

Mayor's Message: February 2010



Mayor Russ Wall

The City has begun discussion for the 2009-2010 Mid-Year Budget. This is a time when the Administration reports to the City Council on where we are financially. Revenues and expenditures are evaluated to see if the City is on track to meet the needs of the City and make to adjustments where necessary.

Like most residents and businesses in Taylorsville, the City has been affected by the current financial situation. Revenues from sales tax, which constitutes about 40% of the total revenue, are down and that equates to a shortfall if existing expenditures are not trimmed.

Last year at mid-year, the City implemented 5% cuts in expenditures across the board and had an additional 5% reduction for the 2009-2010 budget year we are now in. These cuts have affected services to some extent but staff has worked very hard to make those impacts minimal.

The Administration has given the City Council a proposed mid-year budget that anticipates the shortfall and addresses cuts in expenditures to offset the loss of revenue. That budget is available online at the City website www.taylorsvilleut.gov.

I encourage Taylorsville residents and businesses to visit the site to see how Taylorsville tax dollars are spent. We have an independent volunteer Budget Committee that is very active in monitoring how money is spent, but everyone should have interest in the budget as well as the budget process. Formal discussions will be held at regularly scheduled City Council meetings on February 3rd and 17th at 6:30 p.m., and at a City Council work session on February 10th at 6:00 p.m. The final mid-year budget will be considered for approval at the February 17th City Council meeting.

Questions or concerns about the budget can be addressed by contacting the City at (801) 963-5400 or can be sent to City Administrator John Inch Morgan at jmorgan@taylorsvilleut.gov or to me at rwall@taylorsvilleut.gov.

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