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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
Council Chambers, Room No. 140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, CFO/Asst. City Administrator
Jean Ashby, RDA Secretary
Brady Cottam, Police Chief
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Community Dev. Dir.
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Brittany Kempff, Economic Development Specialist
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

Excused: Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

Chair Bob Knudsen conducted the briefing session, which convened at 6:04 p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the regular city council meeting was reviewed. Council Chair Knudsen asked if there were any other items for discussion. Councilmember Harker mentioned the number of

1 potholes in the city, specifically one at 5620 South 3200 West. Administrator John Taylor
2 suggested that generally speaking, it was helpful when citizens called the city to report them so
3 that they could be filled.

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5 Councilmember Cochran mentioned that the new restaurant "Feast Box" sent an email to the
6 employees to invite them to their "soft opening" today. He had stopped by, said the food was good
7 and that he recommended it. He mentioned that Feast Box was planning on opening 60 restaurants
8 throughout Utah in 2023.

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10 City Attorney reminded the City Council that there was need for a closed session that evening to
11 discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation as well as the sale or purchase of real property.

12 13 **2. Adjourn**

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15 Chair Knudsen declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:10 p.m., after which a meeting of the
16 Redevelopment Agency Board was held. Separate minutes were taken and will be kept on file with
17 RDA records.

20 21 **REGULAR MEETING**

22 23 **Attendance:**

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25 Mayor Kristie Overson

26 27 **Council Members:**

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30 Council Member Anna Barbieri
31 Council Member Ernest Burgess
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Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Brittany Kempff, Economic Development Specialist
Brett Miller, Deputy Police Chief
Richard Rich, UFA Captain

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41 **Excused:** Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Others: Oselle Capener, Aaron Cheshire, Walker Christopherson, Jaren Fowler, John E. Gidney, Ellie Gomez, Mason Harker, Mackenzie Hathaway, Tony Henderson, Marv Mackey, Jenna Marchant, Khia-Hy Ngo, Dillon Nguyen, Elijah Nicholl, Kayla Nicholl, Nicklaus Rogers, Dennis Sanok, Maryn Seaman, Brandy Stephens, Joshua Taylor, Morgan Thompson, Braden Tolman, and Tyne Vanderbilt

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Knudsen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all council members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – Youth Council (Opening Ceremonies for June 7, 2023 to be arranged by Councilmember Burgess.

Taylorsville Youth Council Member Joshua Taylor directed the Pledge of Allegiance, after which Taylorsville Youth Council Member Tyne Vanderbilt offered a quote by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Ms. Vanderbilt then commented on the top ten lessons she had learned during high school.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson reported  on events that had taken place in recent weeks. She mentioned K-Pot Restaurant had opened and their opening was big, edgy, and had really good food. She thanked the council members who were able to attend.

The Mayor reported that the Exchange Club had earned the prestigious National Service Award for inspiring communities to become better places to live by working to prevent child abuse. She noted that the Youth Council partnered with the Exchange Club and helped them achieve this award.

Mayor Overson currently served on the Jordan River Commission Board and in that capacity, recently visited the Pioneer Crossing Park as part of a Salt Lake County project. She said it was a glimpse of what could be done in Taylorsville with property along the Jordan River Corridor.

The Mayor noted the city was not currently in any flood risk danger at this time. Jay Ziolkowski, who kept in close touch with Salt Lake County regarding this issue and kept city administration up to date. She commented that there were plenty of filled sandbags as well as additional bags and sand to fill them with.

The city budget was on that evenings' meeting agenda for the councils' consideration and possible adoption. She appreciated the council members who had taken the time to meet with Scott and get their questions answered.

Mayor Overson talked about the Annual Awards Banquet which was held the evening before. She thanked the Council for their attendance and for funding the event which allowed them the chance to mingle with city employees and to understand how hard everyone worked for the city.

 Mayor Overson noted that this week was National Police Week. She thanked the Taylorsville Police Department for the great job they did every day.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 Chair Knudsen invited any members of the audience who wished to address the City Council to step forward and do so. There was no one who expressed a desire to speak so the Chair closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Taylorsville Police Department Report/Swearing In – Chief Cottam

Deputy City Recorder Kris Heineman administered the Oath of Office to Nicklaus Rogers. Officer Rogers' badge was pinned on by his wife Kendra.

 Chief Cottam then invited his command staff to join him at the podium while he presented two Employee of the Month awards. Colton Gordon was recently promoted to detective but had been nominated for December's Officer of the Month award for his outstanding work in patrol. He was one of the departments certified drone pilots, had the most apprehensions in the department and was now assigned to violent crimes. Chief Cottam described Det. Gordon and as being "very self-motivated."

The Employee of the Month for January 2023 was Officer David Hood. Due to some technical difficulties, Chief Cottam's explanation of Officer Hood's nomination was unclear on the recording. However, he could be heard noting how very thorough Officer Hood was on a consistent basis and what an example of good leadership he provided during a complex case involving another jurisdiction. He said he was a good example to everyone in the department.

 Detective Steve Jensen was nominated for Employee of the Month for February 2023 by one of his peers. Chief Cottam described a case where Det. Jensen was able to recover a large amount

of stolen property, including several guns. Chief stated Det. Jensen had also received the Distinguished Service Award at the previous night's award ceremony.

 Chief Cottam then provided crime statistics and trends by council district for January through March 2023. He noted there had been a decrease in crime during the last quarter. Chair Knudsen asked if Chief Cottam asked if he had checked with his counterparts in the surrounding cities to see if they were seeing the same trends. Chief Cottam stated he had not, but now his interest was piqued, and he would reach out to them.

Chief Cottam reminded the council of the patrol beats officers worked in at times when available and said the department was seeing results to that approach. He then  displayed a map depicting traffic accidents and citation issued during the quarter. He reviewed criminal citations issued, response times, cases processed by the court liaison and victim advocates and evidence manager, among others.

Chief Cottam concluded by pointing out how grateful he is for the amount of support shown by elected officials, administration and staff. He heard the same from his officers as well.

3.2 Youth Council Report – *Tyne Vanderbilt/Kenzie Hathaway* presented a video which the youth council members had made describing the activities they had been involved with that year. Ms. Vanderbilt explained what being a Youth Ambassador had meant to her, particularly during her senior year of high school. She also explained their service project, which involved cleaning up trash along the Jordan River canal.

3.3 Youth Council Senior Recognition Awards – *Mayor Overson/Kris Heineman*

Mayor Overson and Youth Council Coordinator Kris Heineman presented this year's Youth Council high school seniors and read brief biographies written by each senior describing their accomplishments, activities, and favorite moments throughout high school as well as their future plans. The following graduating seniors were honored:

- Braden Tolman
- Khia-Hy Ngo
- Maryn Seaman
- Joshua Taylor
- Kayla Nichol
- Morgan Thompson
- Jenna Marchant
- Tyne Vanderbilt
- Dillon Nguyen

The seniors were congratulated by the city council before posing for photos for their families.

3.4 Public Safety Committee Report – Tony Henderson

 Committee Chair Tony Henderson reported on recent activities of the public safety committee. Those activities included: distributing Neighborhood Watch information throughout city neighborhoods to see if there was interest in starting the program in the area. However, he explained that there had not been much interest from citizens. He found that there was often little interest until a problem developed.

Mr. Henderson mentioned that the committee's mission statement had been revamped. He explained that the Night Out Against Crime event was scheduled for August and cited activities that were being planned for the event.

Tony also talked about upcoming activities and noted that the committee would not be hosting their own booth at Taylorsville Dayzz but would instead be teaming up with the police department at their booth.

Councilmember Burgess asked for more information about the neighborhood watch program. Mr. Henderson deferred to Council Chair Knudsen who had an active program in his neighborhood. Chair Knudsen stated it could be difficult to get the program up and running consistently and that it took time. He noted he had noticed that people were reticent to commit to the program. Mr. Henderson stated the committee would continue to try to create interest in the program.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – May 3, 2023 City Council Meeting

MOTION: Councilmember Harker moved to approve the minutes for the April 5, 2023 City Council meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Overview of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Update Project – Jim Spung

 Senior Planner Jim Spung explained what the land development code was and why an update was important. He noted that a comprehensive update specifically for Taylorsville has never been done. He explained that the goals for the update were:

- To streamline development review procedures and increase predictability of land use decisions;
- To consider both current and future needs of the City;
- To align the LDC with the General Plan and Utah Code
- To enable great design and a diverse mix of land uses; and
- To improve user-friendliness through logical structure, graphics, tables and illustrations

Mr. Spung presented the timeline for the project and the workflow priorities. Jim stated there are three different stages for preparing the draft LDC—drafting the zone districts and land uses, addressing the development and design standards and finally, addressing procedures and administration.

 Mr. Spung stated each portion would be brought to the Council and public for review and comment. He stated the current LDC was laid out in forty chapters where it could be quite challenging to find needed information. The new code would be consolidated into just seven chapters. He gave reference to the dates the drafts would be presented to the City Council.

Mr. Spung asked for feedback from the Council regarding how detailed they wished the various presentations to be. He explained that each draft would include a summary memo highlighting key changes. Jim gave a brief explanation on the commentary and footnotes that would aid the council in understanding what changes were made and why.

 Councilmember Burgess indicated that he preferred summaries as opposed to in-depth detail. Mr. Spung added that the planning commission had been going through the drafts in greater detail. Chair Knudsen and Councilmember Cochran agreed that highlighting the documents for the Council would be most beneficial. Mr. Spung stated that both summaries and drafts were available online for their reference and that the final draft would be presented for the council's formal adoption in November 2023.

 Mayor Overson commented on the huge task that Jim and the entire planning team had undertaken. She felt they were to be commended for **their** hard work. Chair Knudsen also thanked Mr. Spung for his continued efforts.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 **Resolution No. 23-13** Accept public comment and consider for approval a resolution approving the FY2023-2024 budget – Scott Harrington



Assistant City Administrator and Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington provided an overview of many of the items highlighted in the proposed FY2023-2024 budget which was increasing by almost \$1,000,000. Part of this was due to a 5% increase in employee healthcare as well as increased costs in costs(remove?) for utilities, gasoline and oil products which had a direct impact on public works projects. Some of those highlights were:

- \$200,000 for street beautification
- Continuing the Starry Nights on the Plaza program
- Plaza + Arts Program, some of which was covered by donations
- Increased street maintenance
- More funds for snow removal
- Compensation/benefits increase for employees up to 7%
- \$50,000 in cemetery maintenance and road projects
- 4700 South intersection improvements
- Taylorsville Park and Tank Park upgrades
- Pickleball projects

Councilmember Cochran asked about grant monies awarded. Mr. Harrington noted that almost \$2,000,000 in grant funding had been awarded to the city in the last year. New grants were sought by staff regularly.

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. However, there was no one who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the public hearing.

Councilmember Harker stated she hoped the budget presented would be passed by the Council as there was funding for the different parks projects and the museum projects as well. She pointed out that funding had been added for street lighting.

Councilmember Cochran commented on the rising costs of everything over the past few years, but stated he was very happy with how the City had been working very hard to keep costs at a minimum.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution No. 23-13, accepting the FY2023-2024 budget for the City of Taylorsville. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 5-0

6.2 Resolution No. 23-14 Accept public comment and consider for approval Resolution 23-14, a resolution approving Year-End Budget Adjustments for FY2022-2023. – Scott Harrington

 Mr. Harrington explained that year-end budget adjustments were made within the current budget—money was merely being transferred between departments. This was due to increased revenue. City administration sought to close out the FY2022-2023 budget with the approval of Resolution No. 23-14.

Councilmember Cochran asked if he could see anything occurring in the near future that could affect these adjustments. Mr. Harrington stated he did not think that there would be any.

Chair Knudsen opened the public hearing. However, there was no one else who expressed a desire to speak, so Chair Knudsen closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilmember Barbieri moved to approve Resolution No. 23-14 approving the year-end adjustments to the FY2022-2023 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Harker.

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

The motion passed 5-0

 Chair Knudsen thanked the Budget Committee members who were in attendance for their hard work reviewing the budget.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no “other matters” on the agenda.

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

8.1 **Councilmember Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.2 **Councilmember Barbieri** – Invited those gathered to hear her husband's jazz band Friday night at Starry Nights on the Plaza

8.3 **Council Chair Knudsen** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 **Councilmember Harker** – Commented on the "Ride, Roll, Stroll event taking place on Saturday, May 20th. The event would be sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

8.5 **Councilmember Cochran** – Asked about holding the "Let's Talk Taylorsville meeting on May 31st at 6:30 p.m. It was confirmed that the Council would like to hold this meeting.

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



9.1 **Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.2 **Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

9.3 **City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9.4 **City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.5 **Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.6 **Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

9.7 **City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

9.8 **City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.9 **Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.10 **Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 7:00 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 and Entertainment at City Hall every Friday Night at 5:00 p.m.

10.2 **Citywide Cleanup Event sponsored by the Green Committee:** Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Taylorsville High School

10.3 **"Taylorsville Dayzz"** June 22-24, 2023

11. **CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**

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

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to recess the regular City Council meeting and convene a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation; and the purchase or sale of real property and adjourn from there. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

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

The motion passed 5-0

The meeting recessed at 8:32 p.m.



12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned from Room No. 202 at 9:31 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder