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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 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
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Todd Gray, Deputy Police Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Barbara Riddle

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Council Chair Anna Barbieri conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:02 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. Chair Barbieri indicated that she would not be present for the November 16 City Council meeting.

The Chair mentioned that there would be a closed session that evening. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that the purposes for that session were 1) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; 2) to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and 3) to discuss the purchase or sale of real property.

City Council Coordinator Kris Heineman suggested the council discuss whether they wished to hold a regular city council meeting on December 21st, considering how close it was to Christmas. It was determined that the agenda was currently light enough that they could get away with holding just one council meeting that month which would be on December 7th.

Councilmember Meredith Harker asked Mayor Kristie Overson for an update regarding street light replacement. The Mayor responded that city administration had been working internally on that but were not yet ready to reveal the specifics of the plan. She anticipated that the Council would receive further information around the first of 2023.

Councilmember Bob Knudsen mentioned that he had recently heard a complaint about the police vehicles taking up so much parking at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. Mayor Overson appreciated the information.

2. Adjourn

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

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

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

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Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Donny Gasu, Records Manager
Todd Gray, Deputy Police Chief
Wayne Harper, Community & Economic Development

Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Evan Keller, Police Detective
Scott Lloyd, Police Sgt.
Stephanie Snow, Human Resources Director
Brandy Stephens, Police Office Manager
Keith Stephens, Code Enforcement Officer
Spencer Stone, Police Officer
Many Taylorsville police officers

Others: Lynn Handy, Marv Mackey, Mike Potter, Pam Roberts, Dennis Sanok, and Joan White

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Barbieri 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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Councilmember Burgess (Opening Ceremonies for November 16, 2022, to be arranged by *Taylorsville Youth Council*)

Councilmember Ernest Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilmember Knudsen then offered a reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Overson reported on both the fun and the challenges at the city's first annual Trunk or Treat event. It had been moved inside at the last minute due to high winds, but she mentioned that going forward, such large events would not be moved inside city hall as it simply would not accommodate the hundreds of people that were present.

Arts Council had completed a three-day run of *Forever Plaid* at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. Additionally, the Utah Philharmonic and Taylorsville/Salt Lake Community College Orchestras performed together at the same location the previous week.

The Taylorsville Chapter of the Exchange Club held a Day of Service recently, and cleanup work took place inside Taylorsville's historic museum. Later in the week they helped Murray City in their Haunted Woods. Murray's chapter paid the Taylorsville chapter for their service.

The local group that had been focused on picking up litter along I-215 was done for the winter. Mayor Overson pointed out what a remarkable difference they had made and indicated what a shame it was that more litter was left by others almost immediately thereafter.

Long-time Taylorsville volunteer Carlos Moreno was recently sworn in as an American citizen and had invited the Mayor to attend his swearing-in ceremony at Utah's capitol building. She said it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with him.

The police department celebrated Red Ribbon Week at Calvin Smith Elementary the week before, and the Mayor expressed her appreciation to the council members who attended as well. The week was set aside to recognize our country's oldest and largest drug prevention awareness program and was a great opportunity to watch the police officers interact with young students and help them understand the importance of drug awareness.

The Council of Mayors continued to discuss a temporary overflow shelter for the homeless to use during the coming winter. It was a continuing project, and each city was trying to do its part along with the Homeless Coalition and the state legislature.

City staff met with the Food Truck League to hear their thoughts regarding the *Starry Nights on the Plaza* that had taken place each Saturday night during the summer. Specifically, it was important to know if it had been successful for the small businesses. They discussed what worked well, where changes needed to be made in the future, etc. Everyone seemed to be excited to repeat it the following summer although the intent was to hold it on Friday nights instead of Saturday. April 28, 2023 was the tentative beginning date for the following year.

The City would have a tree lighting ceremony on Monday, November 28th. To be frugal with tax dollars, it would not be a *spectacular* display but would certainly be lovely to see. A live tree had been purchased and temporarily planted in front of city hall. It would find a permanent home in one of the city's parks in the spring.

After 17 years of service to Taylorsville, Shell Summers had recently retired which created a job opening in the justice court. A new building inspector had also just been hired and the police department currently had an opening for a GRAMA Coordinator.

The mayor mentioned that early voting was taking place through the following Friday and then wrapped up her report by explaining that earlier in the day, the Youth Council had met briefly with poll workers who spoke to them about voting and the election in general. They even held a mock election to determine who would have been elected had the Youth Council been old enough to vote.

1.3 Citizen Comments

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

Dennis Sanok mentioned the upcoming Veterans Day holiday and the Wreath for Veterans program. He pointed out how critical it was to show veterans how grateful we all are for their service, and he encouraged all veterans to take advantage of the benefits available to them.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Newly hired police officers Cade Coon, Michael Haggard, Justin Mecham and Andrew McKeon stepped forward and the city recorder administered the Oath of Office. The officers then posed for photographs with their families and elected officials.

3.1 Taylorsville Police Department Report – Chief Brady Cottam

 Deputy Chief Todd Gray joined Chief Brady Cottam at the podium while the Chief took a few moments to recognize the recipients of the police department's Employees of the Month for June, July, and August 2022.

Sgt. Aaron Cheshire had nominated Det. Evan Keller for the June award. Det. Keller who had in essence carried the load of three people that month due to various staffing issues. He filled in for a Special Victim's Unit detective, and the victim advocate in addition to doing his regular duties. He was TVPD's lead defensive tactics instructor and Chief Cottam said that Det. Keller was not only a great police officer but a great father to his kids and a great all-around human being.

Spencer Stone was nominated for the July Employee of the Month award by at least two different people. His proactive police work had led him to the recovery of a stolen vehicle which ultimately resulted in the discovery of a fraud ring. He congratulated Officer Stone for the outstanding job he had done on this very complex case.

Brandy Stephens, Office Manager and the "true boss" of the department was the August 2022 TVPD Employee of the Month. Chief Cottam said the list of Brandy's responsibilities was endless, and he relied on her quite heavily. She put her heart and soul into the department as she had for many, many years. She had worked in Taylorsville when employed by the Unified Police Department and for the original TVPD which was in place from 2004 to 2012.

 Chief Cottam thanked Donny Gasu for preparing the statistical data contained within his report. He explained that because the new police department had now been in place for over twelve months, there was enough information for a year-to-year comparison.

Although simple assaults were trending upwards, other more violent persons crimes had decreased in 2022. The Chief displayed data pertaining to not only the types of crimes in the city each year but also in each individual council district.

After presenting the data for criminal and traffic cases, the Chief explained that the GRAMA Coordinator position (Government Records Access Management Act) recently posted was a sign of the current times. While there were 1,013 requests for police records submitted during the first quarter of 2021, that number jumped to 1,654 for the same time frame in 2022. That number was expected to continue to increase, so having this new position would free up the records manager for other tasks.

Chief Cottam then addressed response times for different types of calls in the City. He attributed the improvement in these times to the fact that officers who had not been terribly familiar with Taylorsville when they first started with the department had the opportunity to become more so. Additionally, having a year to become proficient with the new computer system had also had a positive effect on response times.

Councilmember Knudsen inquired about priority 4 calls which weren't listed in the 2021 statistics. (Since the departments' inception, priority 3 calls had been broken out further, resulting in a fourth category.)

Councilmember Harker said she and her family had observed that police officers were much more visible in Taylorsville than they were a couple of years before.

3.2 Senior Center Report – Mike Potter

 Senior Center Manager Mike Potter explained that in-person voting would take place at the Senior Center on election day from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Holiday meals were scheduled for both November 15th and December 13th. Mr. Potter welcomed councilmembers to join them for the meal or to volunteer to help serve it. Speaking of volunteering, Mr. Potter was searching for a volunteer to work at the center's front desk for both mornings and afternoons.

He expressed his great appreciation for Joey Bona and John Beverley who took care of all the maintenance needs at the Senior Center. He also pointed out how fortunate the city was to have Gil, Mike, and Leroy on staff to handle custodial duties.

Mr. Potter explained that the Senior Center had a very consistent number of diners thus far in 2022. Since the beginning of the year, it had served 5,886 breakfasts, 7,703 on-site lunches and 3,436 to-go lunches (which they started during the pandemic lock-down.) In total they had served 17,025 meals so far in 2022.

3.3 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling – Pam Roberts

 Pam Roberts, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD) explained that Finance Director Paul Korth was also present and would present some of the information to the council. Ms. Roberts discussed the agency's 2023 tentative budget and proposed fee increase. Her report addressed the following five priorities which were thoroughly explained.

- Sustain current services
- Implement fee increases beginning January 1, 2023 (last raised in 2018)
- Continue to improve efficiencies relying on technology
- Continue to use alternate fuels to keep costs low
- Find ways to expand the Seasonal Container Reservation Program (SCRIP)

The Board had asked Ms. Roberts and her team to analyze what they had done to improve efficiencies before turning to fee increases which they had done. She explained that installing forward-facing cameras in each truck had saved the District in liability claims that were periodically brought forth. Additionally, all the side-loader trucks used compressed natural gas (CNG) which resulted in over a million dollars in savings per year. Still, the time had come when a fee increase was essential, and the Board had tentatively approved a fee increase of \$2.50 per household per month.

Ms. Roberts turned the time over to Mr. Korth who shared more detailed information regarding some of WFWRD's expenses, many of which had steadily increased since 2018. While the budget in 2018 was just under \$4.2 million, for 2023 it was estimated at over \$6.6 million.

The next step in WFWRD's budget process was a November 14th public hearing to allow affected citizens to provide their input. It was anticipated that the Board would adopt the final budget on the morning of December 12.

Chair Barbieri expressed her belief that WFWRD was one of the most well-run and efficient organizations she had ever seen. She congratulated Ms. Roberts for continuing to do such a great job. Ms. Roberts in turn thanked Mr. Korth as well as the rest of the WFWRD team.

3.4 ChamberWest Report – Barbara Riddle

 President and Chief Executive Officer Barbara Riddle described many of the programs and committees designed to help ChamberWest meet their goal of “*Empowering the Business Community Through Connections, Promotion and Advocacy.*” Some of these were:

- Legislative Affairs Committee (with nine sub-committees)
- Business Theft Task Force
- Women in Business
- Professional Development Series Luncheons
- Business Success Series
- Leadership Institute Program
- Ambassador Program
- Friday Connections
- Job Fairs at both Taylorsville High and Hunter High
- Fall conference on November 9, 2022
- Annual Golf Classic
- Business Leaders’ Trips to Scotland, Washington D.C., and Italy
- Annual Awards Gala
- Annual Membership Breakfast
- Women in Business – Nine and Dine Event
- Certificates of Origin

Councilmember Harker pointed out how fun it was to see ChamberWest grow with every passing year.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the October 19, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes of October 19, 2022.
The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Cochran	Yes
Chair Barbieri	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- 5.1 **Ordinance No. 22-10** – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the properties located at 5465, 5433, and 5439 South 1300 West in Taylorsville, Utah from Single-Family Residential R-1-20 to Single Family Residential R-1-10 – ***Wayne Harper***

 Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper displayed an aerial view of the property in question, a ground-level photo of each individual property and maps depicting the Zoning Map that existed in 2008, as it stood in 2012 and the current Zoning Map. He briefly touched on the Zoning District setbacks and explained that after a public hearing was held on September 27, 2022, the Planning Commission had forwarded a unanimous positive recommendation to the City Council.

The parcels in question were currently zoned as R-1-20 even though each was smaller than 20,000 square feet in area.

MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-10, approving a Zoning Map Amendment for the properties located at 5465, 5433, and 5439 South 1300 West. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 **Resolution No. 22-31** – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Zoo, Arts, and Parks (Zap) Grant from Salt Lake County in the amount of \$4,500 to Fund the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center – ***Joan White***

 Historic Preservation Committee Member Joan White explained that Salt Lake County had awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,500 for the purpose of funding elementary school bus transportation to the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center, funding the *Saturday with Santa* event and the *Celebrate Your Museum Day*.

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve Resolution No. 22-31, accepting a Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) grant from Salt Lake County in the Amount of \$4,500 to Fund the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Council Member Knudsen	Yes
Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Chair Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

6.2 Public Hearing - Accept public comment regarding Needs for Upcoming 2023-2024 Plan Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – *Ken Donarski*

 CDBG Consultant Ken Donarski explained to the City Council that preliminary applications would soon be accepted by non-profit entities who served Taylorsville residents.

Chair Barbieri opened the public hearing at 8:16 pm.

 Sam Ball with ASSIST Community Design Center explained that his organization had partnered with Taylorsville for many years. ASSIST strengthened communities by helping residents remain in their homes for longer than they might otherwise be able to. The agency had an emergency home repair program, an accessibility design program as well as a community design program. Mr. Ball asked for continued support as the need for their services was steadily increasing. During the last twenty years, they had performed 974 projects in Taylorsville.

There was no one else who indicated a desire to speak, and Chair Barbieri closed the public hearing at 8:19 pm.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no “other” matters for discussion on the agenda.

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 – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

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

9.2 City Council Meeting – Wednesday November 16, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

9.3 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

10.1 General Election – November 8, 2022 (Mail-in Ballots must be postmarked by November 7th) 3pm to 7pm only.

There would be a tree lighting ceremony in front of city hall on November 28, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies would be served, with the lighting of the live tree to take place at 7:00 p.m.

10.2 Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra – December 9, 2022 – 7:30 p.m. – Bennion Jr. High School

10.3 “Saturday with Santa”- December 10, 2022 – 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Sponsored by the Historic Preservation and Parks and Recreation Committees)

10.4 “Wreaths Across America” – Saturday, December 17, 2022 – Program would begin at City Hall 9:00 a.m. with a wreath-laying ceremony held later at the Taylorsville Cemetery (Sponsored by Honor 365, the City of Taylorsville, and the Taylorsville Youth Council)

Chair Barbieri reminded everyone to keep their vehicles off the streets during snow storms so that the roadways could be plowed.

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to recess the public portion of the City Council meeting and convene a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, the professional competence or physical and/or mental health of an individual, and the purchase and/or sale of real property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

Council Member Burgess	Yes
Council Member Cochran	Yes
Council Chair Barbieri	Yes
Council Member Harker	Yes
Council Member Knudsen	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

The Chair explained that the council would adjourn following the closed session without reconvening the public meeting. The council recessed at 8:21 p.m. before convening a closed session.

Minutes for the closed session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Following the closed session, Chair Barbieri declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder