

**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, May 7, 2008**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84118**

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**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

**Council Members:**

Chairman Les Matsumura  
Vice-Chairman Lynn Handy  
Council Member Bud Catlin  
Council Member Morris Pratt  
Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

**City Staff:**

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator  
Del Craig, Police Chief  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**Excused:** Mayor Russ Wall

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**1. Review Administrative Report**

18:03:23 Chairman Les Matsumura conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:03 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. The Administrative Report was then reviewed. Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington and City Administrator John Inch Morgan answered questions for City Council Members.

**2. Review Agenda**

18:08:13 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Morgan asked that the report from Tessa Kohl, from Victim Advocate Services, be moved ahead of the

report by Taylorsville Police Chief Craig during the regular meeting. Clarification was made on the minutes from April 23, 2008. The minutes will be left as presently written.

18:16:01 Council Member Rechtenbach requested that discussion be held regarding Valley Television during the budget discussion in the regular meeting. Mr. Morgan made clarification on budget for VTV.

Mr. Morgan asked that Mayor Wall be excused from the Briefing Session and noted that he will be in attendance at the regular meeting.

### **3. Adjourn**

18:15:39 Chairman Matsumura adjourned the Briefing Session at 6:15 p.m.

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Attendance:**

Mayor Russ Wall

### **Council Members:**

Chairman Les Matsumura  
Vice-Chairman Lynn Handy  
Council Member Bud Catlin  
Council Member Morris Pratt  
Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

### **City Staff:**

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator  
John Brems, City Attorney  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Del Craig, Chief of Police  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator  
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director  
Tessa Kohl, Victim Services Advocate  
Michael Kwan, Municipal Court Judge  
Marsha Thomas, Municipal Court Judge  
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official

**Citizens:** John Gidney, Gordon Wolf, Dave Goddard, Echo Ferrin, Mike Zuhl, Kelly Davis, Members of Scout Troop 1306, 1424, 555, Anthony Garcia, Golton Gardner, Harlan Christmas, Raili Jacquet, Karen Byrd, Dan Fazzini, David Teigland, Jennifer Marshal, JP Winchester, Natalie Noakes, Dustin Hancey, Karl Higbee, Sam Rihman, Ryan Warner, Amy Braithwaite, Kyra Holman, Heidee Pehrson, Joey Pehrson, Joe Turpin

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

18:32:29 Chairman Les Matsumura called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. Chairman Matsumura welcomed members of Scout Troops 1306, 555, and 1424, who were in attendance.

### **1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Opening Ceremonies – *Youth Council Member Jessica Snow***

Anthony Garcia, of the Taylorsville Youth Council, directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **1.2 Reverence – *Youth Council Member Joey Pehrson (Opening Ceremonies For May 21, 2008 to be arranged by Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach)***

Youth Council Member Colton Gardner offered the Reverence.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

18:35:02 Chairman Les Matsumura reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:36:25 There were no citizen comments, and Chairman Matsumura closed the citizen comment period.

### **1.4 Mayor's Report**

#### **1.4.1 Presentation to the SLCC Bruins Basketball Team**

18:36:38 Mayor Russ Wall welcomed Coach Brett and members of the Salt Lake Community College Bruins Basketball Team and recognized their achievements. SLCC Coach Brett introduced members of the team. 18:39:32 Mayor Wall presented a proclamation to the team and thanked them for their fine representation of the City of Taylorsville.

## **2. APPOINTMENTS**

### **2.1 Dani Schiess, Ordinance Review Committee – *Chairman Matsumura***

18:41:16 Council Chairman Matsumura nominated Dani Schiess to serve on the Ordinance Review Committee.

18:41:35 Council Member Lynn Handy **MOVED** to appoint Dani Schiess as a member of the Ordinance Review Committee. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **2.2 Reappoint Ted Jensen as Chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee – *Chairman Matsumura***

18:42:13 Council Chairman Matsumura nominated Ted Jensen for reappointment as Chair of the Ordinance Review Committee.

18:42:16 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to reappoint Ted Jensen as the Chairman of the Ordinance Review Committee. Council Member Lynn Handy **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **3. REPORTS**

### **3.1 Youth Council – *Youth Council Mayor Echo Ferrin***

18:42:49 Youth Council Mayor Echo Ferrin reported on activities and events for the Taylorsville Youth Council. She described the recent Walk for Autism, the upcoming Taylorsville Big Give, and a clothing drive that will be conducted for Taylorsville Victim Services.

### **3.2 R&R Partners – Mike Zuhl**

18:44:10 Mike Zuhl, from R& R Partners, introduced his partners Gerry Shaw and Dave Niponski, who were also in attendance. Mr. Zuhl described appropriations received for the Bass Fishing Pond (\$500,000), the Baseball Complex (\$4.3 Million), and local roads (\$6.5 million) in Taylorsville. He cited lobbying efforts during the legislative session in regards to mobile parks. Mr. Zuhl addressed questions from the Council.

18:49:01 Mayor Wall made clarifications on the appropriations.

Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to proceed to Agenda Item 3.4 ahead of Item 3.3. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows:

Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **3.4 Quarterly Report, Victims Services Division – Tessa Kohl**

18:50:20 Victim Advocate Tessa Kohl presented a report for the first two quarters of 2008 from the Victims Services Division of the Taylorsville Police Department. She described a Sub for Santa Project that was conducted for the family of Officer Mike Kimball and thanked those who participated.

18:58:48 Ms. Kohl addressed questions from the Council.

### **3.3 Quarterly Report, Taylorsville Police Department – Chief Craig**

19:00:48 Taylorsville Police Chief Del Craig reported on activities within the Police Department for the previous quarter.

19:03:23 Chief Craig addressed questions from the Council on crimes that have occurred. He reviewed statistics, the Directed Enforcement Report, and the Crime Lab Report. He cited trends in citations issued.

19:06:13 Chief Craig called for questions from the Council and made clarification regarding auto thefts in the community, etc.

### **3.5 Quarterly Report, West Valley Animal Services - Kelly Davis, Animal Services Director**

19:14:33 Kelly Davis, West Valley City Animal Services Director, reported on animal services in Taylorsville. He noted that the majority of calls in Taylorsville are for stray animals and injured or dead animals. He reviewed call response times in the City. Mr. Davis reported on several incidents in Taylorsville. He also described enforcement issues at Millrace Park.

19:21:08 Mr. Davis provided copies of the schematic design for the new Animal shelter that is being built at 3500 South and 4400 West. He addressed questions from the Council regarding the new shelter, citations at Millrace, micro chipping for pets, issues with pit bulls, etc.

19:29:41 Mr. Davis recognized Shelter Manager Karen Byrd, who was also in attendance.

19:25:18 Mr. Davis agreed to provide statistics on citations issued in Millrace Park.

19:31:24 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to proceed to Agenda Item 7.1 ahead of Item 4.1 3.4. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. OTHER MATTERS

### 7.1 Discussion of Proposed Changes to Title 8 (Animals), with Regards to Pit Bulls – *John Brems*

19:32:29 City Administrator John Inch Morgan reviewed a recommendation from the Ordinance Review Committee to consider banning pit bulls in Taylorsville.

19:32:33 West Valley City Animal Shelter Karen Byrd addressed questions regarding problems with pit bulls in Taylorsville.

19:35:11 Council Member Rechtenbach provided background information regarding an incident with an off-leash pit bull in a Taylorsville Park.

19:37:16 West Valley City Animal Services Director Kelly Davis gave additional input on enforcing ordinances regarding nuisance animals.

19:40:00 Council Chairman recommended referring the ordinance back to the Ordinance Review Committee for further consideration.

## 4. CONSENT AGENDA

### 4.1 Minutes -- CCWS 04-16-08 & RCCM 04-23-08

19:40:41 Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## 5. PLANNING MATTERS

19:41:28 There were no planning matters.

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 6.1 ***Resolution No. 08-18 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County with Respect to Traffic Signal Construction and Maintenance – John Inch Morgan***

19:41:34 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution for Council consideration. He noted that this is a renewal of an existing agreement. Mr. Morgan cited the annual cost for Traffic Signal maintenance at \$1,200.

19:42:34 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 08-18 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County with Respect to Traffic Signal Construction and Maintenance. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. Council Member Pratt asked for clarification on the length of the contract and it was given. There being no further discussion, Chairman Matsumura called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### 6.2 **Discussion and Council Direction to Administration Regarding 2008-2009 Tentative Budget – John Inch Morgan**

19:44:02 City Administrator John Inch Morgan reviewed a list of budget topics to be covered during this discussion.

19:46:36 Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington presented information on cash flow and the City's fund balance. He reviewed sources for City revenue. Mr. Morgan provided additional input.

19:48:43 Mr. Harrington and Mr. Morgan addressed questions and comments from the Council.

20:07:49 Concerns for the amount in the fund balance were addressed. Options before the City were cited, i.e. increasing taxes, decreasing allocations to the fund balance, cutting back on capital projects, or cutting taxes.

20:16:36 Discussion ensued regarding potential tax increases.

20:21:40 The Court budget was reviewed. Judge Michael Kwan presented information on indigent defense rights.

20:34:51 Judge Kwan answered questions and addressed comments from the Council regarding indigent defense services.

20:49:33 Judge Kwan provided information about the provision of interpreters. He addressed questions from the Council.

21:00:22 Mr. Morgan called for any questions or recommendations to the Court Budget. He answered questions regarding the possibility of expanding the Taylorsville Court, providing prosecution services in-house, etc.

21:21:44 Mr. Morgan reviewed the budget for the Police Department.

21:25:11 Chief Craig addressed questions from the Council regarding the Police Department budget. Discussion was held regarding salaries/wages, recruitment, enforcement issues, and incentive awards.

21:38:42 Mayor Wall provided input on issues with officer recruitment and paying overtime and vacation time for police officers.

21:53:42 Discussion ensued regarding vacancies in the department, overtime issues, and providing an additional allocation for an officer in the Police Department.

21:57:42 The Council asked Administration to bring back options for increasing the Police Department budget.

21:58:33 The Council agreed that the Budget Work Session tentatively scheduled for this Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, will not be held. If needed, an additional Saturday budget session will be scheduled at a later date.

22:02:27 Chairman Matsumura polled the council on where budget adjustments should be made to cover the allocation for an additional police officer. Council Member Pratt stated that he is not in favor of a tax increase; Council Member Handy said that the tax increase option may need to be reconsidered; Council Member Rechtenbach said that he is not in favor of cutting capital projects and suggested that consideration should be given to cutting services or freezing salaries instead; Council Member Catlin stated that he is not in favor of cutting police services; Chairman Matsumura spoke against reducing services or cutting capital projects.

22:23:28 It was determined that Administration will prepare all scenarios for increasing the police budget. They will be presented at the Work Session on May 14, 2008. Documentation will not be ready in time to be included in Council packets, but will be provided prior to the Work Session.

22:23:57 Options for adjusting salary increases were reviewed. It was determined that figures for 1 ½%, 3%, and 4 ½% increases will be provided.

22:26:56 Mayor Wall said that, if capital projects are cut, Council Members will have to determine which capital projects are to be put aside.

22:28:18 Further discussion was held on the possibility of cutting capital projects.

**6.3 Set Time and Date of Public Hearing for 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budget, To Be Held May 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and Set Time and Date of Public Hearing for Final Amendments to FY 2007-2008 Budget, To Be Held June 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. – John Inch Morgan**

22:31:20 City Administrator John Inch Morgan asked the Council to set times and dates for public hearings on both the 2009-2009 Tentative Budget and on the Final Amendments to the 2007-2008 Budget.

22:33:01 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to set the time and date of a public hearing for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget for May 21, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. and the time and date of a public hearing for final amendments to the FY 2007-2008 Budget for June 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

22:34:05 Mr. Morgan noted that the 2008-2009 Tentative Budget is currently on the City website and the 2007-2008 budget will be placed on the website now that a hearing date is scheduled.

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

22:34:57 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

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

22:35:10

- 9.1 City Council Work Session – May 14, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Ma 21, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – May 21, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – June 4, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – June 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

## 10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10.1 **Emergency Preparedness Fair, hosted by the Taylorsville Senior Center at 4743 S. Plymouth View Drive (1650 W.) on Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Sue Chamberlin at 293-8340 for more information.**
- 10.2 **Early Voting for the State and County Primary Election will be at Taylorsville City Center, Room 110, on June 10-13, June 16-19, and June 20, 2008 from noon to 5:00 p.m.**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

22:36:23 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, and Matsumura-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC: 05-21-08

*Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*