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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 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
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Ben White, City Engineer

Others: Lawrence Horman and Howard Wilson,

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Anna Barbieri conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:04 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.

2. Adjourn

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

REGULAR MEETING

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Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer
Jay Ziolkowski, Community Engagement

Others: Mark Chalk, Bessy Johana Dennis, John E. Gidney, John Hadlock, Lynn Handy, Richard Jirik, Lawrence Horman, Marc McElreath, Dean Paynter, Mark Petrie, Dennis Sanok, Howard Wilson and Rob Wood

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 – *Councilmember Knudsen* (Opening Ceremonies for January 4, 2022 to be arranged by *Council Chair Barbieri*)

Councilmember Knudsen directed the Pledge of Allegiance before commenting about the 81st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He explained that his grandfather had served in World War II and he was grateful for all who had served or were currently serving. He also mentioned how many things competed for one's attention during the holiday season. He quoted Fred Rogers who said, "There are three ways to ultimate success: the first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind." Councilmember Knudsen expressed the hope that everyone would try to be kinder to one another. He then offered a prayer.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported on two recent ribbon cuttings—one at the Patty Shack and the other at Spill the Tea. Both openings were fun and festive, and she encouraged everyone to eat and shop locally.

A beautiful, snowy tree-lighting ceremony was held on November 28th. The Mayor thanked those who attended, including the Taylorsville High School Madrigal Choir, and the Taylorsville Youth Council. She thanked those groups as well as the facilities crew who spent the day moving snow and preparing for the event. She also thanked the City Council for providing the budget for what she hoped might become an annual event.

Earlier in the day, local artist Jeannine Young had donated an additional sculpture to the Plaza + Art program. (She currently had a sculpture displayed in Centennial Plaza which was there on a rotation basis.) The new piece would be part of the City's permanent collection and would be displayed in city hall until an outdoor pedestal could be procured. Mayor Overson appreciated Ms. Young's generosity and looked forward to seeing the Plaza + Art program grow.

The Youth Council had been very busy with a variety of service opportunities. They had decorated the Heritage Museum and city hall for the holidays and were now job-shadowing several employees to learn what each did for the city.

Another program the Youth Council was involved with was the *Wreaths Across America* project sponsored by the Honor 365 non-profit organization. The goal for the Taylorsville Cemetery was to lay a holiday wreath at each of the 255 veterans' graves, and donations had far exceeded expectations. The additional funds would be used for more wreaths the following year. The wreaths would be placed following a brief ceremony at city hall on December 17th which would begin at 10:00 a.m.

The Taylorsville Exchange Club had met the previous week and chosen City Council and Youth Council Coordinator Kris Heineman to receive the *Book of Golden Deeds* award. This was a national award geared towards volunteers who strived to make their communities better, and Ms. Heineman certainly did that. The Exchange Club was very happy to honor Ms. Heineman for her hard work.

Speaking of community spirit and good deeds, they Mayor wished to share two examples of kind-hearted Taylorsville businesses. Wes and Suzie who were the proprietors of Speed Kleen Laundromat here in town had donated eight full baskets of food and a gift card to Taylorsville residents in need. They had delivered the food and cards to the police department who then made sure that they went to local families who needed a Thanksgiving meal. Texas Roadhouse would also be donating meals to needy families through the police department during the holiday season. She was grateful for their giving spirits.

Mayor Overson said she appreciated Councilmember Knudsen's earlier comments regarding kindness, and said she enjoyed seeing community members show kindness toward others.

1.3 Citizen Comments

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

Lawrence Horman explained that he was one of many homeless people and wished to advocate on the part of the homeless. He explained that homelessness was not a problem that could be solved by one person or one organization. Funding might come from the federal, state or county level but he felt the real work had to be done at the city level. He wished to encourage Taylorsville to work *with* the homeless, not just **for** them. He felt a solution must begin with housing and that continuing supportive services needed to last beyond 90 days. He explained that he had provided packets to each elected official and that he had distributed the same packets to many local mayors in 2017 and received almost no response. He said he was on the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness, providing that group with a 'client perspective.' He ended his comments by stating that he would be happy to discuss the subject with anyone interested in hearing more.

Mark Petrie explained he was present on behalf of himself and several other residents who lived along Atherton Drive. He showed an aerial map of about 1175 West Atherton. He reminded the Council that he had addressed them previously on his safety concerns regarding the number of serious accidents in the area. He then played video and audio of several traffic accidents that had taken place in front of his home dating as far back as 2019, resulting in at least one fatality. The footage ended after showing an accident that had taken place just three days earlier. While Mr. Petrie appreciated the signage that had been put in place since his last appearance, he did not feel it was sufficient since people who were impaired or fleeing from police did not pay attention to signs. He requested low profile speed bumps prior to the location of a sharp corner where most of the accidents took place. He asked the council again to do more before additional injury and property damage took place.

Councilmember Harker asked city engineer Ben White if the city had ever tried having speed bumps at the corner in question. He responded that it had not.

Dennis Sanok mentioned that the location referenced by Mr. Petrie had been on his bike route for quite some time and he agreed that drivers took that corner too fast even during the best driving conditions. He then said he wished to congratulate the Mayor and City Council on *not* making the news. He had attended the meetings of other cities regularly in the past and he appreciated the decorum shown in Taylorsville when the Council, Administration and Staff interacted. He also appreciated the respect shown towards the citizens.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment of Richard Jirik to the Green Committee – *Councilmember Burgess*

 Councilmember Burgess invited Richard Jirik to the podium to introduce himself. Mr. Jirik explained that he had been a hydrogeologist for 20+ years and was now retired. In September he had attended the LocalScapes presentation and become interested in joining the Green Committee. His specific interests were water conservation and recycling in the parks.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to appoint Richard Jirik to the Green Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

3. REPORTS

3.1 Audit Report – *Scott Harrington/Rob Wood*

 Scott Harrington explained that the name of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) had been changed to the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). The year fiscal year had ended on June 30th, after which bills and revenues were received. City administration had then met with the budget/audit committee before holding a kick-off meeting with the auditor. Field work was conducted in September and October. The report was compiled beginning in November and the administration met again with the budget/audit committee earlier that week and had then presented it to the council for their review.

 Mr. Harrington then turned the time over to Rob Wood of HBME, LLC who highlighted the report for the city council. He explained what state law required, and that banks, bond holders and grantors might also request copies of the audit report. Mr. Wood was pleased to report that Taylorsville had received the highest audit opinion he could give as an independent auditor —an

unmodified opinion, meaning that he did not believe there were any material misstatements. He stated that Taylorsville was in a very strong financial position.

Taylorsville had received nearly nine million dollars in federal funding which helped to fund many recent projects throughout the city.

The general fund was the city's operating account and had total assets of \$13 million with \$2.8 million in liabilities. Mr. Wood explained that the State Auditor liked to look at unassigned balance numbers and Taylorsville had \$5 million in unassigned funds. That percentage needed to remain between 5% and 35% of the general fund balance and was currently at 15.5%. This was lower than in recent years partially because \$11.3 million had been transferred from the general fund to the capital projects and parks funds. In short, future park and road projects had already been funded in the past year.

Mr. Wood pointed out that one of the council's responsibilities was setting the budget. It had appropriated \$27 million for FY2022-2023, and the administration had only spent \$25 million, so \$2 million in tax payer funds had been saved which was particularly noteworthy given the current economy. Each of the city's funds was under budget. The only *potential* concern was the storm drain fund which had borrowed about \$832,000 from the general fund the previous year. That had created a negative unrestricted net-position in that fund which would take a couple of years to pay off.

 Mr. Wood had reviewed the city's internal controls over financial reporting, cash receipts, payrolls, journal entries and looked for any weaknesses. He and his firm had found no deficiencies.

The State Auditor published a State Compliance Audit Guide each year which sought to ensure that the City maintained appropriate records of enrollment in Utah Retirement Systems, annual training for elected officials on Utah's Open and Public Meetings Act, a standardized Fraud Risk Assessment, and conducted public hearings when required, including appropriate notice.

In the last twenty years, the state had implemented sixty new accounting standards that each governmental entity needed to meet. Mr. Wood said he was pleased to present another excellent report for the City.

Councilmember Burgess expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wood, Mr. Harrington, and the citizen budget/audit committee for their hard work.

Mr. Wood pointed out that Taylorsville was the only city he could think of that had more than two citizens review the budget. In fact, there were 10 residents sitting on the committee who reviewed the budget at least bi-annually.

3.2 Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District Report – *Mark Chalk*

 Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Mark Chalk greeted the councilmembers and said that the District was celebrating 65 years as a public entity. It handled all the water distribution and waste water collection services for the majority of Taylorsville as well as some of West Jordan, Murray, Kearns, and West Valley City. The District was governed by a three-person Board of Trustees, had 34 employees and was responsible for 17,500 connections.

Water Distribution:

- 11 active wells
- 16 reservoirs
- 2,139 fire hydrants
- Over 6,000 valves and blowoffs
- 4 booster sites
- 3 chemical addition sites
- Maintained over 246 miles of water pipe
- Deliver, on average, over 4 billion gallons of water annually

Wastewater Collection and Treatment:

- 4,274 manholes
- Over 188 miles of wastewater pipe
- About 5 million gallons of wastewater collected daily
- 2 Lift Stations
- 11% owner of Central Valley Water Reclamation Facility (CVWRF)

The Jordan River Syphon Project would involve doing away with a 46-year-old lift station and replacing it with a syphon which would be a significant improvement to the system.

Councilmember Harker inquired about the wells and pointed out how good Taylorsville water tasted. Mr. Chalk explained that was due to water quality.

Mr. Chalk explained that the federal government had mandated that the phosphorous limit in water be decreased from 10 parts per billion (ppb) to 1 ppb. That required the entire plant's processes to be changed and among other things, it turned what had been a \$250 million project into a \$460 million project.

Regarding the current drought in the region, Councilmember Harker asked what Mr. Chalk wished residents to know. He responded that there had been an amazing response to drought messaging

that had been conducted. People had been asked to reduce their water usage by 10% and they actually reduced it by 20%. He asked that everyone continue to conserve.

3.3 Arts Council Report – *Howard Wilson*

 Arts Council Chair Howard Wilson outlined the events hosted and performed in 2022. They included:

- Willy Wonka Jr. (The first play to be presented on the new Centennial Plaza Stage)
- Taylorsville's Got Talent
- Performances at Taylorsville Dayzz including the Wasatch Cannoneers
- Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Tombstone Tales at the Taylorsville Cemetery
- An Art Show at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center
- A Night with Walt
- Forever Plaid
- Taylorsville – Salt Lake Community College Symphony Orchestra and Utah Philharmonic Orchestra (Sold Out!)

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Meeting Minutes of the November 16, 2022 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2022 City Council meeting as presented. 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

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters on the agenda.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no other financial matters on the agenda.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 **Resolution No. 22-35** – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville declaring certain real property located at approximately 1611 West Dowry Court as surplus property – *Ben White*

 City Engineer Ben White explained that UDOT had been in the process of designing an additional onramp to I-215 from Redwood Road. They had met with nearby residents who would be affected by the project including the Traditions Homeowners Association which involved between 75 – 100 homes off of 6020 South. There was a school bus stop in a travel lane on Redwood Road to pick up and drop off children who lived in the Traditions development and there was only one access road to Traditions and no way of moving the bus stop off of Redwood. There was a desire to increase access to the neighborhood and find an alternative location for the bus stop. UDOT thought they might be able to provide some funding if a solution to those two problems could be identified. The City had recently purchased the Dowry Court property with the goal of then selling it to the HOA. A sidewalk had been constructed to allow for more ingress and egress of pedestrian traffic to Traditions. Additionally, the HOA would agree to maintain the sidewalk in perpetuity, and it would allow the bus stop to be moved away from Redwood to a neighborhood street. To sell the property to the HOA, it needed to be declared as surplus which was why the matter had been brought to the City Council.

Chair Barbieri appreciated everyone working together to address the situation so that student safety could be increased.

MOTION: Councilmember Knudsen moved to approve Resolution No. 22-35, declaring certain real property located at approximately 1611 West Dowry Court as surplus property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

7.2 Emergency Management Plan Update – *Jay Ziolkowski*

 Jay Ziolkowski explained that he had made a presentation to city staff earlier in the year regarding emergency preparedness at home. The City's overall emergency management plan had last been updated in 2016 and there were some revisions that he and the administration recommended. The revisions were listed on *page vii* of the updated draft and outlined, among other things, staff responsibilities in the event of an emergency in Taylorsville. Once the draft was adopted, staff would be trained and would ultimately participate in some practical exercises. He anticipated addressing elected officials' responsibilities during emergencies sometime in the coming year.

Councilmember Harker asked if there was a list of what everyone should have in their homes and cars. Mr. Ziolkowski responded in the affirmative and said that information was currently posted on the city's website as well as on the beready.utah.gov website.

The next steps in the City's emergency management would involve entering into Memoranda of Understanding with various partner entities and increasing both communications and logistical preparedness.

MOTION: Chair Barbieri moved to approve the 2022 version of the City of Taylorsville Emergency Operations Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 Councilmember Knudsen – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Chair Barbieri – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Councilmember Harker – Asked for an update on the two new city parks.

Mr. White explained that almost \$1 million in Salt Lake County grant funding would soon be received for four pickleball courts near the Senior Center, two at Vista Park and four at

what was currently referred to as Tank Park. The City would match those funds, so that was almost \$4 million for pickleball courts. Work had already begun thanks to some dirt that Summit Vista had provided, so pickleball would definitely happen in 2023. Additional park improvements would depend on future budgets.

8.5 Councilmember Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.5 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 10, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 10.1 *Saturday with Santa:*** December 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee)
- 10.2 *Wreaths Across America Ceremony and Wreath Laying:*** Saturday, December 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. (Sponsored by Honor 365, Taylorsville City and the Taylorsville City Youth Council)

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to recess the regular City Council meeting and convene a closed session to discuss the character, professional competence, and the physical/mental health of an individual. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Knudsen.

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

The motion passed 5-0

The meeting recessed at 8:09 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 p.m. the closed session ended, and the meeting adjourned.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes Prepared by: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Approved 01-04-2023