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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 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 Dan Armstrong
Council Member Meredith Harker

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin./C.F.O.
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer
Jay Ziolkowski, Community Outreach

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Others: Melanie Bennett and Howard Wilson

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Cochran conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all Council Members were present. Chair Cochran indicated that Agenda Items #3.1 and #3.2 would be presented in reverse order.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

Councilmember Harker reviewed items that the Parks and Recreation committee planned to be involved in over the next year. Specifically, the committee was interested in expanding the annual 5k run to include a bicycle race and an activity in the Jordan River. Other Council members gave enthusiastic approval. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell stated the committee would need to make sure safety issues were considered and that the activity was approved by the City's insurance carrier. The committee was scheduling five movies in the park for the summer and asked about the possibility of food trucks being involved as well. Mayor Overson suggested Councilmember Harker contact Jen Andrus to make those arrangements.

Finally, someone had reached out to the committee chair and expressed interest in hosting a spike ball tournament. There would be no cost to the city although the tournament would be held at a city park.

 City Administrator John Taylor indicated that the interested party would just need to reserve the park as would anyone else.

Councilmember Armstrong asked that Salt Lake County be asked to trim the trees at Swensen Park, specifically along the trail so that walkers and joggers did not have to duck to avoid hitting branches. Additionally, he pointed out that there were low hanging trees along roadways which could cause damage to tall vehicles. Mr. Taylor asked that Councilmember Armstrong let administration or code enforcement know of specific problem areas so that they could be addressed. Councilmember Armstrong indicated that the sidewalks along 3200 West were particularly bad.

Another issue brought forth by Councilmember Armstrong was that he felt that in comparison to other municipalities, Taylorsville's streets were dark and needed more streetlights at night. He mentioned 2700 West specifically and conceded that it would be an expensive endeavor. Mr. Taylor indicated that Mayor Overson was already looking at what the best standard of lighting would be and the associated cost of implementing that standard. Finally, he asked for increased Christmas lighting at Centennial Plaza as well as at city parks. Mayor Overson loved the idea and asked that the council keep that idea in mind for the next budget.

 Councilmember Armstrong brought up Christmas Tree Lane and asked how traffic was being handled and whether there had been complaints from neighbors. Mr. Taylor was not aware of any complaints.

Councilmember Armstrong stated that the businesses around 6200 South Bangerter Highway felt ignored and were not sure they'd survive due to the impacts of the long-term construction in the

area. He asked if there were any grant funds that could be used to aid those businesses. Councilmember Harker asked for data, pointing out that the Chinese restaurant there was constantly packed with customers. Mr. Taylor stated that city administration would look into it.

Councilmember Harker pointed out that Santa Claus would be arriving at the *Saturday with Santa* event on a fire truck beginning at 2:00 p.m. the following Saturday. Anyone planning to attend would want to be there by that time.

2. Adjourn

Chair Cochran declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, Community Outreach

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Others: Melanie Bennett, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Susan Holman, Bob Knudsen, and Howard Wilson

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Cochran called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Mayor Overson (Opening Ceremonies for December 15, 2021 to be arranged by Councilmember Harker)

Mayor Kristie Overson directed the Pledge of Allegiance before Tracy Cowdell offered a reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report



Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the new signage at the Plymouth fire station. Also, she had recently had the opportunity to represent Taylorsville at the Women in Business conference and the Mountain America Credit Union Athena Awards. MACU was a great partner to the city and had four locations within Taylorsville's borders.

Mayor Overson explained that the Youth Council had dropped off a Thanksgiving Day meal to a local family of five and she extended her thanks to Merari Lopez of the Taylorsville Police Department who identified the family's need. The Youth Council also helped the Historic Preservation Committee decorate the museum for Christmas as well as the tree at City Hall. She thanked Kris Heineman for decorating the Council Chambers and other areas within City Hall. The Youth Council's Brandon Sorensen spent time on a job shadow of Mayor Overson and in return, she would be reciprocating and shadowing him at Taylorsville High School soon.

Mayor Overson praised the now completed Shop Local program and explained that 95% of the "bucks" were spent. She thanked the city council for allocating the funds for this successful program and hoped the council would choose to fund the program next year as well.



The mayor commented on the Youth Council's plan to participate in a Sub-For-Santa event for a Taylorsville family in need. She appreciated their priority of service to the community.

The owners of the SpeedCo Laundry Mat in Taylorsville had recently reached out to the police department (as they did each year) to help them identify five families who they could provide meals for. She stated Wes and Susie were grateful to give back to the community who had been loyal to their business.

TVPD Sgt. Ryan Carver (who had previously worked for West Valley Police) and WVPD Sgt. Ammon Fox continued a five-year tradition of providing a hot breakfast to public safety members on Thanksgiving morning. The mayor enjoyed stopping by and seeing the activity in action.

Aiden, the son of a TVPD officer had started a program called *Angel Hug Kids* after experiencing a traumatic event. That experience left him with a desire to help other children who experienced difficulty or trauma. He created fifty "comfort kits" with a blanket and toys which he then gave to police officers to distribute as needed.

Mayor Overson explained that over 85 meals were assembled by a Community Connections group and given to families in need. She noted there was so much food donated that an extra two pallets of food were left over and donated to the Taylorsville food pantry. She stated the holiday spirit of giving was strong in the city.

Donny Gasu, who had previously served as the city's Emergency Management Coordinator had made a career move recently and been hired to be the Records Manager for the police department. That left a very important vacancy in the city. The Emergency Coordinator title and job description had been revised and Mayor Overson was pleased to announce that Jay Ziolkowski would be the new Community Outreach Specialist, bringing his many years of emergency services to the role.

 Chair Cochran expressed his appreciation for the work that the Youth Council did in helping to decorate the museum.

1.3 Citizen Comments

The chair reviewed the citizen comment procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments. No one indicated a desire to address the council and Chair Cochran closed the comment period.

Chair Cochran again noted that agenda items 3.1 and 3.2 would be presented in reverse order.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

3. REPORTS

3.2 West Valley Animal Services Report – *Melanie Bennett*

 Melanie Bennet presented information regarding Millrace dog park tags, dispatched calls, impounds as well as adoptions and rescues. She also commented that the shelter had become overwhelmed with rabbits being turned in to the shelters.

Ms. Bennett discussed the increase in response times and stated the numbers were higher than she liked. She hoped to see them go down in the next quarter.

Ms. Bennett mentioned volunteer Alex Brotherson who had been volunteering for over 7 years. He had raised donations for the shelter to help buy pet food.

The shelter now had a part-time veterinarian on staff which had made a real difference in terms of the services available to the community and the animals they cared for.

Councilmember Barbieri expressed her appreciation to Ms. Bennett for her work.

Councilmember Armstrong asked about staffing. Ms. Bennett responded that the shelter was down a few staff members, but they were slowly building up their numbers.

 Tracy Cowdell mentioned the great job that Ms. Bennett's staff had done in preparing some animal-related criminal cases for prosecution. He indicated that their investigations had been very thorough, which was extremely helpful to the legal team.

3.2 Taylorsville Arts Council Report– *Howard Wilson*

 Howard Wilson outlined the Arts Council's performance schedule for the coming year. The Winter Wonderettes would be performing December 2-4 among other events throughout the year. They included:

- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Symphony concert on March 4
- Broadway Review
- Art Show in March
- Spring Concert
- Willy Wonka Jr.
- Taylorsville's Got Talent
- Footloose (July 11-16)
- An Evening with Walt (September 23-24)
- Forever Plaid (October 20-22)
- Fall Symphony Concerts TBD

Howard Wilson expressed his appreciation to the council for their support. He then introduced the "Wonderettes" who performed "Santa Baby."

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – November 17, 2021 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 21-37 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving the K9 Policy for the Taylorsville Police Department – *Chief Brady Cottam*

7.2 Resolution No. 21-38 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving the Property and Evidence Policy for the Taylorsville Police Department – *Chief Brady Cottam*

 Chief Brady Cottam presented both Resolution No. 21-37 and No. 21-38 at the same time. He was very excited about the K9 program because of the benefit it would bring to Taylorsville. He had wanted to take the time to ensure it was done right, especially with the current climate around the country. The program was primarily used as a locating tool for both contraband and criminals. He was happy to break down the resolutions individually and welcomed any questions.

 The Property and Evidence policy provided for proper collection, storage, and security of found property as well as evidentiary items. It also provided protection to the chain of custody and the destruction of property where appropriate.

Councilmember Harker asked how much physical storage space was needed. Chief Cottam responded that he was comfortable with the amount of space currently available and felt it would meet future needs as well. He pointed out that there were many laws and procedures that needed to be followed and he was very grateful for Evidence Manager Paula Lozano's skill and experience in this area.

Chief Cottam discussed the timelines for property retention and mentioned that some cases such as homicide required that evidence be retained permanently. He stated the police department worked hand in hand with the Taylorsville Justice Court to clear out evidence in misdemeanor cases as soon as possible once those cases were adjudicated.

Tracy Cowdell suggested that if councilmembers had more in-depth questions about the storage of evidence and chain of custody, they should feel free to contact Chief Cottam for more information rather than discuss security matters in a public meeting.

The chief also took a moment to ask the public to take the time needed to document serial numbers on tools and other expensive items in their homes so that in the event they were stolen and then recovered, the police would be able to return the items to their rightful owners.

Councilmember Armstrong inquired about the K9 officers and how they were doing. Chief Cottam responded that the dogs were doing well. Two had been certified and one was still in training. They were dual purpose animals in that they would be able to assist their handlers with both narcotics detection and criminal apprehension. He explained that Sgt. Jake Palmer had put together an excellent K9 program.

Councilmember Harker remarked on how very thorough the K9 policy was.



MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 21-37, approving the K9 policy for the Taylorsville Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 21-38, approving the Property and Evidence Policy for the Taylorsville Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes

Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7.3 Resolution No. 21-39 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Agreement Transferring TRCC Funds from Salt Lake County to Taylorsville for the Purpose of Renovating Taylorsville Park – *John Taylor*

 John Taylor explained that the city had previously applied for two grants. One was for city center improvements and the other was for improvements to Taylorsville Park. Both grants were awarded, but the process had been put on hold when COVID hit. The award process for the park was now ready to move forward.

Councilmember Harker asked if the funds would need to be spent each year. Mr. Taylor responded that \$500,000 could be spent in each of three years or the city could wait for three years and seek the reimbursement of the full \$1.7 million at that time.

Councilmember Harker expressed disappointment that more funds were not being awarded to the city for the park project. Mr. Taylor explained that an agreement to transfer ownership of the park from Salt Lake County to the city was currently being ironed out. If the city wished to seek additional funding for the park, we could return to the county and potentially seek additional funding. Mr. Taylor pointed out that the TRCC Board (Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention) had been very kind to Taylorsville in the past and had been great to work with. He recommended that the council accept the agreement but agreed that additional funding would likely be needed for the project. He also clarified that the city would need to enter into contracts for the work but would then submit reimbursement requests to Salt Lake County.

Councilmember Barbieri suggested waiting 6-9 months to spend the funds since costs were currently so high. Mayor Overson and Mr. Taylor agreed that the city was not currently ready to spend the funds but merely needed to have the council decide on the resolution before moving forward with project planning. Still, the mayor hoped for some project completions sooner rather than later.

Councilmember Harker asked when the park property transfer would take place. Mr. Taylor responded that Salt Lake County wished it to be finalized by the end of 2021.

Councilmember Burgess expressed his gratitude for the funding and looked forward to park improvements. Mr. Taylor noted that the original funding request had been for \$4.5 million. Mr. Cowdell reiterated that the city and county funds needed to be spent by September 30, 2024.

Councilmember Armstrong asked about parking at the park. Mayor Overson did not feel that parking off Redwood Road was recommended. She noted the Senior Center already belonged to Taylorsville and a plan would be created to get parking off of Redwood.

Councilmember Harker reiterated her disappointment in the size of the grant award.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve Resolution No. 21-39, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Salt Lake County, transferring TRCC Funds to the City of Taylorsville for the purpose of renovating Taylorsville Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Barbieri.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Barbieri	Yes
Chair Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	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** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Council Chair Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4 Councilmember Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.5 Councilmember Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 Elected Officials Swearing-In Ceremony** – Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- 9.6 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:15 p.m.**
- 9.7 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.8 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.9 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 10.1 “Saturday with Santa” Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 4800 South 1300 West in Taylorsville from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- 10.2 Taylorsville Symphony**
- 10.3 Taylorsville Arts Council Presents “The Wonderettes” – December 2-4 – Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m.**

Mayor Overson reminded the city council that there would be a photographer present at the December 15th council meeting to take photographs of the new council. Jay would be sending out further details.

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 regular meeting and Chair Cochran declared it adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder