

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84118

BRIEFING SESSION

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
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Michael Meldrum, City Planner
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
John Taylor, City Engineer

Excused: Community Development Director Mark McGrath, Council Coordinator Jessica Springer

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:03 Chairman Les Matsumura 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. The Administrative Report for the Community Development Department was then reviewed. City Planner Michael Meldrum addressed questions from Council Members regarding the report.

2. Review Agenda

18:03:26 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed and discussed.

3. Adjourn

18:07:13 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Delwin Craig, Chief of Police
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Sgt. Tracy Wyant

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Citizens: Patsy Gustin, Raili Jacquet, Kristie Overson, Jay Ziolkowski, Steve Hansen, Golden Thomas, Gordon Wolf, Don Perez, John Gidney, Dean Paynter, Members of Scout Troop #6699, Members of Sixth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team, Members of Eighth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:33:31 Chairman Les Matsumura called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Opening Ceremonies – *Councilman Rechtenbach*

18:33:46 Council Member Bud Catlin directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – Councilman Rechtenbach (Opening Ceremonies For June 4, 2008 to be arranged by Youth Council)

18:34:12 Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach offered the Reverence.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:35:17 Chairman Les Matsumura reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:36:47 There were no citizen comments, and Chairman Matsumura closed the citizen comment period.

1.4 Mayor's Report

Mayor Russ Wall reported that he, Council Member Rechtenbach, Council Member Handy, and Economic Development Director Keith Snarr recently attended the International Conference of Shopping Centers. He noted that Mr. Snarr will report further on the conference at a later time.

1.4.1 Presentation to the Sixth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team

18:41:46 Mayor Wall presented a proclamation to members of the Sixth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team in recognition of their fine representation of the City. He recognized team coaches Tracy Wyant and Don Perez, who were in attendance.

1.4.2 Presentation to the Eighth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team

18:43:32 Mayor Wall presented members of the Eighth Grade Junior Jazz Championship Basketball Team with a proclamation recognizing them for their recent victories and representation of the City. He also recognized team coaches Terry Rogers and Matt Moore.

18:45:42 Chairman Matsumura acknowledged members of Scout Troop 6699 who were in attendance.

1.5 Recognition of the Best of Taylorsville Home & Business Beautification Awards – Councilman Pratt

18:46:59 Council Member Pratt presented the Best of Taylorsville Beautification Award for the month of May to Patsy Gustin. He recognized Dean Paynter, of the LARP Committee, who was also in attendance.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

There were no reports.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 05-07-08

18:48:52 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Lynn Handy **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

5.1 ***Public Hearing*** – 6:30 p.m. – Filing #1G08 – for a Proposed General Land Use Plan Amendment From Professional Office on Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road – *Mark McGrath*

18:49:42 City Planner Michael Meldrum presented background information on the request for a General Land Use Plan Amendment From “Professional Office” to “Community Commercial” for property at 6345 South Redwood Road. He noted that both City Staff and the Taylorsville Planning Commission are recommending approval of the application.

18:51:22 Chairman Matsumura opened the public hearing on this matter and called for any citizen comments.

18:51:52 There were no citizen comments and Chairman Matsumura declared the public hearing closed.

It was noted that the applicant, representing Great Harvest, was in attendance to answer questions. There were no questions for the applicant from the Council.

5.1.1 ***Ordinance No. 08-15*** – Amending the General Land Use Plan of 1.22 Acres of Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road

18:52:20 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 08-15 – Amending the General Land Use Plan of 1.22 Acres of Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road. Council Member Lynn Handy **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.**

5.2 ***Public Hearing*** – 6:30 p.m. – Filing #4Z08 – for a Proposed Zone Change from A-1 to C-2 on Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road – *Mark McGrath*

18:52:59 Chairman Matsumura opened the public hearing on this matter and called for any citizen comments.

18:53:37 There were no citizen comments and Chairman Matsumura declared the public hearing closed.

5.2.1 Ordinance No. 08-16 – Changing the Zoning of 1.22 Acres of Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road

18:53:47 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 08-16 – Changing the Zoning of 1.22 Acres of Property Located at 6345 S. Redwood Road. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **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.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 08-15 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for SWAT Operations – *Chief Craig*

18:55:13 Taylorsville Police Chief Del Craig presented the subject resolution regarding an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for SWAT Operations.

18:55:56 Chief Craig addressed questions from the Council regarding specifics of the proposed agreement and the City's SWAT operations. He confirmed that the City presently has a five-member SWAT Team.

19:03:44 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 08-15 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for SWAT Operations. Council Member Lynn Handy **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.**

6.2 Resolution No. 08-19 – Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Among Salt Lake County and City of Taylorsville, Sandy City, West Jordan City, and West Valley City with Respect to Home Investment Partnership Program for Fiscal Years 2009 Through 2011 – *John Brems*

19:04:21 City Attorney John Brems presented the subject resolution for Council consideration. He described the proposed interlocal agreement with Taylorsville and other entities regarding the Home Investment Partnership Program.

19:05:15 Mr. Brems and Mayor Wall addressed questions from the Council regarding the Home funds.

19:06:25 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 08-19 – Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Among Salt Lake County and City of Taylorsville, Sandy City, West Jordan City, and West Valley City with Respect to Home Investment Partnership Program for Fiscal Years 2009 Through 2011. Council Member Rechtenbach **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.**

6.3 Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m. – To Receive Public comment on the Tentative Budget for the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year – *John Inch Morgan*

19:07:30 Mayor Wall gave additional clarification regarding the Home funds. He stated that in the last 90 to 120 days, the City has issued low interest home improvement loans. The Mayor cited specific home improvement projects that have been completed within Taylorsville.

19:08:53 City Administrator John Inch Morgan stated that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 has been published. He reviewed figures for the proposed budget.

19:10:16 Chairman Matsumura opened the public hearing on this matter and called for any citizen comments on the tentative budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

19:10:38 There were no citizen comments and Chairman Matsumura declared the public hearing closed.

6.4 Discussion of the 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Tentative Budget – *John Inch Morgan*

19:11:19 City Administrator John Inch Morgan cited an unforeseen and significant increase in insurance premiums for the City's liability insurance through the Utah Local Government Trust.

Steve Hansen, Associate Director of the Utah Local Government Trust, along with Golden Thomas, Manager of the Property Division for the Trust, presented information regarding the increased premium.

19:16:03 Mr. Hansen and Mr. Thomas addressed questions from the Council. Spikes in claims and premiums were reviewed. Lengthy discussion was held regarding premium comparisons with other entities, trends in claims, loss ratios, etc.

19:39:31 Council Member Rechtenbach expressed concerns with the numbers that are being presented and the methods used to determine trends and premiums.

19:41:23 Mr. Hansen proposed an option for a rate guarantee.

19:52:09 Mr. Morgan discussed other elements, including deductibles and auto insurance.

19:54:13 Mr. Hansen agreed to meet at a later date with the Council in a closed session to discuss specifics of claims and litigation issues. The Council concurred that this would be appropriate. Discussion was held regarding whether a closed session is allowed in this circumstance.

19:57:06 It was determined that a Closed Session to discuss pending litigation will be scheduled for the June 11, 2008 City Council Work Session.

20:00:20 The Mayor proposed the idea of having the City reimburse the million dollar loss in order to keep premiums at a lower rate. Mr. Hansen agreed to investigate that option and present figures by June 11th.

20:02:50 Mr. Morgan addressed questions from the Council regarding insurance premiums.

20:05:28 Mr. Morgan reviewed proposed amendments to the budget to accommodate the premium increase and potential deductibles.

20:17:50 Council Member Rechtenbach asked about cutting the allocation to the ADA ramps. The Council agreed to decrease that allocation to \$200,000.

20:21:09 The Council asked for more information about rate guarantees and deductible options. Mr. Hansen gave clarification.

20:28:28 It was determined that for now, the \$100,000 deductible option will be left in the budget. Additional discussion was held regarding insurance options for the City.

20:34:42 Discussion was held regarding budget for Valley Television. Council Member Rechtenbach will meet with VTV representatives next week and the Council will give further consideration to the budget allocation after that meeting.

20:35:44 Mr. Morgan cited a request from Arts Council Chair John Gidney to combine the Arts Council budget and the Community Orchestra budget into one line item. Discussion was held regarding this request. Tax benefits to the Community Orchestra if they should combine with the Arts Council were referenced. The Council agreed to combine the budgets.

20:39:16 It was determined that budget for Neighborhood Councils should be deleted.

20:40:47 Mr. Morgan reviewed a proposed change to salaries and benefits in the Police Department budget for one additional officer.

20:44:14 Chief Craig described advantages to adding an additional FTE in the Police Department. He stated a desire to pursue a sponsorship at the Police Academy. Chief Craig cited low recruitment pools. He cited a need for approximately \$98,000 to provide for a fully equipped officer.

20:55:51 Council Member Pratt inquired about an increase to the police salary budget. Mr. Morgan gave explanation and stated that the \$36,000 increase is in error. It was suggested that the FTE for the police department be added.

20:57:26 Discussion was held regarding allocations for overtime, scheduling for officers, etc.

21:04:36 Mr. Morgan cited a proposed budget change relating to crime lab services. Fuel costs for police vehicles were discussed.

21:10:24 Mr. Morgan noted a change to the Community Development salaries and wages to accommodate Kathy Lemay as a full-time employee, rather than as a consultant.

21:12:00 An oversight was noted regarding removal of the grounds maintenance worker allocation.

21:12:48 Council Member Pratt questioned salaries and wages in the Community Development Department and asked about the allocation for an engineer in training. Mr. Morgan presented options for covering that service, rather than funding an engineer in training. Mr. Pratt proposed removing the allocation for engineer in training.

21:19:06 Input was given by City Engineer John Taylor regarding a need for additional help with engineering. Advantages in contracting for engineering services, including increased flexibility, were cited.

21:24:06 It was determined to increase engineering services by \$45,000 and remove the allocation for the engineer in training.

21:25:23 Mr. Morgan affirmed that Administration has determined not to expand the Court into the Council Chambers. 21:27:55 Mr. Morgan cited the grant amount and noted that \$22,000 has been taken from expenditures and the same amount will need to be pulled from revenue.

21:28:08 Mr. Morgan cited the net for revenues over expenditures at \$1,656,551. He said this amount will direct \$480,336 to the capital fund and \$458,225 into the Fund Balance.

21:30:00 Mr. Morgan made clarifications on the Capital Budget. He recommended taking out allocations for improvements to City Hall.

21:32:39 Mr. Pratt asked about the \$250,000 allocation for the Wall Project.

21:33:47 Mr. Rechtenbach reported favorable economic impact from the Redwood Road Project and the Wall project.

21:35:00 Council Member Handy referenced an interest in matching funds for wall installation.

21:38:44 Chairman Matsumura stated reasons that capital projects should not be neglected.

21:40:36 Mr. Morgan cited reasons that he is comfortable cutting allocations for a future fire station.

21:41:14 Mr. Morgan stated that it would be wise to have the entire Redwood Road design completed at \$1,150,000. He noted that this would not include the environmental impact statement.

21:44:25 Mr. Morgan said that the fund balance should be at about 8% with this proposed budget.

21:45:41 Mr. Morgan noted that costs have continued to increase, but taxes were not raised last year.

21:47:36 Chairman Matsumura expressed concerns that the City will not continue to progress if capital projects are not made a priority.

21:48:52 Council Member Pratt inquired about allocating for the design of Redwood Road now and then bonding in the future for the improvements.

21:50:15 Mr. Morgan cited potential challenges with future bonding.

21:53:04 Mr. Pratt noted that funding for VTV and insurance premiums still need to be discussed before the budget is finalized.

21:54:32 Chairman Matsumura stated that he is not completely comfortable that the goals of the Council and Administration have been met with this budget. He complimented Mr. Morgan and the Mayor for the work that they've done in preparing the budget.

21:56:25 Mr. Pratt asked that Version 2.4 of the Budget be e-mailed to the Council as soon as possible. Council Member Catlin asked for a hard copy of that version.

7. OTHER MATTERS

21:57:36 Council Member Pratt recognized John Gidney who was in attendance and discussed the Budget Committee's role in recommending an auditor. Chairman Matsumura asked that the Budget Committee make a recommendation for Council consideration. The recommendation for audit services will be brought before the Council in resolution form at the June 4, 2008 City Council Meeting. A need to increase the budget for auditors by \$2,000 was noted.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

21:59:58 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

22:00:08

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session – June 4, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Meeting – June 4, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Work Session – June 11, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – June 18, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – June 18, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

22:00:44

- 10.1 Early Voting for the State and County Primary Election will be at Taylorsville City Center, Room 110, on June 10-13, June 16-19, from noon to 6:00 p.m., and June 20, 2008 from noon to 5:00 p.m.**
- 10.2 Taylorsville Dayzz – June 27, 28, & 30, 2008 – Carnival Rides, Food and Exhibit Booths, Barnyard Buddies and Evening Entertainment. For a complete schedule of events visit the Taylorsville Dayzz link on our Homepage at www.taylorsvillecity.com.**

11. ADJOURNMENT

22:01:10 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Lynn Handy **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 10:00 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-04-08

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder