

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, December 3, 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

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
John Taylor, City Engineer
Wayne Dial, Assistant Chief of Police

Excused: Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:00:55 Chairman Les Matsumura conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Rechtenbach who was excused. The Administrative Report was then reviewed. 18:03:34 City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave clarification concerning the City's telephone service.

2. Review Agenda

18:04:45 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed and discussed. Mayor Wall issued a special invitation to City Council Members to attend the City Christmas Party on December 5, 2008.

18:10:12 Chairman Matsumura noted that Council Members are also invited to attend the City's Holiday Luncheon for service providers scheduled for December 9, 2008.

3. Adjourn

18:10:31 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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John Brems, City Attorney
Rosie River, Police Lieutenant
Wayne Dial, Assistant Chief of Police
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Lisa Schwartz, EVCC Coordinator
Jamie Brooks, Court Administrator
Marsha Thomas, Judge

Excused: Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

Citizens: Brittany Slade, Kyra Holman, Gabe Epperson, Kevyn Smeltzer, Pam Roberts, Lorenzo Miller, Doug Stowell, Raili Jacquet, Members of Scout Troop # 365, 793, and 636, John Gidney, Jay Ziolkowski, Kourtney Miles, Brandon Armstrong, Brandon Swann, Heidee Pehrson, Echo Ferrin, Holly Petrik, Colton Gardner, Amy Braithwaite, John Garrett

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:30:35 Chairman Les Matsumura called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Rechtenbach who was excused.

18:31:11 Chairman Matsumura recognized members of Scout Troops 365, 793, and 636 who were in attendance.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Opening Ceremonies – *Youth Council Member Brittany Slade*

18:32:01 Youth Council Member Brittany Slade directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – *Youth Council Member Kyra Holman (Opening Ceremonies For December 10, 2008 to be arranged by Councilman Handy)*

18:32:29 Youth Council Member Kyra Holman offered the Reverence.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:33:04 Chairman Les Matsumura reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:34:20 There were no citizen comments, and Chairman Matsumura closed the citizen comment period.

1.4 Mayor's Report

18:34:28 Mayor Russ Wall relayed that Heath Bateman has recently been hired as the new director for the Taylorsville Senior Center. The Mayor cited the great programs offered at the Senior Center.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Youth Council – *Youth Council Chair, Natalie Noakes*

18:35:38 Youth Council Member Brittany Slade reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Taylorsville Youth Council. She cited Thanksgiving dinners that were provided for four Taylorsville families and plans to decorate City Hall and assist with the Saturday with Santa event on December 6, 2008. On behalf of the Youth Council, Ms. Slade presented Christmas cookies to the elected officials.

3.2 Emergency Volunteer Coordinating Committee Report – *Lisa Schwartz, EVCC Coordinator*

18:36:43 Mayor Wall asked that the report from EVCC Coordinator Lisa Schwartz be postponed until the December 10, 2008 City Council Meeting.

3.3 Blueprint Jordan River Vision – *Gabe Epperson, Envision Utah*

18:37:33 Gabe Epperson, of Envision Utah, reported on the Blueprint Jordan River vision. He described the study area along the Jordan River Corridor, which involves 15 cities and three counties. Mr. Epperson cited input that was received from Taylorsville residents and Taylorsville City staff and reported on survey results. He noted that restoration and preservation of the river ecosystem are top priorities. He reviewed the long term effect on economic development in Taylorsville. Mr. Epperson described elements of the vision, i.e. preserving and enhancing remaining open areas, facilitating urban renewal, developing a set of maps illustrating guiding principles of the river, and developing policy framework,

18:49:02 Mr. Epperson reviewed policy statements and illustrated specific undeveloped areas within Taylorsville He showed planned open space and areas targeted for more intense development. He relayed ideas that have been recommended for long term development. Mr. Epperson reported that Taylorsville frontage along the corridor is 3.2 miles and said that approximately 123 acres are contained in the Taylorsville preservation corridor.

18:50:12 Council Member Catlin inquired about representation by the Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Epperson identified funding sources, as follows: 1/3 from the federal government, 1/3 through Salt Lake County, and 1/3 through corporate sponsors and others. He affirmed that the Corp. of Engineers has been involved and the Blueprint Vision is consistent with their plan. He recommended that a representative from the Corp. of Engineers be appointed to the City's River Commission.

18:46:15 Mr. Epperson addressed questions regarding development areas in Taylorsville and implementation of the guiding principles. He recommended that the City form a River Commission to deal with issues relating to the Jordan River.

18:47:44 Mayor Wall asked for clarification about restoring natural habitat.

18:54:37 Mr. Epperson described steps for implementation in creating a unified authority comprised of local governments, state agencies and stakeholders. He also reviewed potential funding strategies.

18:55:24 Mr. Epperson described steps that will be taken in 2009 to organize the River Commission and asked Taylorsville to appoint a representative to the interim committee.

18:56:11 Mr. Epperson reported that Salt Lake County Council Member Dave Wilde has drafted a resolution in support of the blueprint and has asked cities to adopt the blueprint as an addendum to their general plans.

18:57:39 Mayor Wall asked about any taxing authority the potential River Commission may have and Mr. Epperson stated that it is not likely that such a commission will have taxing authority.

3.4 Quarterly Report, Public Works – *Kevyn Smeltzer*

18:58:08 Kevyn Smeltzer, of the Salt Lake County Public Works Department, reported on public works in Taylorsville during July, August, and September, 2008. He cited a large amount of overlay and paving work that has been completed. He noted a recent increase in prices for asphalt.

18:59:45 Council Member Catlin inquired about increasing costs of oil and other products. It was clarified that asphalt and oil contracts will be renegotiated in January.

19:01:32 Mr. Smeltzer stated that street sweeping for the City has been completed and the Salt Lake County Public Works Department will no longer be providing street sweeping services in Taylorsville.

19:01:58 Mr. Smeltzer gave clarification on storm drain maintenance logs that are maintained by drivers.

3.5 Quarterly Report, Sanitation, Special Service District #1 – Pam Roberts

19:03:57 Pam Roberts, of the Salt Lake County Sanitation Department, reported on sanitation services in Taylorsville. She provided illustrations of sanitation trucks that now contain Taylorsville logos. She cited the continuing Anti Under-Age Drinking Campaign that is being promoted on sanitation trucks. Ms. Roberts reported on trailer rental services that are available. She said that just over a million pounds of both green and bulk waste have been collected year to date. She reviewed the recycle program report, noting that 13,400 homes were served in Taylorsville, with 5 million pounds of recyclables collected through the end of October.

19:06:51 Ms. Roberts reported on the Leaf Bag program that has just been completed.

19:07:50 Ms. Roberts cited challenges faced in receiving excess bags of waste during the leaf bag program.

19:09:12 Council Member Catlin asked about the potential for providing additional pickup sites for leaf bags. Ms. Roberts cited controversy surrounding curbside green waste pickup. She agreed to check on the possibility of providing trailers at additional sites.

19:11:13 Ms. Roberts noted the recent decrease in fuel costs and described challenges surrounding fuel consumption due to new EPA standards that have been implemented. She reported that citizens are asking for a weekly recycle program and methods to deal with green waste.

19:12:48 Ms. Roberts described unknown factors that result from fluctuating fuel costs. She noted that Salt Lake County will soon be replacing six diesel fuel trucks with hybrids that run on batteries.

19:15:00 Ms. Roberts reported that the Sanitation Department hopes to expand its vehicle fleet in 2010 to utilize more hybrids and decrease the use of diesel fuel.

19:15:31 Ms. Roberts cited ways to be more cost efficient with waste collection. She said the Sanitation Department is planning to do a 4/10 schedule with the Area Cleanup next year, in order to reduce miles going to and from the yard. She stated that the planned schedule change should result in a 10,000 mile decrease. Ms. Roberts said that residential routes will be re-evaluated to increase efficiency. She stated that if any changes are made in pickup schedules, advance notification will be given to the City and to residents.

19:16:30 Ms. Roberts explained that green waste is beneficial in helping to decompose waste at landfills. She suggested that the best way to handle green waste curbside collection is to utilize

trailers and the area clean up program. Ms. Roberts explained that certain green waste can generate methane gas, which is used as a power source.

19:18:23 Ms. Roberts addressed questions regarding a potential weekly recycling program in 2010. She cited increased costs for weekly pickups.

19:20:13 Ms. Roberts described variables that will effect the potential recycling of glass products. She said that glass recycling will eventually be in place.

19:20:55 Ms. Roberts reported that national statistics reflect a 25% increase with weekly recyclable collection.

19:22:10 Ms. Roberts stated that there is no profit to Salt Lake County through the recycling program, due to the high costs of implementing the program.

19:23:21 Council Member Bud Catlin called for clarification on how often waste collection is being transported to the dumping station. Ms. Roberts explained that trucks are dumped when they reach their legal weight, which is approximately 8 tons.

3.6 Quarterly Report, Courts – *Jamie Brooks, Lorenzo Miller & Doug Stowell*

19:25:20 Court Administrator Jamie Brooks referenced the Quarterly Court report provided to the Council and called for any questions.

19:25:57 City Administrator John Inch Morgan asked Ms. Brooks to report on assessment measures that are being implemented in the court.

19:26:00 Ms. Brooks described surveys designed to assess effectiveness in the court. She indicated that the survey will be provided to random users within the next month. She noted that a survey will also be conducted among court employees.

19:27:34 Ms. Brooks clarified that the CourTools Program has developed the surveys being implemented.

19:27:58 City Prosecutor Lorenzo Miller commented on recent trends with the types of cases being heard in the court. He noted that, with the current recession, retail thefts have gone up and domestic violence crimes have increased.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 11-19-08

19:29:55 Council Member Morris Pratt **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: Handy-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-excused, Catlin-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 ***Resolution No. 08-51 – Accepting a Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Bullet Proof Vest in the Amount of \$2,800 – John Brems***

19:30:23 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution regarding acceptance of a grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the purchase of bullet proof vests. He noted that it is a matching grant and covers 50% of the cost of vests. Mr. Morgan cited costs between \$700 and \$1600 per bullet proof vest.

19:32:28 Lieutenant Rosie Rivera stated that the life of a bullet proof vest is about two years before synthetic materials deteriorate and breakdown.

19:33:19 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 08-51 – Accepting a Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for Bullet Proof Vest in the Amount of \$2,800. 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: Handy-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-excused, Catlin-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 ***Resolution No. 08-50 – Adopting the Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as Required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000 – John Inch Morgan***

19:33:46 City Administrator John Inch Morgan called for Council consideration of the subject resolution regarding adoption of the Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. He explained that this plan is required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000. Mr. Morgan noted that the full plan has been provided by the Wasatch Front Regional Council and is available on their website. He relayed that he can provide a hard copy of the full plan for review upon request, but the Council has presently been provided with an executive summary only of the study. Mr. Morgan encouraged elected officials to examine the full plan when possible.

19:36:04 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 08-50 – Adopting the Natural Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan as Required by the Federal Disaster Mitigation and Cost Reduction Act of 2000. 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: Handy-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-excused, Catlin-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 ***Discussion Regarding the Taylorsville Cemetery – John Inch Morgan***

19:36:35 City Administrator John Inch Morgan cited pro forma cost estimates obtained for potential maintenance of the Taylorsville Cemetery in the event that the City of Taylorsville takes over management of the cemetery. He called for direction from the Council regarding the cemetery.

19:37:32 Council Member Pratt noted that the City will eventually need to deal with this issue because volunteers will no longer be willing to run the cemetery. Discussion was held regarding potential management of the cemetery and the possibility of creating a Cemetery Board.

19:38:20 Mr. Morgan clarified that an enterprise fund would need to be created, so that all expenditures and income are earmarked for the cemetery.

19:38:50 Mayor Wall cited potential cemetery expenses and reviewed income for the past three years. He agreed that the City will eventually have to take over management of the cemetery.

19:40:27 Mayor Wall estimated that approximately \$20,000 would come out of the enterprise fund annually for maintenance of the cemetery.

19:40:55 Mr. Morgan reported that there is still 30% to 50% of the cemetery in available space.

19:41:26 The Mayor referenced a pending lawsuit regarding 800 burial sites. He said that management of the cemetery would involve the City with the litigation, as the current board would not be liable if the City takes over.

19:42:44 Council Member Bud Catlin stated that the cemetery has been well cared for by the current volunteer board.

19:43:12 Council Member Pratt made clarification on capital improvements that were made during the years when losses were reflected. He noted the importance of not involving the City in a lawsuit. He suggested that legal issues be resolved before transferring responsibility of the cemetery.

19:44:11 City Attorney John Brems noted that the City could potentially take a loss with no revenue coming in and maintenance costs to cover. He predicted that cemetery income will gradually decrease, but costs will increase. Mr. Brems gave clarification on the pending litigation and explained that the claimant believes he owns the lots in question. He said that the pre-trial hearing on this matter is on December 5, 2008 and the trial will then be scheduled within six to nine months.

19:46:37 Mayor Wall agreed that the City should move forward and bring closure for the current Cemetery Board, pending the outcome of the pre-trial conference. Council Members concurred to schedule this matter for consideration on January 7, 2009. Discussion was held regarding whether a closed session is needed to discuss this matter.

19:49:20 Mr. Morgan gave clarification on the maintenance estimates that were provided. He agreed to provide options for implementing City management of the cemetery.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

19:51:36

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session – December 10, 2008 – 6:00 pm.**
- 9.2 City Council Meeting – December 10, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – January 7, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**

- 9.4 City Council Meeting – January 7, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 RDA Meeting – Wednesday, January 7, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19:52:05

- 10.1 Saturday with Santa – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – Noon to 4:00 p.m. Four Taylorsville locations: None at Kmart – 3835 W. 5400 S.; 1:00 p.m. at Harmons – 5454 S. Redwood; 2:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart – 5469 S. Redwood; 3:00 p.m. at Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center – 1488 W. 4800 S. Come have your photo taken with Santa!
- 10.2 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Traditional Carol Sing-Along – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. City Council Chambers. Fun for the whole family, plus a visit from Santa! Free to the public.
- 10.3 “MESSIAH” SING-IN – Saturday, December 6, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. City Council Chambers – Hosted by Taylorsville Arts Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

19:52:52 Council Member Lynn Handy **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Morris Pratt **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Handy-yes, Matsumura-yes, Rechtenbach-excused, Catlin-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 01-07-09

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder