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

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**  
**Council Chambers, Room No. 140**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

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  
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

**Excused:** City Council Chair Anna Barbieri and Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

**Others:** Crystal Hulbert, Dennis Sanok, and Gordon Willardson

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

**1. Review Agenda**

Vice Chair Meredith Harker conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:03 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present except Chair Anna Barbieri who was excused.

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed.

City Engineer Ben White introduced Crystal Hulbert as the newly appointed Director for the Salt Lake County Public Works Operations Department. Ms. Hulbert explained her professional background to the council and said she looked forward to the “boots on the ground” approach and having more hands-on experience with her department personnel. Because Mr. White introduced Ms. Hulbert during the briefing session, there was no need for Item 3.1 to take place during the regular meeting.

City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that Michael Green, who was scheduled to give a Prosecutor’s report would not be present it was unclear who would be presenting on his behalf.

Vice Chair Harker mentioned the Trick or Treat at the Plaza event at City Hall and stated there should be a good turn-out with over 50 organizations participating.

## **2. Adjourn**

Vice Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Kristie Overson

### **Council Members:**

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

### **City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator  
Greg Bown, Justice Court Judge  
Brady Cottam, Police Chief  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director  
Ben White, City Engineer

**Excused:** Council Chair Anna Barbieri and Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

**Others:** Heidi Chamorro, UFA Captain Richard Rich, Alex Prentice, Matt Prentice, Denis Sanok, and Gordon Willardson

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

Vice Chair Harker 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 except Chair Barbieri who was excused.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Harker* (Opening Ceremonies for November 2, 2022, to be arranged by *Councilmember Burgess*)**

Vice Chair Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a reverence.

### **1.2 Mayor's Report**

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the Utah League of Cities and Town's Annual Conference. She stated that she and Council Members Burgess and Knudsen attended, as did John Hiskey. She found it to be very informative and a great opportunity to network with colleagues who represented other municipalities.

Mayor Overson explained that the police department had recently spearheaded a two-night, multi-agency operation to saturate high crime areas and conduct proactive law enforcement. She was grateful to see various agencies work together for the good of the entire Salt Lake valley. The mayor also noted the police officers were wearing pink shirts and badges in observance of breast cancer awareness month.

Mayor Overson commented on the pancake breakfast hosted earlier in the month by the Unified Fire Station No. 118. She expressed her sincere gratitude for all those who participated in the event which fed more than 800 residents. She was delightfully surprised at the high turnout and looked forward to repeating the event the following year.

Mayor Overson explained that after 35 years of making the best burger in the state as well as amazing cookies, Bell's 48<sup>th</sup> Street Deli had recently closed its doors for the last time. She thanked Phyllis Kim for her many years of hard work and although she would be missed, the mayor wished her good luck on her next venture.

City staff hosted the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "Great American Tomato Festival" recently where employees brought a variety of homegrown tomato dishes to share. She commented on the many dishes presented and stated it was a lot of fun for everyone.

 The TRCC (Tourism, Recreation, Culture and Convention) Board had recommended approval of a funding application the city had submitted for ten new pickle ball courts and also for small restoration improvements at the historic museum. She was guardedly optimistic that the Salt Lake County Council would approve the TRCC Board's recommendation. An official decision would be made in 4-6 weeks.

It was leaf bag time again in Taylorsville. The mayor expressed her appreciation to Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District for donating the bags to city residents. They were available for pick up not only at city hall but also at the county library. Once filled with leaves, the bags should be left at either Vista Park or at the softball complex on 2700 West.

Taylorsville resident Spencer Harrison had recently received the National Tenacious Telecommunicator of the Year Award as a 911 Dispatch Supervisor working for the Summit County Sheriff's Office. Mayor Overson was happy to participate in recognizing him and being part of his award presentation.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

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

Alex Prentice commented that she had been reviewing Taylorsville's city code regarding animal licensing exceptions and had found that the city was not compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act exemptions with respect to psychiatric service animals. She asked that the code be amended to include such animals.

Vice Chair Harker introduced City Attorney Tracy Cowdell and asked him to comment. Mr. Cowdell noted that clearly the ADA exceeded the City's code. He stated Ms. Prentice was correct about the law and indicated the city would review the code to see what changes were needed.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments.

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.2 Prosecutor's Report – *Michael Green***

Michael Green was unable to attend that evening's meeting due to another engagement. It was hoped he will be able to report in the near future.

### **3.2 Indigent Defense Report – *Heidi Chamorro***

 Mr. Cowdell introduced Heidi Chamorro who presented the Indigent Defense Report. Ms. Chamorro explained that she worked for Stowell Crayk Law and briefly explained her background. She enjoyed working on defending the indigent and reported that her firm's caseload in Taylorsville Justice Court was higher during that quarter than in the previous several quarters. They had been appointed to 773 cases during the quarter. She noted that her office enjoyed working with the prosecutors and felt that they were determined to understand the root of the problem in each case rather than being focused on punishment alone. She spoke very highly of the city's justice court.

Vice Chair Harker and Councilmember Burgess were both pleased that the goal was to help people with their specific needs.

Council Member Knudsen noted that the increase in cases that quarter was significant—over 30%. He wondered if Ms. Chamorro had any thoughts regarding the cause of the increase. Ms. Chamorro stated it was possible the courts were seeing more in-person cases than during the height of the pandemic. It was also possible there were simply more people requesting and being granted a public defender.

## **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4.1 Meeting Minutes of the October 5, 2022 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION:** Councilmember Bob Knudsen moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ernest Burgess.

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

The motion passed 4-0

## **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters

## **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**6.1     Resolution No. 22-32 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Grant from the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement in the Amount of \$22,700 for the Purpose of Providing FY23 Community, Heritage, and Cultural Event Grant Funding – *Scott Harrington***

Assistant City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington explained that Resolution No. 22-32 involved a grant in the amount of \$22,700 from the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement. Jen Andrus had applied for the grant and the funds would be used to bolster events taking place at Centennial Plaza from July 2022 through June 2023.

**MOTION:**     **Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution No. 22-32, accepting a grant from the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement in the amount of \$22,700 for the purpose of providing FY23 Community, Heritage, and Cultural Event grant funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bob Knudsen.**

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

**The motion passed 4-0**

**7.     OTHER MATTERS**

There were no other matters on the agenda

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

**8.1     Council Member Burgess** raised a concern with vehicles parking on the streets in his district. He noted at times, moving vehicles had to stop and pull over to allow oncoming vehicles to pass because there was not enough room for both to fit through at the same time. City Administrator, John Taylor stated he would pass the information along to the police department and code enforcement. He also indicated that the city's parking ordinances might need to be amended in order to solve the problem.

**8.2     Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

**8.3 Council Chair Barbieri – Excused**

**8.4 Council Member Harker** commended code enforcement for being so responsive and effective.

**8.5 Council Member Cochran** stated he also wanted to give a shout out to code enforcement and in particular, Kathleen Richins. He mentioned her professionalism and quick response time in addressing issues that arose in the city.

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

**9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

**9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 25, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

**9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**

**9.5 ~~Planning Commission Work Session and Meeting – Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (CANCELLED)~~**

**9.6 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**

**9.7 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**10.1 “Forever Plaid”** (Sponsored by the Taylorsville Arts Council) October 20-22, 2022  
7:30 p.m. at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center

**10.2 “Trick or Treating on the Plaza”** – October 22, 2022 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**10.3 Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra** – October 27, 2022 at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, 7:00 p.m.

**10.4 Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra** – December 9, 2022 at Bennion Junior High,  
7:30 p.m.

**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 Curt Cochran moved to adjourn, and Vice Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.**

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Approved 11/2/2022