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**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, August 17, 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  
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator  
Terryne Bergeson, Planning Intern  
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Steve Floor, Police Officer  
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Brady Sargent, Police Officer  
Thomas Teynor, Police Officer  
Ben White, City Engineer

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

Chair Anna Barbieri conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper introduced Planning Intern Terryne Bergeson and explained that she had done all the research on Agenda Item 5.1, had written the staff report and presented the item to the Planning Commission. Therefore, he felt it only

appropriate that she present the item to the City Council. The councilmembers welcomed her to the Taylorsville staff.

Councilmember Harker pointed out how hot it had been each Saturday night for *Starry Nights on the Plaza*. There was some discussion about moving the Food Truck nights to the fall and whether there would be enough attendance by the public to make it worth the while for the food trucks. Mayor Overson said that the administration would look into the possibility.

## **1. Review Agenda**

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed.

## **2. Adjourn**

Chair Barbieri declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

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Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Todd Gray, Deputy Police Chief  
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director  
Brett Miller, Deputy Police Chief

**Others:** Several Taylorsville police officers, Kyle Andrew, Keith Blanc, Angie Blanc, Ryan Carver, Jeremy Dean, Shauna Dean, John E. Gidney, Lynn Handy, Scott Lloyd, Marc McElreath, Tina Waite, Gordon Willardson, and Dennis Sanok

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

Chair Barbieri called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Councilmember Harker* (Opening Ceremonies for September 7, 2022 to be arranged by *Mayor Overson*)**

Councilmember Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance before sharing some thoughts about education. She explained that she was a schoolteacher of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who would be starting school the next day and she felt so grateful that the U.S. educated everyone. She then quoted Nelson Mandela when he said, “*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*” Councilmember Harker believed that education was important because it taught our children how to be good people, good stewards, and shape a better society to live in. She then offered a Reverence.

### **1.2 Mayor’s Report**

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that she had recently attended a “highly energized” ribbon cutting at the newest Dutch Bros. Coffee in town. She appreciated everyone that attended the opening.

The mayor had been keeping the council updated on the status of the search for winter overflow homeless shelters. It appeared that the old Calvin Smith library in Millcreek was the most likely location to be chosen by the sub-committee tasked with reviewing the options. She was grateful to Mayor Silvestrini and Millcreek for being willing to step up and approve that decision.

She had recently attended Granite School District’s giant pep rally at the Maverik Center. It had been her pleasure to be there in support of the teachers, bus drivers, crossing guards, etc. who worked in Taylorsville schools. She asked drivers to be patient and cautious now that school had resumed, and children would be walking to and from school.

Mayor Overson had recently attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting through the Utah League of Cities and Towns with John Hiskey. They were provided with a snapshot of what to expect in the coming legislative session. She pointed out that the ULCT would be holding its annual convention on October 5-7, 2022 at the Salt Palace. If any councilmembers wished to attend, they should contact Council Coordinator Kris Heineman.

The yearly *Night out Against Crime* had recently been held and fortunately the weather cooperated. The public safety committee put a great deal of work into the event, and she appreciated the many people and various agencies for their efforts.

The Mayor had appointed Dean Paynter as the Chair of the Citizen Advisory Board which had been trained and had met the previous evening with a long and aggressive agenda. The city had known when it decided to form a new police department that this board would be an important element.

Det. Jordan Lenz of TVPD had recently been the recipient of the August WOW award from the Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center. He received this recognition for continually going "above and beyond to ensure victims are safe" and he advocated on their behalf. Mayor Overson was grateful not only for Det. Lenz but for all that the police officers did on a daily basis.

Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper, in his capacity as a State Senator was elected by his peers to serve as Vice President on the National Conference of State Legislatures. The mayor pointed out that he was very well-respected, and she appreciated everything he did both for the city as a staff member and for the larger community as a legislator.

Mayor Overson expressed her appreciation to those staff members who put the nets up at the "new" pickleball courts at Millrace Park. The courts were in use every time she drove by.

The Mayor concluded her remarks by explaining that city staff and their families took part in an end-of-summer event at the Centennial Plaza. She thanked the councilmembers who attended and for their support.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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

Tina Waite said she lived on Atherton Drive and had lived in the city for thirty years. She explained that for the last ten years she had problems with flooding from storms. The last two years had been particularly problematic. She did her best to personally keep the drains clear of debris, but debris was no longer the primary problem. Instead, it was the sheer volume of water in the system. Her insurance company said that if she purchased flood insurance, they would not pay a claim unless at least six homes were flooded. The situation was untenable, and she appealed to the city to provide a better drainage system. The current system was appropriate when it was designed in the 1960s, but it was no longer sufficient.

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

## 2. APPOINTMENTS

- 2.1 **Resolution No. 22-22** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville reappointing Don Quigley to the Taylorsville Planning Commission – ***Wayne Harper***
- 2.2 **Resolution No. 22-23** A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville reappointing Don Russell to the Taylorsville Planning Commission – ***Wayne Harper***

 Mr. Harper explained the mission of the National Conference of State Legislatures which Mayor Overson had referred to during her report. He then went on to recommend that both Don Quigley and Don Russell be reappointed to the Taylorsville Planning Commission.

**MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 22-22, reappointing Don Quigley to the Taylorsville Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.**

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

The motion passed 5-0

**MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve Resolution No. 22-23, reappointing Don Russell to the Taylorsville Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.**

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

The motion passed 5-0

## 3. REPORTS

The city council opted to move Agenda Item No. 3.1.1 to precede Item No. 3.1

### **3.1.1 Officer Swearing-In Ceremony – *Jamie Brooks***

City Recorder Jamie Brooks administered the Oath of Office to new TVPD Officers Thomas Teynor, Steve Floor and Brady Sargent. They were then congratulated by elected officials before posing for photographs with their families.

### **3.1 Police Department Report – *Chief Brady Cottam***



Chief Cottam asked that Deputy Chiefs Miller and Gray join him at the podium.

The Employee of the Month for March 2022 was Sgt. Ryan Carver who had arrived on a fire call before the fire department, entered a burning home and removed a resident who had been unable to escape. He then was also able to rescue the woman's dog as well. Chief Cottam thanked Sgt. Carver for all he did for the department and for the community.

The Chief then invited Det. Jeremy Dean to step forward and be recognized as the April 2022 Employee of the Month. Det. Dean had done an amazing job of building the department's sex offender registry program from the ground up. He was also involved with peer support through the Fraternal Order of Police and was typically the first person to step up when needed. Chief Cottam said that Det. Dean truly epitomized the term "Team Taylorsville."

The Chief then explained that Det. Kyle Andrew was unable to attend the meeting that evening but his supervisor, Sgt Scott Lloyd stepped forward to accept the award for May 2022 Employee of the Month on his behalf. The Chief explained that Det. Andrew was "one of a kind" and did an outstanding job with the training program, and firearms.

Chief Cottam was pleased to present the city council with information pertaining to the fourth quarter of the police department. He stated there were no remarkable changes from the previous quarter other than traffic issues. He attributed this to the current ability to be proactive on traffic offenses which was a particular problem that had been identified (particularly on Bangerter Highway.)

Councilmember Harker mentioned a complaint she had seen on social media about speeders and drivers who ran red lights and she asked how such situations were typically handled. Chief Cottam explained that TVPD officers had discretion to determine if a warning or a citation was most appropriate for any given situation.

The Chief then presented heat maps which depicted traffic accidents in the city as well as the citations issued-- both traffic and criminal. He pointed out that there were no citation quotas that TVPD officers were expected to meet.

The Chief was particularly pleased about the low number of burglaries that had taken place in the city during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. He also presented data regarding the large amount of work that the civilian staff had completed in the last three months.

The Chief then presented a statistical analysis of officers' response times during the previous quarter. Although they had improved, he wanted them to continue to trend downward.

Many people had asked Chief Cottam how he thought the first year for the police department had been. He said he could not be happier with his staff. They were in law enforcement for the right reason which was to serve the community and that was evident in their interactions with the public. He also pointed out that they could not do the work without the support coming from both the city council and the administration. He said this was the first police department he had worked for where he felt that the police department was truly one with the city council, the administration, and the rest of city staff.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Meeting Minutes of the August 3, 2022 City Council Meeting

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2022 City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 5-0

#### 5. PLANNING MATTERS

##### 5.1 Ordinance No. 22-08 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving Text Amendments to Taylorsville Municipal Code Section 13.25.010 related to General Landscaping Standards for Park Strips – *Terryne Bergeson*

 Planning Intern Terryne Bergeson explained that the proposed ordinance was designed to address landscaping standards for park strips. She indicated that the planning department had gone through this particular code section and determined that it needed some updates. She presented

information comparing what the current code said and the ways the proposed update would improve it. The amendment would provide clarity and also support water-wise principles.

There was much more water efficiency language in the proposed ordinance, and it established clear minimum vegetation requirements. It made clear the allowable maximum for hard surfaces and defined what materials were allowed and which ones were prohibited. Ordinance No. 22-08 would be applicable in all zones within Taylorsville.

Ms. Bergeson displayed photographs to illustrate some of the things that were encouraged in park strips as well as prohibited items in park strips. Lawns were not prohibited with the update and there was a minimum 25% vegetation requirement so that park strips could not be mere rock gardens. Drought tolerant vegetation was encouraged. Ms. Bergeson explained that a public hearing on this matter had been held before the Planning Commission forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to the city council. Ms. Bergeson recommended that the council approve Ordinance No. 22-28 as presented.

Councilmember Harker asked what would happen if a resident chose to completely cover their park strip with cement. Ms. Bergeson responded that would be a violation that would be referred to code enforcement. Councilmember Harker appreciated the pictures that were included in the staff report as they were very helpful. She also stated that Ms. Bergeson's report was very well-written and clear.

Councilmember Burgess asked what would happen if residents had existing park strips that would no longer be considered compliant if Ordinance No. 22-28 were to be adopted. Would they be grandfathered in? Mr. Harper responded that that issue would be addressed when the new land development code was brought to the city council for review and potential approval at a future date. Staff wished to set the standard of what was to be done *moving forward*. He felt Ms. Bergeson had crafted an ordinance that was much more responsive to the city residents.

**MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-28, approving text amendments to Taylorsville Municipal Code Section 13.25.010 related to the General Landscaping Standards for Park Strips. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.**

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| <b>Councilmember Knudsen</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Burgess</b> | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Harker</b>  | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Chair Barbieri</b>        | <b>Yes</b> |
| <b>Councilmember Cochran</b> | <b>Yes</b> |

**The motion passed 5-0**

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 6.1 **Resolution No. 22-24 Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Increased Property Tax Rate for Real Property in the City of Taylorsville – Scott Harrington**

 Assistant City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington explained that a public hearing on this item had been held the previous evening which was part of the Truth in Taxation process. City Administration was recommending a 10% increase over what the city's normal certified tax rate would be.

Councilmember Knudsen pointed out that although no one liked the idea of an increase, it had been several years since one had been instituted, and the current market demanded it.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Knudsen moved to approve Resolution No. 22-24, approving an increased property tax rate for real property within the City of Taylorsville. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

**The motion passed 5-0**

Chair Barbieri echoed Councilmember Knudsen's comments regarding the challenges of paying higher taxes. She felt that the city had examined the needs of all residents very carefully.

Councilmember Burgess wished the public to know about the Circuit Breaker tax credit that was available to senior citizens through Salt Lake County as well as the Heat Program which helped some households pay their power and gas bills year-round.

### 6.2 **Resolution No. 22-26 – Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting a Final Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 – Scott Harrington**

 Mr. Harrington explained that this resolution was the final step in the Truth in Taxation process. It took the certified tax rate that was just adopted and put it into the budget.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 22-26, adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 5-0

## 7. OTHER MATTERS

### 7.1 Resolution No. 22-25 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Salt Lake County Officer Involved Critical Incident Task Force – *Chief Brady Cottam*

 Chief Cottam explained that this agreement involved many law enforcement agencies throughout Salt Lake County. It stated that if a Taylorsville officer was involved in a critical incident, the incident would be investigated by an outside agency—not by Taylorsville Police. It also meant that when critical incidents occurred in other jurisdictions, Taylorsville might be called on to investigate those matters, just as they were the previous weekend. He felt it was particularly important to have both transparency and accountability in these situations.

The Chief indicated that he had been asked in what way having an incident investigated by an outside agency would differ from what the Community Advisory Board did. He explained that they shared the same core principle—getting policing right. However, the Citizen Advisory Board was more internal.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cochran moved to approve Resolution No. 22-25, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Salt Lake County Officer Involved Critical Incident Task Force. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

**The motion passed 5-0**

**8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

- 8.1 Council Member Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.2 Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Council Chair Barbieri** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4 Council Member Harker** – Taylorsville High School had won their first football game in two years on a new field which had been donated by Dell Loy Hansen. There were also improvements planned for the weight room. The team was scheduled to play another game the following Friday.
- 8.5 Council Member Cochran** – He had recently run in to former Mayor Russ Wall who said he was extremely impressed with the cooperation he saw between the current city council members, the mayor, and administrative staff.

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

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, August 23, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Wednesday, August 23, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, September 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, September 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.7 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.8 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

- 10.1 *Starry Nights on the Plaza***: Food Trucks at City Hall, Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 10.2 *Movies on the Plaza*** Saturday, August 27, 2022 – “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the 10 Rings” (Movie begins at dusk)

**10.3 Tombstone Tales City** August 25-27, 2022 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Committee and the Taylorsville Arts Council)

**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 Harker moved to adjourn, and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder