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**City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 3, 2022
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Anna Barbieri
Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran
Council Member Bob Knudsen

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Fire Captain

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney and Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Agenda

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

It was determined that there would be no opening ceremonies for the Truth in Taxation public hearing on Tuesday, August 16th and that Councilmember Harker would handle opening ceremonies for the regular city council meeting on Wednesday, August 17th.

The Chair mentioned that the Movie in the Park scheduled for Saturday, August 13th had been changed from *Ghostbusters* to *Spiderman: No Way Home*.

2. Adjourn

Chair Barbieri declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney and Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin/CFO

Others: Melanie Bennett, Alli Despain, Kevin Despain, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Marc McElreath, Pam Roberts, Dennis Sanok, Jared Smith, Brandon Sorensen, Gordon Willardson, and Susan Yadeskie

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Council Chair Barbieri (Opening Ceremonies for August 17, 2022 to be arranged by Councilmember Harker)

Chair Barbieri directed the Pledge of Allegiance before offering the following quote from Jason Momoa which she felt described Utah quite well: *"You sit with it and there's a peace about it. You can go left or go right, and it opens up all kinds of doors. Take your own path."*

The Chair then offered a Reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that she walked the annual Days of '47 Parade with the Youth Council on Taylorsville's float. She expressed her appreciation to UTA's Carlton Christensen who provided an air-conditioned bus for them to remain cool in since they were the 91st of 99 parade entrants on a very hot day. She also wished to thank Ray Havens who had driven the float.

The Mayor thanked Chief Cottam for participating in Chamber West's Board of Governor's meeting. He joined the police chiefs of West Jordan and West Valley, sharing information about current crime trends, staffing challenges, mental health issues and ways that local businesses can better help police departments protect their communities.

It was nearly time for school to start and Taylorsville's Human Resources Director Stephanie Snow had recently conducted training sessions for incoming crossing guards who were tasked with watching over children as they made their way to school. These trainings educated the guards on their roles and responsibilities.

Fireworks season had recently wrapped up and Mayor Overson wished to thank the first responders at both Stations #117 and #118. She explained that the fire crews were constantly at the ready to respond to any incidents, particularly during such a major drought.

Mayor Overson stated that a huge debt of gratitude was owed to Sen. Daniel Thatcher who had represented portions of Taylorsville in the past. Sen. Thatcher had sponsored the new 9-8-8 hotline which provided immediate access to crisis intervention and support for mental health. The creation of a three-digit hotline for Utah had led to the creation of one throughout the United States.

That evening there would be discussion of the transfer of ownership of two properties from Salt Lake County to Taylorsville. With ownership came responsibility. The administration had been working internally on final design plans for a Master Parks Plan which had been received after a great deal of input. She anticipated robust discussions about parks, budgets, construction, etc. as the city addressed what they wanted to see on these properties. She pointed out that one of the properties involved in agenda item #6.2 was not a park but instead, a retention basin.

The previous Monday the mayor had an opportunity to walk through Vista Park and the softball complex with Salt Lake County representatives and concerned residents. They had a good conversation and she always appreciated it when residents were willing to share their concerns and offer suggestions for improvement. She understood the challenges that had been presented with the ongoing drought.

The mayor had recently driven by Loving Labrum Park and wished to thank the Parks and Recreation Committee and the many volunteers who brought that improvement project to fruition. The recent plantings looked spectacular.

Among her many other responsibilities, events coordinator Jen Andrus had submitted a grant application for funding of the *Starry Nights on the Plaza* events and the Plaza + Art at the Centennial Plaza. She was pleased that she was able to secure a small grant for those events.

The city also submitted a grant application to the Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention Board (TRCC) for ten pickleball courts in Taylorsville. Selection would not be made until the Fall, but Mayor Overson was hopeful that additional funding would be secured for those courts. She appreciated all the staff members who provided information for these grant applications.

There would be four more weeks of *Starry Nights on the Plaza* and there were great things planned for each of those four nights.

The Youth Council's Christmas Service Project would be centered around the 255 veterans buried in Taylorsville's cemetery in conjunction with Wreaths Across America. Mayor Overson felt it would be a great event for the community.

1.2.1 Proclamation Declaring August 21-27, 2022 as "*Historic Week and Tombstone Tales*"

 The mayor presented Susan Yadeskie, chair of the Historic Preservation Committee, with a copy of a proclamation declaring August 21, 2022 through August 27, 2022 Historic Week and Tombstone Tales.

Ms. Yadeskie accepted a framed copy of the proclamation and encouraged those gathered to attend Tombstone Tales later in the month.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Barbieri invited any member of the audience to step forward and address the council on the topic of their choice.

Marc McElreath commented on Agenda Item 6.2 which involved the transfer of ownership of two parks from Salt Lake County to Taylorsville. He wished to know if Salt Lake County was providing any funding to care for the parks that they were giving to the city. Also, as a member of the city's budget committee, he wondered how parks maintenance costs would be increased by this property transfer, as he did not recall seeing a budget increase for that. He hoped that those issues could be addressed when the council discussed that agenda item later in the meeting.

Spencer Riehl explained that he was transitioning more of his travel to bicycle rather than driving his car and he wished to bring some information to the council's attention.

- During 2021, approximately 600,000 battery/electric vehicles were sold in the U.S.
- During that same time frame, about *one million* bicycles were sold in the U.S.

He felt it would be prudent to be proactive in addressing the fact that there was insufficient room for everyone to have and keep cars. He believed they were making communities unlivable and there were things that could be done to make bicycling a safer and easier way for more people to travel.

Councilmember Harker mentioned to Mr. Riehl that Taylorsville was already working on a walkability master plan, studying how the city could become more conducive to walking and traveling via bicycle.

City Administrator John Taylor asked City Engineer Ben White to speak with Mr. Riehl.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Kevin and Alli Despain to the Parks and Recreation Committee – Councilmember Harker

 Councilmember Harker invited Kevin and Alli Despain to explain why they were interested in serving on the Parks and Recreation committee. Mr. Despain explained that he and his wife had always been interested in being involved in the community, particularly in the parks since they had three young children. Therefore, they were interested in having a voice in how Taylorsville's parks were maintained.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the appointment of Kevin and Alli Despain to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

Councilmember Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Chair Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Youth Ambassador Service Project Presentation – *Brandon Sorensen*

 Brandon Sorensen made a presentation regarding his service project which was sponsoring three blood drives by partnering with the American Red Cross. There had been so many volunteers that some had to be turned away. His drives resulted in:

- 169 units of blood donated, with each potentially impacting 3 patients
- 65 of the donors were first-time donors
- 607 lives potentially affected by these donations
- Only 3% of Utah's population donates blood

Mayor Overson asked Mr. Sorensen to explain to those gathered what was next for him now that he had graduated from high school. Mr. Sorensen planned to attend Utah State University's School of Business to major in marketing.

3.2 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling Report – *Pam Roberts*

 Pam Roberts, General Manager and CEO of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District explained that there was a Recycling 101 page on their website that had a great deal of information about what could and could not be recycled. The total diversion rate through June 2022 was 17% for Taylorsville and 19% District-wide. The District's goal 20%.

- WFWRD had delivered 9,010 tons of solid waste to the Ace Intermountain Transfer station at \$33.50 per ton
- 1,488 tons of recycling had been diverted from the landfill and instead, delivered to the Waste Management Recovery Center at an average cost of \$12.50 per ton (That was down from \$75.00 per ton a few years ago)
- 331 tons of green waste were diverted by 1,394 subscribers in the city at \$17.00 per ton
- 39 tons of curbside glass was diverted from the landfill by 120 subscribers for \$5.00 per ton revenue.
- 400 landfill vouchers had been redeemed so far by Taylorsville residents
- Taylorsville residents had rented 89 bulk trailers so far in 2022

- 66 green waste trailers had also been rented by local residents

During Taylorsville's annual clean up event on June 18th:

- 6.84 tons (13,680 pounds) of bulk waste was collected
- 4.54 tons (9,080 pounds) of green waste was collected
- 1.17 tons (2,346 pounds) of cardboard was collected
- 0.73 tons (1,456 pounds) of glass was collected

Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRCP)

- 1,596 containers were delivered to homes under this program (that was 12% of Taylorsville homes). This involved delivering about 85 containers per day
- There were 342 more requests than there were containers available which was 3% of the population who could not be accommodated

WFWRD hoped to add three new employees to help meet the needs of the SCRCP program. They also hoped to change a part-time seasonal data specialist position to full-time.

Chair Barbieri had recently toured the Waste Management Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and was amazed that a small staff could operate such a huge facility.

3.3 West Valley Animal Services Report – Melanie Bennett



West Valley Animal Services Director Melanie Bennett reported on animal services activities from January through June of 2022. There had been slightly more animal licenses issued as compared to those in 2021 although Millrace Park licenses had decreased a bit from the previous years. The clerks had handled 3006 contacts (either walk-ins or phone calls) and although the number of animals impounded had increased significantly, most of those impounded animals were either adopted/rescued or returned to owners. Assigning animal services officers to specific areas of the city had resulted in a significant reduction in response times, particularly for Priority 3-5 calls. There were currently 165 animals in the shelter when the report was created two weeks before. The daily average in 2022 was 132 animals which was up significantly from 95 in 2021. The shelter's staffing level was not sufficient for the current workload which unfortunately left staff no time for enrichment, behavior training or adoption meets. An animal intake comparison showed a 17.60% increase over 2021 and the number of surgeries completed was up 34.48%.

Ms. Bennett mentioned that the shelter had begun accepting rabbits (assuming they were already contained), each of which needed to be quarantined for two weeks before having contact with other animals.

Councilmember Cochran mentioned that he had heard that due to inflation, many people could no longer afford to keep their pets. He asked Ms. Bennett if she was finding that to be the case. She responded in the affirmative. With people returning to the office after the lockdown as well as the challenges of increasing prices, the shelter was getting more and more animals turned over to them. Staff did their best to steer people towards family members or the Humane Society which was facing the same challenge that the animal shelter was.

3.4 Unified Fire Authority Report – Captain Rich

 UFA Captain Richard Rich provided a hard-copy addendum to his report which provided statistical information related to the July 4th and Pioneer Day holidays. Councilmember Knudsen had requested the information previously and while attempting to gather the data, it was discovered that for a variety of reasons, it was difficult to pinpoint which calls were specifically related to fireworks. For example, when calls were made to 9-1-1, they were typically reported as a fire but not necessarily related to fireworks. UFA would study that situation and see what they could do to better capture that data in the future.

Overall, UFA's call volume was increasing slightly and they were getting better statistics out of their computer program. He displayed both plot and heat maps showing where in the city UFAs calls were taking place. During the 2nd quarter, there were 1,309 incidents in Taylorsville, 43% of which were classified as emergent. Fifty percent of emergent calls had a response time under four minutes and 53 seconds from time of dispatch. Ninety percent of them had a response time of at or less than seven minutes and 49 seconds.

Several promotions had taken place since his last report. The Wildlife team had been extremely busy and had been traveling the western United States with only their required two days of rest between deployments.

Twenty-two new recruits had recently graduated and were now on the streets. UFA was still in need of more paramedics which was a nation-wide problem. There were 10 paramedics in the process of making lateral transfers to UFA from other agencies in addition to two coming from out of state.

Councilmember Knudsen thanked Chief Rich for doing what he could to provide the fireworks statistics he had requested.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the July 6, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Chair Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 22-21 A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring Certain Real Property located at approximately 2183 West 6200 South as Surplus Property – *John Taylor*

 City Administrator John Taylor explained that this property was near Calvin Smith Elementary on the south side of the street. A neighbor of the property at 2183 West 6200 South had proposed that the City sell a small piece of property which was adjacent to the pedestrian bridge going over 6200 South to the school. The potential buyer had paid for all the title costs and survey and would pay \$50,000 for the property if the city was willing to surplus it.

Councilmember Harker wished to confirm that the overpass was fenced off and that there would be no effect on children walking to school. Mr. Taylor indicated that was correct. Additionally, the buyer's access to the property was from 6200 South and there had been no discussion about accessing the property from the canal maintenance road. This sale would not give the buyer access to 2200 West.

Councilmember Harker asked if \$50,000 was fair market value for the property. Mr. Taylor responded in the affirmative. The potential purchaser had hoped to pay less but had agreed to the \$50,000.

Regarding future development of the property, Mr. Taylor pointed out that the new property owner would have to go through the same process as any other property owner in the city if he wished to develop the land in question. The area was currently zoned as single-family residential R-1-8 and

this sale would create one large lot. The city had no use for the property and did not maintain it. Therefore, he felt the best use was to sell it to the interested neighbor and he recommended approval of the resolution to surplus it so the sale could take place.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 22-21, declaring real property located at approximately 2183 West 6200 South as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Councilmember Knudsen	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Chair Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

6.2 **Resolution No. 22-12** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County to transfer ownership of two parks to the City – **John Taylor**

 Mr. Taylor explained that the first of the two parks was Taylorsville Park or “missile park” at 4700 South Redwood Road. Salt Lake County and the city attorney’s office had successfully negotiated a transfer of the park to Taylorsville. The city would pick up a little extra cost from the county to continue maintaining the portion that Salt Lake County had been taking care of. One of the best clauses in the agreement spelled out that once the property was transferred to the city, if the city chose not to use it anymore and was unable to sell it for public use, the property would go back to Salt Lake County and the county would have to compensate the city for the depreciated value of its capital investment in park improvements, excluding any funds received from the county. Mr. Taylor stated that was the case for both properties addressed in the resolution.

Councilmember Harker asked Mr. Taylor to address the matter brought up by Mr. McElreath during the citizen comment period of the meeting. Mr. Taylor explained that prior to the discussion about transferring parks, the city secured \$1.5 million from the TRCC program for capital improvements at this park which needed new landscaping, irrigation, new structures, etc. In exchange for those funds, Taylorsville had to match that amount which resulted in a total of \$3,000,000 now allocated for improvements at that park. The County had indicated that they would do what they could to prioritize any future funding requests for this park without making any actual additional promises.

Councilmember Cochran stated it was his understanding that this funding was not included in the current FY22-23 budget. If that were the case, did that mean that any additional expenses would

need to come from the general fund? Mr. Taylor responded that administration had included some anticipated expenses in the budget, and they would reconcile it at year-end when the funds anticipated from Salt Lake County had been received.

The Skyview Detention Basin was the second “park” referenced in Resolution No. 22-12 and it collected water from Salt Lake County, Kearns, West Valley, West Jordan, Taylorsville, etc. It was approximately six feet deep at times and drained from several inlets. He felt it was a regional storm drain facility basin. However, Salt Lake County Flood Control no longer wished to own, operate, or maintain it. The city could decline it, but in that event, another entity could take possession and fail to maintain it properly which could adversely affect Taylorsville homes in the area.

Mayor Overson wished to make it clear that she did not consider this basin a *park* even though it was referred to as such in the property transfer agreement. The city had no plans to turn it into a park and Mr. Taylor pointed out that it was fenced to keep people out.

Mr. Taylor said Salt Lake County would be getting rid of the basin, whether it was to go to Taylorsville or some other entity. He recommended Taylorsville accept it to ensure it was properly maintained. Their immediate goal was to get Google to remove the name “park” from the on-line description of the property.

Mr. White agreed that it was in the best interest of the city to accept the basin.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 22-12, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County to transfer ownership of two parks to the City. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Chair Barbieri	Yes
Councilmember Harker	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Knudsen	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

Mr. Taylor pointed out that the agreement for this property exchange included the same language as the other, in that any capital funds expended by the city if the property reverted to Salt Lake County less depreciation.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – Asked what was happening with 4700 South traffic-wise on the north side. It seemed like cones would appear and then disappear repeatedly. Mr. White mentioned it might involve the replacement of 60” sewer lines.
- 8.2 Councilmember Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Council Chair Barbieri** – Took the opportunity to attend the Youth Entrepreneurship event at Centennial Plaza in July which was a very enjoyable and impressive event. After that she attended a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Midvalley Performing Arts Center which was excellent.
- 8.4 Council Member Harker** – Inquired about construction on Redwood Road and the possibility of having increased traffic control in front of Taylorsville High when school started up again. Mr. White was hopeful that construction near THS would be complete by the time school started. Chief Cottam pointed out that there would be an additional school resource officer on site which would be helpful. Directed enforcement officers could also keep an extra eye on it during the first week of school.

Councilmember Harker had received many comments about how bad the state of 2700 West was near the temple currently under construction. Mr. Taylor pointed out that any funds put into improving it in the next six months to a year would be wasted since Bus Rapid Transit was coming and would involve tearing up the road. If the road conditions became too difficult to endure, the council and administration could have additional discussion.

The Parks and Recreation committee was interested in holding a Halloween on the Plaza event on October 22nd and hoped to involve any businesses or community groups that wanted to be involved, including police and fire. It was the committee’s hope that other groups who held trunk-or-treat events would opt to attend this one instead. Mayor Overson responded that would be a large event and would take a lot of coordination. Still, she felt it was possible and would discuss it with the events coordinator and the rest of administration. It was unlikely that churches and other

groups who already had established similar events would want to discontinue their own, but that did not necessarily mean the city couldn't host one as well.

- 8.5 Council Member Cochran** – Had a resident report that an illegal aerial firework had recently started a fire in her yard. She asked that the city consider a future fireworks restriction during drought conditions. He also would love to see an amateur Battle of the Bands event at Centennial Plaza after the Starry Nights events were over for the season.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**
9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 9, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
9.3 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Tuesday, August 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 17, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
9.6 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, August 23, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
9.7 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 10.1 “Starry Nights at the Plaza”** Food trucks at city hall on Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 10.2** Taylorsville Public Safety Committee Presents: **“Night Out Against Crime”** in conjunction with **“Starry Nights at the Plaza”** on Saturday, August 6, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- 10.3 “Movies on the Plaza” – Saturday, August 13, 2022 “Spiderman – No Way Home”**
- 10.4 “Movies on the Plaza” – Saturday, August 27, 2022 “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the 10 Rings”**
- 10.5 “Tombstone Tales”** August 25-27, 2022, Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Committee:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Approved 8-17-2022