessibility modifications provided dignity and independence to those with physical disabilities and for the aging population. Over the last fifty years, such interventions represented over \$20 million in community investment/assistance. Since 2000, 923 projects had been performed in Taylorsville.

Nick Whittaker explained that Utah 211 (part of United Way of Utah) was a state-wide health and human services referral system that connected people to a variety of necessities. During FY20-21, the agency had 4,182 interactions with Taylorsville residents. The most common needs these residents had were housing, shelter, utilities, employment, healthcare, income and food. Mr. Whittaker asked that Utah 211 be allowed to continue serving Taylorsville residents with continued funding through the CDBG program.

There were no additional public comments and Chair Cochran declared the public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

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2 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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4 There were no financial matters for discussion.

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6 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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8 **7.1 Ordinance No. 21-17 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville authorizing**
9 **the Creation of a Community Advisory Board for the Taylorsville Police**
10 **Department – Jay Ziolkowski**
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12  Jay Ziolkowski expressed thanks to Chief Cottam for presenting the report from the
13 Transition Team at a previous city council meeting.

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15 Mr. Ziolkowski explained that the team had known from the beginning that it was important to
16 have a Community Advisory Board for the Taylorsville Police Department. They had initially
17 hoped to have the Board in place when the department began operations on July 1 but realized that
18 it was best to spend more time on its creation. They now sought to have the board in place by
19 January 1, 2022. It would consist of five members who would provide advice and review pertaining
20 to incidents involving pursuits, and use of force, as well as on internal investigations. This was in
21 line with “best practices” at the national level. Each board member would receive training, have
22 the opportunity to participate in ride-a-longs and be made aware of policies, procedures, funding,
23 etc.
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25 As noted in Ordinance No. 21-17, an administrative policy had been created which would remain
26 adaptive as changes in law enforcement occurred.
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28 Councilmember Cochran asked Mr. Ziolkowski to describe the application process for serving on
29 the board. Mr. Ziolkowski responded that several community members had already reached out to
30 the city and expressed interest in serving on the board. There was also a group of community
31 members who had been highly recommended and who had helped create a strategic plan for the
32 new police department. Those people would be contacted, and a general notice would be posted
33 for anyone interested in serving on the new board. Appointment to the board would be made by
34 Mayor Overson with the advice and consent of the city council.
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36 Councilmember Harker inquired how often the board would meet and whether they would present
37 their findings to the city council. Mr. Ziolkowski responded that the board would meet monthly
38 and that the intent was for the board to make presentations to the council on both a quarterly and
39 an annual basis.
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Councilmember Barbieri asked for a brief overview of what the city hoped to accomplish by having a Citizen Advisory Board. Mr. Ziolkowski explained that the idea was to ensure that the community had the opportunity to review the types of hot topics that often ended up in the news. The city sought to dispel the belief that law enforcement issues would be covered up and instead to increase transparency. Ideally, board members would understand the dynamics of what it meant to work in law enforcement but perhaps had a different perspective. It was hoped that the board members would be able to provide feedback to Chief Cottam and the city administration from a community member's perspective regarding the appropriateness of officers' actions.

Councilmember Barbieri asked if the intent was to have the Advisory Board share its information with the public or would the information be kept between the board and city leaders? There was an expectation that certain matters would be kept private (such as an officer's name) but the intent was for the board to share their knowledge of the police departments' training, funding and policies.

Chair Cochran asked about pre-requisites for serving on the Citizen Advisory Board and wondered if any groups would be excluded from serving on the board. In response, Mr. Ziolkowski indicated that members would simply need to be willing to attend training and be genuinely engaged with the community. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell clarified that board members would need to undergo background checks since they would have access to sensitive information. Additionally, he suggested that elected officials not serve on the board since it should be autonomous from policy makers.

Councilmember Burgess was happy to see checks and balances in place.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-17, authorizing the creation of a Community Advisory Board for the Taylorsville Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

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

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

1 **8.2 Councilmember Armstrong** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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3 **8.3 Council Chair Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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5 **8.4 Councilmember Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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7 **8.5 Councilmember Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

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9 **9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**

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11 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 23, 2021 – 6:30**
12 **p.m.**

13 **9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

14 **9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

15 **9.4 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.**

16 **9.5 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 7, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.**

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18 Chair Cochran explained that there would also be a City Council meeting on December 15, 2021.

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20 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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23 **10.1 Saturday with Santa** – Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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25 Chair Cochran explained this was a joint venture between the Historic Preservation, Parks and
26 Recreation and the Cultural Diversity committees.

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

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

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31 There was no need for a closed session.

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33 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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35 **MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to adjourn, and the Chair declared the**
36 **meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

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40 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

41 *Minutes prepared by Jamie Brooks*
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