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3 **City of Taylorsville**
4 **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

5 *Minutes*

6 **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**
7 **Council Chambers, Room No. 140**
8 **2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.**
9 **Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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11 **BRIEFING SESSION**

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13 **Attendance:**

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15 Mayor Kristie Overson

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17 **Council Members:**

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19 Council Vice Chair Meredith Harker
20 Council Member Ernest Burgess
21 Council Member Curt Cochran
22 Council Member Bob Knudsen

17 **City Staff:**

18 Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
19 Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
20 Brady Cottam, Police Chief
21 Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
22 Kris Heineman, Council Coordinator
23 Kim Horiuchi, Communications Manager
24 Captain Richard Rich, Unified Fire
25 Ben White, City Engineer

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28 **Excused:** Chair Anna Barbieri and John Taylor, City Administrator

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30 **6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

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32 In the absence of Chair Barbieri, Vice-Chair Meredith Harker conducted the briefing session,
33 which convened at 6:01 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all other councilmembers were
34 present.

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36 **1. Review Agenda**

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38 The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed.

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40 Captain Rich mentioned that the following Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Unified Fire would hold a
41 training exercise outside of Fire Station #118 at 11:00 a.m. He thought the councilmembers might
42 find it interesting and he invited them to attend and observe.

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44 Vice Chair Harker asked Chief Cottam about the property he wished to surplus. He explained that
45 it was quite a few bicycles. The police department had made every effort to find the owners but all

those listed in the exhibit remained unclaimed. TVPD wished to donate them to West Valley City who would refurbish them and donate them to raise funds for a children's burn camp.

2. Adjourn

Vice Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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:

Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst City Administrator
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Community & Economic Development
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Manager
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ben White, City Engineer

Excused: Council Chair Anna Barbieri and John Taylor, City Administrator

Others: Sally Beesley, Mark Isaac, John M. Thackeray, John R. Thackeray, David Vernon, Cindy Wilkey, and Susan Yadeskie

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 Anna Barbieri who was excused.

- 1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – **Councilmember Cochran** (Opening Ceremonies for December 7, 2022 to be arranged by **Councilmember Knudsen**)

Councilmember Cochran led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance before offering a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Overson reported that ChamberWest's Fall conference had been held the previous week. She and Chair Barbieri attended the one-day event that involved dynamic speakers, and great break-out sessions. She explained it was a good opportunity to network with the city's business partners and officials from West Jordan, West Valley, and Kearns.

There was recently a ribbon-cutting held at Sierra, an outdoor apparel retailer that had recently opened in Taylorsville. She thanked Chair Barbieri and Councilmember Cochran for attending as well as various city staff members. The *Crossroads at Taylorsville* shopping center contained many opportunities to shop local.

Both the Mayor and Chief Cottam had the opportunity to speak to Chair Harker's class of third graders about the importance of being good citizens and explained how the children could make a difference in their community.

Mayor Overson offered her congratulations to Sen. Karen Mayne, Rep. Karen Kwan, Rep. Jim Dunnigan, Rep. Mark Wheatley, and Rep. Ashley Mathews who were all successful in the general election held earlier in the month. The City communicated with each legislator regularly, and they helped advocate for Taylorsville residents. Additionally, Salt Lake County Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton had been reelected and Suzanne Harrison was newly elected to the Commission as well. Finally, Connie Burgess was reelected to the Granite School District Board of Education. The Mayor appreciated the partnership and friendship that the city had with each of these individuals.

Veterans were celebrated the previous week on Veteran's Day, and it had been Mayor Overson's pleasure to speak at both Salt Lake Community College and Truewood Assisted Living Facility in Taylorsville. Her remarks were focused on the Taylorsville Cemetery and some of the veterans interred there. She felt that sharing the stories helped to keep veterans' legacies alive.

Utah's legislature, the Division of Housing and Community Development, and Workforce Services sponsored a workshop on housing, growth, and land use regulations. Many stakeholders were present and city representatives participated in a round table discussion regarding those critical issues. She thanked Councilmembers Harker, Knudsen, and Burgess as well as John Hiskey for their participation.

The City had recently hired a planner as well as a judicial assistant in the justice court. There were still some job opportunities in the police department.

Mayor Overson mentioned two important opportunities for giving in the community. The annual holiday event for Taylorsville's business partners, community leaders and elected officials from other nearby communities would be combined with a request for support of The Closet at Taylorsville High School. The goal of The Closet was to provide clothes, shoes, toiletries, cosmetics, food —basically anything that high schoolers might need if they and their families were facing hardship. The mayor reminded those gathered that not every student arrived at school with a full stomach and a warm coat or hat. Those who attended the December 8th event would be asked to bring a donation that would go to this program at THS.

Wreaths Across America was a nationwide project to provide holiday wreaths to lay at veterans' graves. There were 255 veterans buried in the Taylorsville Cemetery and although funds had been collected to donate 176 wreaths, donations were needed to purchase 79 more at \$15.00 apiece by Monday, November 28. She hoped the community would open their hearts and wallets for this very worthy project. The wreaths would be placed on the graves during a ceremony on December 17th.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Vice Chair Harker invited members of the public to step forward and address the council on the topic of their choice if they wished to do so.

There was no one who expressed a desire to speak so Vice Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Resolution No. 22-33 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville appointing David Vernon to the Economic Development Committee – *Wayne Harper*

 Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper explained that David Vernon was the Director of the Salt Lake campus of Utah State University, and he was pleased to recommend that the council approve a resolution appointing him to the Economic Development Committee.

Vice Chair Harker invited Mr. Vernon to address the Council and introduce himself. Mr. Vernon explained that he was the Associate Vice President for the Wasatch Region for USU, and their campus was located in Taylorsville. He believed that education was part of economic development and he wished to ensure that USU did its part to support economic growth in the city and the career and educational goals of its citizens. He was excited to serve the City in this capacity.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to appoint David Vernon to the Economic Development Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 4-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Historic Preservation Committee Report – *Susan Yadeskie*

 Committee Chair Susan Yadeskie described many of the activities that the committee had taken part in over the previous eight months. She pointed out how critical volunteerism was to the success of the historic preservation of Taylorsville. She also expressed her appreciation for Jay Ziolkowski who had organized a service project on September 10 in commemoration of 9/11. She had expected about 20 people but *many* more people than that arrived to help at not only that event but throughout the year. She mentioned many of the groups that had volunteered at the Heritage Center.

The Committee had been awarded funds that made it possible to purchase new lighting which was used during the Tombstone Tales event wherein community and committee members participated in acting out the stories of many city residents who had been interred at the cemetery.

Back in 2019, the Utah Islamic Center had met with Councilmember Cochran and Ms. Yadeskie and expressed interest in preserving their building because they were aware of its historic value. They submitted a grant for funds to pay for a study on how best to preserve it and in hopes of getting the building on the National Register of Historic Places. They were notified in March that the building had been added to the register and it was the first building in the city to be placed on the list. Since then, the museum and pump house had also been added to the register.

The annual *Saturday with Santa* event would take place on December 10th, and Ms. Yadeskie anticipated that approximately 500 people would attend.

3.2 Unified Fire Authority Report – *Captain Richard Rich*

1  Captain Richard Rich of the Unified Fire Authority presented information regarding the 3rd
2 quarter of 2022 (July through September) and the statistics had remained fairly consistent.
3 However, the flex traffic lanes on 5400 South had a significant impact on traffic accident numbers
4 when there was construction in the area. He pointed out that it would be very important to keep
5 that in mind for any future UDOT projects that affected those lanes.

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7 Councilmember Knudsen asked that future reports include quarterly totals on the slide that broke
8 out the number of incidents by month.

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10 Captain Rich provided statistical data regarding the types of calls received (both fire-related and
11 medical), the types of apparatus used and fire stations that responded to different calls. He pointed
12 out that on average, responding units arrived on half of the emergent calls within 4 minutes and
13 40 seconds of their dispatch time and in 90% of those calls, arrived in just over seven minutes.

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15 Councilmember Cochran was curious to know why Station No. 117 responded to so many more
16 calls than Station No. 118. Captain Rich explained that Station No. 117 was a “dual house”,
17 meaning that it had two engine companies since their area was a bit busier. In addition, a large
18 portion of Taylorsville was handled by Kearns Station No. 109.

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20 Captain Rich explained that the Wildland Division, which handled the western half of the United
21 States, had wrapped up their season which included at least 75 different fires, several of which had
22 been quite complex. Another wildfire team worked out of Camp Williams and the UFA was in the
23 process of extending employment offers to five members of that crew. Seven paramedics (lateral
24 hires) were sworn in, had completed their 4-week orientation, and were continuing their
25 acclimation in the field. He expected that they would be working independently by the first week
26 of December. The top firefighter applicants were currently undergoing background investigations
27 and the next recruit camp would start on February 1st with an anticipated class of 36.

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29 The Captain provided an update regarding fire stations under construction elsewhere in the Salt
30 Lake Valley and explained that the supply chain issues, and the increasing cost of construction
31 materials and labor were delaying some of that work.

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33 The summer event season had wrapped up and the department had participated in 99 events
34 including Taylorsville Dayzz. The majority were city sponsored and all the events resulted in
35 1,830 person hours worked. He had hoped to get about 250 residents to show up to the Community
36 Pancake Breakfast held the month before but there were more than 850 people. UFA loved seeing
37 so many community members join them, and they looked forward to holding the event again in
38 2023.

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40 Unified Fire continued to work on their Standards of Cover document which would assess the risk
41 of each of its service areas and determine if the appropriate resources were available. The City

Council would likely soon see a resolution asking it to formally adopt the finalized document. He felt that Taylorsville was the best covered service area in the Unified Fire.

Captain Rich explained that the UFA conducted a full-scale active shooter drill at Cyprus High School earlier in the quarter. They held such drills on an annual basis and they provided a critical training opportunity for his department as well as for law enforcement agencies. Additionally, all 400+ UFA firefighters experienced a live fire training exercise, describing such fires as "high risk low frequency incidents."

Vice Chair Harker suggested addressing agenda item 7.1 out of order.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Update on Volta Development – Mayor Overson

 Mayor Overson explained how excited the city administration was about the Volta development planned for 5400 South Bangerter. She thought it would be a good opportunity for the developer to update the council on the project status and invited John Thackeray, Johnny Thackeray, and Mark Isaac to address the City Council.

John R. Thackeray began his comments by admitting that the current economy presented challenges. However, he and his team continued to work closely with city administration, and he pointed out how much he appreciated the open dialogue, even though the administration did not always agree with everything his company proposed. He explained that the city administrators were passionate about their responsibility to Taylorsville and he and his team were just as passionate about bringing a high-quality project to the city. He believed that Volta would rival any other project in Utah.

Mr. Thackeray then turned the time over to Mark Issac who explained that his role on the Volta project was to oversee the architecture and engineering, the design team, and the collaboration with the City. He stated that his team had "bombarded" city staff with over a thousand pages of design over the last 6-7 months. The off-site sewer design for Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District was finished, as were the plat and the civil engineering. The architecture was complete apart from a few ingress/egress issues and fire marshal requirements. They received bids for demolition earlier that day and he would work with both UFA and TVPD to see if either agency wished to do any training in the buildings prior to demolition which he hoped would take place before Christmas.

Mr. Issac stated that they were in the final stages of financing with a local, well-known lender, and he expected construction to begin in March which was preferable to doing the work in the winter

months. He anticipated having the project's first phase (350 units) completed 24 months after that March commencement date.

Rocky Mountain Power had wanted to relocate utilities to the easements in the backyards of every home on the southside of the Volta project site. Instead, the Thackeray Company asked RMP to move the utility easement onto the Volta property rather than adversely impact sheds, patios, landscaping, etc. which homeowners had in place for many years. That caused some delay since it changed the project's civil design. Although he understood that not every neighbor was happy about the project, his firm was doing everything it could to manage the disruption.

Councilmember Cochran was pleased to hear that progress was being made. Vice-Chair Harker expressed her excitement that the first buildings would be in place within 24 months from the coming spring.

Councilmember Burgess appreciated what the Thackeray Co. had done to mitigate the negative impact on the neighbors by asking that the utility easement be moved to its own property. He also appreciated the update, explaining that the Council now had a better idea of what progress was being made.

John Thackeray admitted they might have over-designed the project, but said they were thrilled with the plans. One challenge they had not yet been able to resolve was ensuring that there was a certain percentage of "essential" (affordable) housing included in the design. It was very important to him, and with interest rates and the cost of construction materials increasing, it was becoming even more difficult to make a reality. They intended to continue working with the City as well as Salt Lake County to ensure that a certain number of units were affordable, perhaps for public employees such as first responders and school teachers. He admitted they had not yet solved that very important "piece of the puzzle."

Mayor Overson appreciated the Thackeray Company's willingness to update the City Council and felt that face-to-face communication was important. She appreciated their kind words about staff and felt that there was a great working relationship between the City and the developer. She looked forward to the magnificent development.

Councilmember Burgess encouraged Mr. Thackeray and Mr. Issac to continue to find a way to include affordable housing in their plans.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the November 2, 2022 City Council Meeting

4.2 Meeting Minutes of the October 19, 2022 City Council Meeting *as amended*

MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to approve the minutes of November 2, 2022 as presented and of October 19, 2022 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

- 5.1 Public Hearing and Ordinance No. 22-11** – Receive public comment and consider an ordinance of the City of Taylorsville approving the Vacation of Certain Portions of Hidden Place (1250 West/Old 1300 West) Taylorsville City Right-of-Way and to convey the right-of-way property to the adjacent property owner of Lot No. 1 of the Hidden Place Subdivision – *Wayne Harper*

 Community and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper explained that state code required the city to hold a public hearing if it was considering vacating a portion of public property, including a right-of-way. Such was the case here, where staff recommended conveying the right-of-way to the owner of the adjacent property. Mr. Harper displayed aerial maps of the subject property, highlighting the right-of-way and the rest of Hidden Place subdivision, and explaining that it was a very long and narrow piece of property. The City had not invested anything in it, as it was present long before Taylorsville incorporated in 1996. The city engineer had arranged for a 10' wide public easement to remain with the property.

Vice Chair Harker opened the public hearing. There was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Vice Chair Harker closed the public hearing. She then invited the applicant to address the Council.

Misti Lilla explained that upon purchasing her property, she had been surprised that the strip of land in question was not included and that she could not use it due to the existing right-of-way. Her neighbor had explained that a different portion of the street had been vacated by the city previously, so Ms. Lilla she approached the Development department about doing the same in this instance.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-11, approving the Vacation of Certain Portions of Hidden Place (1250 West/Old 1300 West) Taylorsville City Right-of-Way and to Convey the Right-of-Way Property to the Adjacent Property Owner of Lot No. 1 of the Hidden Place Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 4-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 22-34 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville declaring Surplus Property – *Chief Brady Cottam*

 Chief Cottam explained that there were 23 bicycles that the police department had been unable to locate owners for. A public notice seeking owners had been posted for the statutorily required time and there had been no response. TVPD wished to surplus the bikes and donate them to the West Valley Fire Department. That agency's Chief Jeff Fox had established a program where used bicycles were refurbished and sold to help fund a children's burn camp. Chief Cottam said it was a great cause that his department wished to contribute to.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-34 of the City of Taylorsville declaring 23 bicycles surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 4-0

7. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 1 **8.1 Council Member Burgess** – Commented that the vast number of volunteer hours
2 donated for the good of Taylorsville and its residents was phenomenal. He wished
3 the hours had been counted but regardless, he was very grateful.
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5 **8.2 Council Member Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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7 **8.3 Council Chair Barbieri** – excused
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9 **8.4 Vice Chair Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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11 **8.5 Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
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13 **8. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**
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15 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 6:30**
16 **p.m.**
17 **9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, November 22, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**
18 **9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**
19 **9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.**
20 **9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 6:30**
21 **p.m.**
22 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**
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24 **9. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**
25 *(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*
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27 **10.1 Thanksgiving Holiday:** November 24-25, 2022 – CITY OFFICES CLOSED
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29 **10.2 Christmas Tree Lighting on the Plaza:** Monday, November 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.
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31 **10.3 “Saturday with Santa”-** December 10, 2022 –2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Sponsored
32 by the Historic Preservation and Parks and Recreation Committees)
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34 **10.4 “Wreaths Across America” Ceremony and Wreath Laying** – Saturday, December
35 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. (Sponsored by Honor 365, Taylorsville City and Taylorsville
36 City Youth Council)
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38 Councilmember Burgess reminded the Council that it needed to discuss the tentative dates for 2023
39 city council meetings. It was helpful if any potential conflicts were addressed before the statutorily
40 required annual notice was published.
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After some discussion, it was agreed that the City Council meetings that would typically be held on July 5, 2023 and December 20, 2023 would be cancelled due to their proximity to federal holidays.

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

Vice Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder