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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Council Chairman Dama Barbour
Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Finance Director
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:02:14 Chairman Dama Barbour conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report for Community Development, and there were none.

1 **2. Review Agenda**

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3 18:02:49 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Council Member Johnson
4 asked about the potential surplus of the empty cemetery shed. City Administrator John Inch
5 Morgan indicated that the shed will be labeled a surplus item.
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7 18:05:22 Council Member Christopherson asked for clarification on the exact city-owned parcels
8 being designated as surplus under Ordinance No. 13-10. Economic Development Director
9 Donald Adams explained that the proposed surplus property takes in a bit of both of the city-
10 owned parcels.
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12 18:07:44 Mr. Morgan relayed that a member of the Taylorsville Budget Committee has been
13 assigned to comment on employee benefits and other budget issues during the regular meeting.
14 It was determined to invite a Budget Committee Representative to address the Council at the
15 beginning of the budget discussion.
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17 18:09:32 Council Member Johnson inquired whether a member of the Budget Committee spoke
18 regarding employee benefits last year. Mr. Morgan confirmed that Budget Committee
19 representatives always speak on budget issues during the budget season. It was noted that this
20 year the Budget Committee is meeting weekly on Tuesday nights prior to Council Meetings.
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22 18:10:55 Council Member Christopherson cited concerns of the Budget Committee over having
23 the Council micro-managing the budget and analyzing every line item of the budget. He relayed
24 the suggestion that a flat dollar amount for deduction be requested and then, as experts,
25 Department Heads be given the discretion to cut and manage their own departmental budgets.
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27 18:13:26 Chair Barbour agreed with that concept and noted that she does review the budget line
28 by line on her own.
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30 18:14:11 Council Member Johnson indicated that he addresses and questions large increases.
31 Council Member Overson concurred with Council Member Christopherson, Chair Barbour, and
32 Council Member Johnson. She cited the personal approach used by each Council Member to
33 analyze the budget. She recognized the efforts of staff members to answer her budget questions
34 up-front as needed.
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36 18:16:37 Mr. Morgan cited the difficulty of those not familiar with governmental accounting in
37 understanding city budgets. Both Mr. Morgan and Mayor Rechtenbach relayed their willingness
38 to answer all budget questions at any time.
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40 18:18:07 Council Member Johnson cautioned against rushing through the budget process and
41 Mr. Morgan concurred.

1 18:19:43 Mr. Morgan explained reasons that the two closed sessions that were originally
2 scheduled after tonight's meeting are no longer necessary. It was agreed that the agenda for the
3 regular City Council Meeting would be amended accordingly.
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5 **3. Adjourn**

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7 18:20:26 Chair Barbour adjourned the Briefing Session at 6:20 p.m.
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11 **REGULAR MEETING**

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13 **Attendance:**

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15 Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach
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17 **Council Members:**

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19 Council Chairman Dama Barbour
20 Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
21 Council Member Ernest Burgess
22 Council Member Brad Christopherson
23 Council Member Larry Johnson
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17 **City Staff:**

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19 John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
20 John Brems, City Attorney
21 Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
22 Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
23 Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
24 Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
25 John Taylor, City Engineer
26 Scott Harrington, Finance Director
27 Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
28 Aimee Newton, Communications Director
29 Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief
30 Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
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34 **Citizens:** Brent Garside, Daryl Gudmundson, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Tally Pond, Lynn
35 Handy, Israel Grossman, Ken Acker, Gordon Wolf, John Gidney, Royce Larsen, Tifanie Pulley,
36 Members of Scout Troop 972, Alan Anderson, Jon Fidler, Tom Haraldsen, Dean Paynter, Jim
37 Dunnigan, Tucker White, Brett McIff, Blaine Awerkamp, UFA Captain Jeff Grey, Paramedic
38 Chris Wilcox, Firefighter Michael Anderson and Paramedic Juan Delgado (Station 117), Wes
39 Fulton. Wendi Wengel, Justin Perkins
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1 **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

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3 18:32:18 Chairman Dama Barbour called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those
4 in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council
5 Members were present.

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7 **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance**
8 **– Council Member Christopherson**

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10 18:32:32 Council Member Christopherson recognized members of Scout Troop 972, one of
11 whom directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

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13 **1.2 Reverence – Council Member Christopherson (Opening Ceremonies**
14 **For June 5, 2013 to be arranged by Youth Council)**

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16 18:34:13 A member of Scout Troop 972 offered the Reverence.

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18 **1.3 Mayor’s Report**

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20 There was no Mayor’s Report given.

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22 **2. APPOINTMENTS**

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24 There were no appointments.

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26 **3. REPORTS**

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28 **3.1 Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Services**
29 **- Janice Auger Rasmussen**

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31 18:34:53 Former Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger Rasmussen reported on the findings of an Ad
32 Hoc Committee on Fire Services. She recognized members of the Ad Hoc Committee in
33 attendance, as follows: Wes Fulton; Tifanie Pulley; Wendi Wengel; Blaine Awerkamp; Brent
34 Garside; Tally Pond; and Justin Perkins. She read prepared remarks submitted by the committee
35 (a copy of which is attached and incorporated as part of this record herein).

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37 18:42:39 Mayor Rechtenbach called for clarification on the staffing model cited from Tualatin,
38 Oregon. Ms. Rasmussen said that this is largely a philosophical model. She said she has not
39 studied the model well enough, but feels that it would be in the City’s best interest to attend the
40 meeting that Chief McIlrath will be presenting.

1 18:44:38 Chair Barbour thanked the Ad Hoc Committee Members for their efforts and the
2 valuable research and input provided. She indicated that the Council looks forward to the
3 committee's final report.
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5 18:45:24 Ms. Rasmussen relayed that former Mayor Russ Wall has more information regarding
6 overriding the computer and has stated he is available to discuss it in more detail either at a
7 council meeting or individually.
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9 18:45:51 Council Member Burgess cited the need for screening in order to better ascertain types
10 of calls and the number of personnel needed to send out on an emergency.
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12 **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

13 **4.1 Minutes – RCCM 05-01-13**

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16 18:47:11 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council
17 Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for
18 discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as
19 follows: Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, Barbour-yes, Johnson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All**
20 **City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
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22 **5. PLANNING MATTERS**

23 24 **5.1 Ordinance No. 13-10 - Declaring Certain Real Property Located at** 25 **Approximately 3901 West 5400 South, Which was Acquired as Part of the** 26 **Redevelopment of the West Point Shopping Center, as Surplus; Establishing** 27 **a Minimum Bid; and Establishing a Method to Determine the Highest and** 28 **Best Economic Return to the City** 29 **- Don Adams, Economic Development Director** 30

31 18:48:08 Economic Development Director Donald Adams presented the subject resolution to
32 declare property at 3901 West 5400 South (in the West Point Shopping Center) as surplus and to
33 establish a minimum bid on the property. He noted that this matter has been discussed previously
34 in a Closed Session. He cited an active Letter of Intent on the property. He clarified that the
35 value established is based on a prior appraisal. He noted that the bidding process will be open
36 for a period of weeks, after which the city will consider offers and then dispose of the property.
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38 18:49:16 Council Member Overson asked about proceeds from the property.
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1 18:49:32 Mr. Adams cited two sources of funding used for the acquisition, i.e. quarter
2 preservation funds and city funds. He noted that city funds will be taken out first and rolled back
3 into the project area with Council approval.
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5 18:50:12 Council Member Ernest Burgess asked how much would be placed back into the
6 project. Mr. Adams estimated \$160,000 to \$180,000 in funds.
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8 18:50:45 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 13-10 -
9 Declaring Certain Real Property Located at Approximately 3901 West 5400 South, Which was
10 Acquired as Part of the Redevelopment of the West Point Shopping Center, as Surplus;
11 Establishing a Minimum Bid; and Establishing a Method to Determine the Highest and Best
12 Economic Return to the City. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion.
13 Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. City Attorney John Brems noted
14 that the blank in the ordinance needs to be filled in with an amount; the recommended amount is
15 \$176,000. Council Member Christopherson **AMENDED** his motion accordingly, with the
16 minimum bid listed at \$176,000. Council Member Burgess reaffirmed his **SECOND**. There
17 being no further discussion, Chair Barbour called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows:
18 Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, Barbour-yes, Johnson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council**
19 **members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**
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21 **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

22 23 **6.1 Budget Discussion** 24

25 18:52:36 City Administrator John Inch Morgan called for discussion on the tentative FY 2013-
26 2014 budget.
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28 18:53:36 Mr. Morgan illustrated General Fund Comparisons of Sources and Uses from 1997
29 through 2013. He outlined General Fund major funding sources. He cited a large dip in sales tax
30 during the years of recession.
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32 **6.1.1 Current Bonding and Debt Service** 33

34 18:55:45 Finance Director Scott Harrington referenced the City's current debt service in the
35 General Fund. He described the 2006 \$10 Million Bond, of which 54% was associated with
36 general fund operations/capital and 46% went to storm drain. He cited an additional 2008 bond
37 with West Valley City for the Animal Shelter. Mr. Harrington outlined terms of the bonds. He
38 noted that there is also a \$3,000 fee allocated to trustees who administer the city's bonds.
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40 18:58:09 Kristie Overson asked for additional clarification on bond payments and Mr.
41 Harrington gave explanation.

1 18:59:17 Council Member Brad Christopherson inquired about bonds for roads and
2 infrastructure. Mr. Harrington indicated that the bonds were for specific projects. Mr. Morgan
3 confirmed that the Redwood Road Beautification Project came out of budgeted funds.
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5 19:00:34 John Inch Morgan noted that the city inherited a 40-year old storm drain system and
6 was aware at that time that modifications would need to be made. He explained that bonds were
7 set up to be used for storm drain fund projects, along with related road projects.
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9 19:01:15 Council Member Ernest Burgess asked about total bond payments. Mr. Harrington
10 confirmed that the amount being paid is for interest only on the amounts drawn out. He noted
11 that next year the city will need to be pay principal and interest.
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13 19:02:48 Mr. Morgan gave clarification on the \$10 million bonds that have been authorized for
14 economic development projects. He stated that they are for use much like a line of credit.
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16 19:04:55 Council Member Overson asked for clarification on the budget format. Mr. Harrington
17 illustrated the bonding debt service within the actual budget.
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19 19:05:41 Council Member Overson observed that it is important for everyone to be able to see
20 actual numbers illustrated and show them reflected in the budget. Mr. Morgan gave further
21 clarification.
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23 19:07:24 Mr. Adams confirmed that bonds are structured to be available for urgent projects and
24 that Council approval will be sought regarding specific drawdowns for projects. He cited
25 funding policies that will be followed. Additional explanation was given by Mr. Adams
26 regarding investment hurdles.
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28 19:08:47 Chair Barbour invited a representative of the Taylorsville Budget Committee to
29 comment at this time.
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31 19:09:34 Ken Acker reported that the Budget Committee met last evening and the six members
32 were unanimous in their recommendations, as follows:
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- 34 • Fund Balance - Recommendation was to not allow the general fund balance to
35 decrease to a point where tax revenue anticipation loans would be needed to increase
36 the balance. He noted this would increase overall costs by having to pay interest on
37 top of the loan.
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- 39 • Employee Benefits – Recommendation is to stay with the current split at 80/20, with
40 the higher deductible and other recommendations as presented in the proposed
41 budget. This option was cited as comparable to other industry standards and believed

1 to be equitable as proposed. Council Member Christopherson noted that Insurance
2 Representative Jim Dunnigan was in attendance at the Budget Meeting and has
3 thoroughly reviewed the impact to employees and families.
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5 19:12:42 Council Member Johnson cited his request for a 70/30 split/breakdown for insurance
6 premiums. Mr. Acker indicated that the 70/30 breakdown was provided to the city, but the
7 committee still recommends staying with the proposed recommendation of 80/20.
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- 9 • The Budget Committee looked at the proposed overall payroll for the city and cited a
10 couple of vacant positions in the Court and in the Mayor's Office. The Committee
11 recommends looking at the budget without those two and a half people to save about 10%
12 of revenue needed. Mr. Acker noted that there is not an immediate need to fill those
13 positions currently. He stated that no adjustments were recommended for the City
14 Council's budget. In the Mayor's budget, it was recommended that the Mayor's
15 Assistant position be moved to the Economic Development budget. It was recommended
16 that subscriptions in in the Mayor's budget be reduced to current actual amount of \$500.
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- 18 • It was also recommended moving the homeless aid line item from the budget.
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20 19:17:27 Council Member Burgess inquired about the part time position in Public Works. It was
21 noted that this budget item was not scheduled for tonight's discussion.
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23 19:17:59 Council Member Overson noted the weekly meetings being held by the Budget
24 Committee and thanked committee members for their time and efforts.
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26 19:18:36 Chair Barbour recognized the expertise of committee members.
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28 19:19:23 Budget Committee Chair Lynn Handy noted that there are currently 11 members of the
29 Budget Committee enrolled, with approximately eight active members attending meetings.
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31 19:21:16 The Mayor recognized the valuable input received from Budget Committee Members,
32 many of whom are CPAs. He noted that he attends the Budget Committee Meetings and,
33 although committee members do not always agree with him, he respects their expertise and
34 highly appreciates their recommendations.
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36 **6.1.2 Fund Balance (All Funds)** 37

38 19:21:51 Scott Harrington reviewed Fund Balances for all City funds for 2013/2014, i.e.
39 General, CDBG, Cemetery, Economic Development, Property, Buildings, Infrastructure, and
40 Storm Drain Funds. He referenced data received from the CAFR. Mr. Harrington gave
41 clarification on the difference between "Reserved" and "Unreserved" Funds, as follows: reserved

1 funds have a purpose; unreserved funds can be used for any situation that may arise. Mr.
2 Harrington discussed the B&C Road funds. Mr. Harrington cited the various funds covered
3 within the General Fund.
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5 19:29:55 Mr. Harrington noted that not all of the funds set aside for the Economic Development
6 Department will be used and will thus remain in the budget to be used in the next fiscal year.
7 Council Member Burgess asked how much would be remaining. Mr. Harrington noted that
8 \$175,000 will not be spent, but will remain available for use next year. Mr. Harrington discussed
9 impact fees, the Building Fund and Fund #45. He also brought up the Storm Drain Fund and
10 noted that all monies in this fund must remain in this fund for designated use.
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12 Council Member Burgess asked about the funds used for parks. Mr. Morgan stated that
13 \$100,000 was allocated from the fund balance to replace some outdated equipment at Azure
14 Meadows Park and Bennion Park. Mr. Morgan gave further explanation that, as new buildings
15 are constructed, a park impact fee is collected. He cited the theory that as more homes are built,
16 the builder will pay an amount for each of the residents, assuming that they will have residents
17 who will use the parks. It was noted that the fees referenced can only be used for that purpose.
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19 John Inch Morgan gave further explanation regarding the remaining fund balance at the end of
20 the fiscal year by noting that funds will remain in each individual fund with the city's request
21 that they be re-allocated in the future for the same purpose.
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23 **6.1.3 Elected Officials**

24 **a. City Council**

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27 19:36:33 John Inch Morgan summarized the tentative budget for the City Council. He cited a
28 1.3% increase.
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30 19:37:07 Council Member Johnson asked about the amount of money spent on studies and which
31 studies were done. Mr. Harrington agreed to send him detail on expenditures for studies. Mr.
32 Morgan clarified that the increase in the budget referenced is for compensation increases and
33 benefit increases. It was clarified that elected officials are not getting a raise, however.
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35 19:39:19 Chair Barbour cited the need for the Council to identify cuts to their own budget.
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37 19:40:43 Council Member Overson inquired whether the Council Coordinator position should be
38 full-time or part-time.
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40 19:41:32 Chair Barbour noted that this issue has been previously discussed with the Council
41 Coordinator.

1 19:42:25 Council Member Larry Johnson suggested that the Council Coordinator could be used
2 more in other capacities, i.e. identifying grants.

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4 19:43:18 Mayor Rechtenbach cited efforts to have the Council Coordinator multi-task between
5 the City Council and Administration.

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7 19:43:51 Council Member Overson recommended exploring the possibility of reducing hours for
8 the Council Coordinator position to see how costs are affected.

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10 19:44:35 Chair Barbour noted that the current Council Coordinator does a great job.

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12 19:44:59 Council Member Christopherson agreed that the impact should be evaluated. Council
13 Member Johnson said he does not believe the impact will be that great and thinks identifying
14 other areas and positions would be more beneficial.

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16 19:45:38 Chair Barbour asked that a time/date be identified for further discussion on this issue.
17 Mayor Rechtenbach asked for specific direction. Chair Barbour suggested possibly changing the
18 position to 30 hours with benefits.

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20 19:47:17 Ms. Overson cited the need to gather more information and analyze such. It was
21 suggested that a decision be made during the June 5, 2013 City Council Meeting. Mr. Johnson
22 suggested delaying the decision until the June 12, 2013 meeting. Chair Barbour said she would
23 like the information provided as soon as possible. Administration agreed to provide information
24 by tomorrow on cost savings in regard to the Council Coordinator Position for both 20 and 30
25 hours.

26 **b. Mayor**

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28 19:49:51 John Inch Morgan summarized the Mayor's current and tentative budget.

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30 19:50:22 Mayor Rechtenbach gave input/rationale on the vacant position included in his budget.
31 He indicated that he is not willing to fall on his sword over this issue during a tough budget year.
32 He added a caveat that he may need to come back for a mid-year budget request if the position is
33 needed at a later time.

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35 19:53:08 Chair Barbour recommended taking the position out of the budget, and other Council
36 Members concurred.

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38 19:54:24 Council Member Christopherson commented on the Council's vision and the need for
39 the city to move forward economically.

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1 19:57:16 Council Member Overson thanked Mayor Rechtenbach for sacrificing the position in
2 his budget and inquired whether he is comfortable with the rest of his budget, as submitted.
3 Mayor Rechtenbach noted that the Budget Committee has questioned the budget for
4 subscriptions and memberships. He noted that it would be a bigger benefit to the city to increase
5 the hospitality budget, rather than the subscriptions, etc. He gave further explanation for the need
6 to increase the hospitality budget and stated it has greater value to the city.
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8 20:00:09 Ken Acker confirmed that the Budget Committee's recommendation is to decrease the
9 subscription budget in the Mayor's Budget. The Mayor cited reasons that the hospitality budget
10 should be increased.
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12 20:02:13 Council Member Johnson said he is not in favor of increasing the hospitality budget,
13 but would like to decrease the subscription budget.
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15 20:02:59 It was agreed to cut the subscriptions budget to \$1,000 and to leave the hospitality
16 budget as is at \$10,000.
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18 20:04:34 Council Member Christopherson inquired about the Council's lobbyist. Mr. Morgan
19 explained that the city had two lobbyists at one time, but the federal lobbyist was dropped three
20 years ago and the city has maintained the local lobbyist.
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22 20:05:55 Mr. Christopherson declared that he is not in favor of "nickel and diming" the Mayor's
23 budget, as it could affect his ability to be an effective ambassador for the city.
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25 20:08:32 The City Council was polled on reducing the Mayor's Budget for subscriptions to
26 \$1,000 and leaving the Mayor's hospitality budget at \$10,000. All Council Members were in
27 favor.
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29 20:09:29 Scott Harrington cited a savings of \$96,700 in the Mayor's budget with the
30 recommended changes.
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32 **6.1.5 Community Activities** 33

34 20:10:39 Mr. Morgan reviewed the tentative budget for community activities. He noted that the
35 largest expense in this category is the \$20,500 for homeless aid and awareness. He cited the
36 Budget Committee's recommendations for this item. Mr. Morgan clarified that Salt Lake City
37 Mayor Ralph Becker has asked surrounding cities to include funding for this program. He
38 advised that there are also funds allocated for Youth Sports and Arts Council expenses.
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40 Council Member Johnson suggested that funds be removed for the homeless aid and be placed
41 back into the budget. Discussion ensued.

1 20:13:14 Council Member Christopherson noted that taxes are being exported to other areas. A
2 poll was taken regarding whether to remove the budget item for Homeless Aid, with results as
3 follows: Council Member Christopherson – remove; Council Member Burgess – reduce;
4 Chairman Barbour – remove; Council Member Overson – remove; and Council Member Johnson
5 – remove. The majority vote was to remove the allocated amount for homeless aid.

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7 20:14:31 Mayor Rechtenbach commented on the rationale behind participating in the Homeless
8 Aid. He advised that non-participation will cause the loss of some political good will with other
9 Mayors.

10 11 **6.1.4 Citizen Committees**

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13 20:16:50 Mr. Morgan reviewed the budget for citizen committees. He noted a decrease in the
14 Historic Preservation Committee budget and related it to grants that were procured. He cited the
15 resolution process brought before the Council when new grant money is received. Council Chair
16 Barbour noted that the Youth Ambassador Scholarship Program was able to add another member
17 because of the procurement of a grant.

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19 20:18:56 Council Member Johnson inquired about the Taylorsville Dayzz budget of \$66,000.
20 Representative Jim Dunnigan confirmed that the event does not make a profit, based on free
21 entertainment that is provided.

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23 20:20:09 Mr. Morgan cited the value of the Taylorsville Dayzz event, as the City's birthday
24 celebration. He suggested that the high caliber of the event contributes to the City's economic
25 development. 20:21:27 Council Members agreed that the Taylorsville Dayzz event is highly
26 valuable and no cuts were recommended.

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28 20:22:09 The consensus of the Council was to approve the City Committee Budget, as proposed.

29 30 **6.1.6 Employee Benefits**

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32 20:22:57 Mr. Morgan outlined the Administration's recommended changes to employee benefits
33 in order to reduce the increase to both the city and the employee premium. He recommended that
34 the split remain at 80/20. He cited the following changes: out of pocket maximum increased
35 from \$2,000 to \$2,500; emergency room copay increased from \$250 to \$300; chiropractic
36 benefits removed. It was noted that there is no change to dental benefits.

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38 20:23:53 Scott Harrington noted the overall cost savings for optional splits, as follows: 75/25 is
39 \$28,886 and 70/30 is \$57,928. Mr. Morgan noted that if a change were made to the 70/30 split,
40 consideration may want to be given to changing deductible amounts in favor of the employee.

1 20:25:53 Jim Dunnigan cited a comparative study and said that proposed city benefits are
2 comparable to the benefits of other governmental entities. He noted that Taylorsville's benefits
3 are in the mid-range.

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5 20:28:18 Mr. Dunnigan reviewed health insurance benefit comparisons. It was noted that this
6 comparison represents a combination of both the public and private sector. It was relayed that
7 Salt Lake County has an 80/20 contribution cost for benefits for their employees, as well. Mr.
8 Dunnigan noted that benefits are also on par with benefits for State employees.

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10 20:32:28 Mr. Dunnigan described shopping efforts among insurance carriers that was done two
11 years ago. He noted that it is not effective to shop insurance carriers every year. He observed
12 that Taylorsville's claim utilization is above average.

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14 20:34:43 Mayor Rechtenbach commented that the city is run on the backs of employees. He
15 encouraged the Council to not erode benefits for employees and to accept the budget as proposed
16 for employee benefits.

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18 20:36:14 Council Member Burgess asked for confirmation from Mr. Dunnigan that the proposed
19 benefits are the best option available. 20:36:32 Mr. Dunnigan observed that the proposed
20 changes will have a minimum impact to employees.

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22 20:37:29 A poll of the Council was conducted, and all Council Members were in favor of
23 maintaining employee benefits as proposed.

24 25 **6.2 Citizen Comments**

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27 20:38:44 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience.
28 She then called for any citizen comments.

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30 20:38:51 There were no citizen comments, and Chairman Barbour closed the citizen comment
31 period.

32 33 **7. OTHER MATTERS**

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35 There were no other matters.

36 37 **8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

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39 20:39:32 City Administrator John Inch Morgan cited two tentative dates scheduled for additional
40 budget discussions and inquired whether those meetings will be needed. The consensus of the

1 Council was that additional budget meetings will not be needed. It was noted that the Town
2 Meeting on May 29, 2013 will be utilized to address budget issues.

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

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6 **9.1 Planning Commission Work Session - Tuesday, May 28, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
7 **9.2 Town Hall Budget Open House - Wed., May 29, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**
8 **9.3 Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
9 **9.4 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**
10 **9.5 RDA Meeting - Wednesday, June 5, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**
11 **9.6 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, June 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**
12 **9.7 City Council Work Session - Wednesday, June 12, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
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14 **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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16 **10.1 *Taylorsville Dayzz - Thursday, June 27-29, 2013 - For information and***
17 ***schedule of events: www.taylorsvilleut.gov***
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19 **11. CLOSED SESSION**

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21 **11.1 Strategy Session to the Sale or Purchase of Real Property**
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23 **11.2 Strategy Session to Discuss the Professional Competence of an Individual**
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25 20:41:30 Chair Barbour noted that it is no longer necessary to hold either of the closed sessions
26 as originally scheduled.

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28 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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30 20:41:36 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting.
31 Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for
32 discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as
33 follows: Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, Barbour-yes, Johnson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City**
34 **Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was
35 adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

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38 Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

39 Minutes approved:

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May 15, 2013 -- Comments to the City Council

Mayor, Members of the Council

Many members of our Fire Preventions Services Ad Hoc Committee are present. (Invite them to stand and be recognized.)

We are progressing very well in our efforts to identify the information that will be necessary for voters to be informed prior to the referendum in November. We will be reporting on our final results in the fairly near future.

However, there are two specific issues that have been discussed by our committee that we feel might be better presented to the Council now, prior to our final report. They may or may not impact the budget that is currently under discussion, but we hope that these issues will affect future budgets, future policies, and future fire prevention protocols.

The first issue has to do with ambulance response and ambulance revenue. It has come to our attention that all too often; adjoining cities – cities who provide their own ambulance service – are “jumping” medical calls, especially if transport of a patient is likely. While we have no specific documented cases and while we have no statistics as to how many calls are affected or how much revenue might be affected, we have received substantiation from several sources that this does happen and that it is what has been termed as an “ongoing problem.” Inasmuch as our committee has no authority to monitor or regulate such activities, we encourage the City, in whatever manner they determine would be best, to look into this issue and seek remedies that will prevent such abuses in the future. Some of the people who have referred to this problem are employees of other jurisdictions or agencies who are anxious about repercussions if they are quoted, but as I said, we have received this information from more than one source. In fact, Mayor Russ Wall was a witness to a one specific incident, and he also knows much of the background with V.E.C.C. regarding this matter from an historical aspect.

The second issue has to do with protocols for responding to medical calls. Our committee has analyzed the nature of the calls that were deemed to be “fire calls” during the last three years. These are opposed to “police calls” or other emergency calls that are routed to other departments, such as public works or transportation. Fifteen percent of the “fire calls” were related to fire, smoke, hazardous materials, or similar circumstances. Eight-five percent were medical.

At the time a 911 call is received it is classified as fire or medical and if it is medical, it is further classified as to acuity. The seriousness of the medical situation gets a classification of Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo; with the least serious being Alpha and the most serious being Echo.

Currently, medical calls are being responded to by two paramedics in an ambulance and two or three firefighters in an engine. This is expensive, and in our opinion, sometimes it is overreacting. It costs \$3.50 per mile to drive an engine – this does not include the wages for the firefighters, just the cost to drive the truck. Quickly summarized, for someone who is likely not going to be transported, three firefighters, two paramedics and two vehicles of varying sizes is overkill.

Tualatin, Oregon has recently implemented a program whereby the initial evaluation of acuity determines the response by firefighters and vehicles. Their department actually has vehicles that are not specialized firefighting vehicles, manned by people who are trained EMT's or trained in first aid. They are dispatched on Alpha and Bravo calls. There has been significant cost savings and no push back from citizenry. Not only does this save money up front, but it leaves the highly trained personnel available to respond to calls that are more serious in nature.

The West Jordan City Council received a presentation by their Fire Chief during budget work meetings that proposes an alternate car protocol. It is not exactly like the one being implemented in Tualatin, but has similarities. Chief McElreath has provided me with a summary of his protocol, which is being distributed to you with these comments. He intends to share the details of his protocol with other local fire departments in June.

Our committee is asking the Mayor and City Council to use more than one approach to solve the various fire services problems. If our resources are stretched thin—throwing more money at the problems is one solution. But spending the money that is already budgeted and available is a better solution. We do not have to re-invent the wheel. Our committee requests that the elected officials research optional protocols as they exist in other jurisdictions to respond to the needs of our citizens and businesses.

Thank you for your attention. A majority of us felt that these should be presented prior to the completion of our full report. We have done that and will answer any questions you may have.

Janice Rosmus
Chair - Ad Hoc Fire
Services Committee

Alternate Response Vehicle Proposal
West Jordan Fire Department
April 2013

In order to balance the constant need to provide excellent emergency services response as well as being fiscally responsible to the tax payer, our department has been continually seeking ways to improve. West Jordan Fire Department is exploring the concept of an alternate response vehicle, tentatively referred to as "Car 53". The intent of this program is to more appropriately provide the patient care needed while, at the same, time cutting operating costs to the department. The term car was chosen for no specific reason other than the vehicle represents a resource type other than a typical fire apparatus.

There are a significant number of calls that West Jordan Fire Department responds to that have been classified as non-emergent (no imminent threat to life or limb). More often than not, these types of calls do not require transport to an Emergency Department. Patients generally just want reassurance or advice about the best approach to correct their particular situation. These calls place an unnecessary burden on the personnel and resources of our department by taking a crew as well critical apparatus out of service and unable to respond to other, more emergent, calls that could happen at the same time. The Car concept is being looked at as another method of response that would be more appropriate to these types of calls and situations.

Medical and Fire calls for service are classified by an Alpha numeric system that assigns a number for the problem, (For example, a 17 = fall) and a letter from the alphabet based on severity or acuity, A-Alpha being the least severe and D-Delta the most (E-Echo is an additional classification used for breathing problems). So, a 17-A would be a minor fall or, a patient needing help up, whereas a 17-D would be a fall from a height of greater than 10', or one with severe and or life threatening injuries. Another example is a carbon monoxide alarm with the complainant having no priority symptoms (8-A).

Proposal:

Reclassify a pre-determined group of non-emergent calls to an *Omega* designation and dispatch Car-53 (*list of Omega responses attached*). Car-53 will be a marked Fire Department vehicle staffed with two personnel and basic EMS supplies to include an AED and 4-Gas Monitor. When Car-53 arrives and evaluates the scene and patient, decisions can be made for the best course of treatment or, the problem mitigated, thus keeping the critical apparatus in service for events such as major medical emergencies, fires, hazmat, and heavy rescue calls.

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The CAR will respond to non-life-threatening medical and public service calls such as abdominal pain, ground level fall, headache, odor investigation, sick person, fire alarms, and smoke detector problems. Although the majority of situations responded to by the CAR are non-emergency, the CAR can be upgraded to respond more quickly or the paramedic can call for more units if a situation worsens. In addition, the CAR can be added to a cardiac incident if additional personnel are needed.

After looking at the data from all calls received last year (5000+ calls for service) it was concluded that over 560 calls needed no treatment, refused care or were transported by other means. It was also noted that the highest volume of calls occur mostly between 10:00am and

effectiveness of the CAR program, it will only be staffed during these hours & days

The vehicle initially used for the CAR program will be the reserve Battalion Chief Vehicle. It is already equipped with lights, sirens, and radio. The Car will be staffed with on-duty personnel when there are levels that exceed minimum staffing.

Initial evaluation of the program will include the following.

1. What percentage of the time does the Car need additional resources to mitigate the call?
2. Is our coding correct?
3. Number of calls
4. Is staffing adequate?
5. Fiscal impact.

It is our hope that with the implementation of the CAR program West Jordan Fire Department can more appropriately respond to non-emergency calls more efficiently keeping critical apparatus and crews in service. At the same time the CAR program will save the department on wear and tear cost for the larger apparatus by keeping them off the road more often.

More detailed information about the CAR program and its implementation is included in the following packet