

**TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2013

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion on City's Notice of Intent to Withdraw from VECC

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED: YES _____ NO _____

RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE REQUIRED:

ORDINANCE _____ **RESOLUTION** _____ **NONE** X

PRESENTER: John Inch Morgan

ISSUE SUMMARY:

During deliberations of the attached resolution, the City Council indicated they would be interested in reconsidering their notice of intent if circumstances regarding the merger of VECC and the Sheriff's Dispatch changed. At this point in time, we believe we have sufficient information to warrant a discussion on the reconsideration of Resolution 12-43.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

CITY ATTORNEY (Approved as to form): N/A

ACTION REQUIRED: Discussion only

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to VECC, dated January 2, 2013
- Resolution No.12-43, Adopted 12-31-12

CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFO: John Inch Morgan



January 2, 2013

William Harry, Executive Director
Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center
5360 South 5885 West
West Valley City, Utah 84118

Dear Mr. Harry,

I have been requested by the City of Taylorsville (“City”) governing body (“Council”) to write to you and the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (“VECC”) Board of Trustees to provide an explanation to Council Resolution No. 12-43, a *Resolution of the City of Taylorsville City Council Providing Notice of the City’s Intent to Withdraw from Membership in the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (“Resolution”)*.

The Resolution was passed by the Council on December 31, 2012, and as required by the interlocal creating VECC, as subsequently amended (“Interlocal”), written notice (“Notice”) in the form of the Resolution was hand delivered to you immediately following the Council meeting and mailed to each VECC member on the same date.

As you and all of the members of VECC know, over the past several months, the City has championed and been engaged in efforts to integrate the emergency communications service provided by VECC and the Salt Lake County Sheriff’s Office/Unified Police Department. We were of the understanding that negotiations were proceeding and making good progress. However the recent Notice of Withdrawal submitted by one of the VECC members appears to have caused an impediment to the

integration process and potential economic harm to VECC and its members.

The Council requested that this letter of explanation be sent explaining the reason for its decision. The reason is that due to the lead time to issue the Notice (six months prior to the beginning of VECC's fiscal year) and the provisions of the Interlocal that provides that the remaining members be responsible for the remaining liability the Council determined that it needed to protect the City. The Notice is not a condemnation of VECC or you. It is a protection to the City and concerns about other members' commitment to VECC and the integration process. The Council hopes that the integration is successful, and believes that it will enhance overall public safety and protect all the citizens of our valley. To the extent practical and that would be allowed, the Council has directed that the City remain part of the integration discussions and process.

The Notice was issued based on your representation and precedent that the City would be allowed to revoke the Notice when such a request is received in a timely manner to accommodate the budgeting process. The Council expresses its intent to revoke the Notice if the integration discussions show progress toward an equitable end for all members.

Of great concern is that the integration discussions be conducted expeditiously so that VECC and each member can properly prepare and adopt a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year so prompt action is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Russ Wall".

Mayor

RW/pik

Cc: file

TAYLORSVILLE, UTAH
RESOLUTION NO. 12-43

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, DECLARING THE
CITY'S INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM MEMBERSHIP IN THE SALT LAKE
VALLEY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER**

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2012, the Taylorsville City Council ("*Council*") met in an Special City Council Meeting to consider, among other matters, declaring its intent to withdraw from membership from the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center ("*VECC*"); and

WHEREAS, The City of Taylorsville ("*City*") entered into an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement ("*Agreement*") for the funding and operation of VECC, an entity created to serve as a consolidated communications and dispatch service center for fire, emergency medical and police services for the member municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Agreement, as amended and revised provides:

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect as to each member agency for a minimum of five years from and after April 26, 2000, subject to the appropriation of funds by the legislative body thereof. Thereafter, any party to this agreement may cease to be a party hereto and may withdraw from membership in the Center by the adoption by its legislative body of a resolution of intention to withdraw and the giving of written notice to the Director and to each of the other Members not less than six months before the Center's new fiscal year. Said termination shall be effective on the last day of the said current fiscal year of the Center. A member terminating its membership herein shall have not interest in the assets of the Center unless it is a Member at the time of dissolution of the Center.

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City to declare its intention to withdraw from membership in the Center by resolution and by giving notice as described in Section 4 of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Taylorsville, Utah, that it hereby declares its intention to withdraw membership in the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center, effective on the last day of the Center's current fiscal year. The City Administrator is directed to forthwith provide written notice of such intention to the Center's Director and to each of the Members as required by Section 4 of the Agreement.

This Resolution assigned No.12-43, shall take effect immediately upon passage and acceptance as provided herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council of Taylorsville, Utah this 31st day of December, 2012.

TAYLORSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

By *Dama Barbour*
~~Jerry Rechtenbach, Chairman~~
Dama Barbour

VOTING:

Dama Barbour	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Ernest Burgess	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Larry Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <i>excused</i>
Kristie Overson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Jerry Rechtenbach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yea	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay <i>excused</i>

PRESENTED to the Mayor of the City of Taylorsville for approval this 31st day of December 2012.

APPROVED this 31st day of December, 2012.

Russ Wall
Mayor Russ Wall

ATTEST:

Cheryl Peacock Cottle
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder



DEPOSITED in the office of the City Recorder this 31 day of December 2012.

RECORDED this 31 day of December 2012.