

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Council Members:

Council Chairman Kristie Overson
Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess
Council Member Daniel Armstrong
Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Brad Christopherson

City Staff:

Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Mike Kelsey, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator

Excused: Mayor Larry Johnson, City Administrator John Taylor

Others: Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson

BRIEFING SESSION

[6:05:23 PM](#) Chairman Kristie Overson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:05 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Administrative Report

[6:05:32 PM](#) Chair Overson called for questions on the Administrative Report for the Community Development Department and there were none. Chair Overson commended Community Development Director McGrath for the great report provided.

2. Review Agenda

[6:07:11 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Council Member Dan Armstrong inquired about a potential entry for the Veterans Day Parade. Chair Overson referred him to Patricia Kimbrough who is in charge of the Veterans Day Parade.

Chair Overson inquired whether Council Coordinator Kris Heineman has received all the information she needs from Council Members for the ULCT Conference registration. Ms. Heineman gave clarification on what is still needed.

[6:11:06 PM](#) Chair Overson polled the Council regarding how city committees that they advise are each functioning. Council Member Barbour commented that her committees are all functioning well. Council Member Armstrong observed that more can always be done, but said he has received much insight through the Jordan River Committee as to positive aspects of the Jordan River. He cited a need to relay that information to the public. Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess noted that members are being added to the Green Committee. He stated that the Healthy Living Committee is doing pretty well and efforts will be made to add members to that committee. He relayed that, as far as he knows, the Food Pantry is doing very well. Council Member Christopherson noted that there has not been a lot of work for the Ordinance Review Committee, but things are going well for his committees for the most part.

[6:14:56 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour relayed that Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling (WFWR) will be holding follow-up discussion regarding the City's clean up-days. She cited the suggestion that the program schedule stay fixed to what it was this year, but some cities are calling for a rotation. She noted that having a rotation schedule may affect a cost difference of approximately \$500,000. She called for input from Council Members. Council Member Christopherson reported that he has heard from citizens that the clean up would be more effective if dumpsters were dropped at the beginning of spring. It was clarified that not all cities can have the spring schedule, since there are finite resources and cost prohibitions. It was confirmed that Taylorsville received its dumpsters the end of May and June this year. Council Member Barbour said she does not want to see a fee increase and whatever it takes to continue the program without such should be done.

[6:16:34 PM](#) Council Member Barbour relayed that ChamberWest has seen an increase in membership for Taylorsville businesses. She agreed to provide more updates in the future.

[6:17:13 PM](#) Chair Overson stated that a meeting for the Council Chair and Vice-Chair with Committee Chairs is being coordinated for October, 2014. She cited a need for the Council to seek copies of meeting notes and minutes from committees in order to review committee activities and input. Council Member Barbour cited a need to examine city ordinances and potentially notice committee meetings and take official minutes.

[18:18:33](#) City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle commented that the issue of noticing committee meetings is still being researched. She indicated that there are still some unanswered questions and she will seek official direction from the City Attorney on this matter.

[6:19:12 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour called for an update on the status of dealing with illegal rental activity in the city. Community Development Mark McGrath indicated that a meeting is being scheduled for next week with Administration, the City Attorney, Code Enforcement personnel, and Planning staff to determine how to build a successful case against known properties that are in violation.

[6:20:11 PM](#) Council Member Burgess relayed that he has turned in names submitted to him in relation to questionable rental properties in his district. He said these properties should be discussed regarding how they might be brought into compliance.

3. Adjourn

[6:21:58 PM](#) Chair Overson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:21p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Excused: Mayor Larry Johnson, City Administrator John Taylor

Citizens: Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Anna Barbieri, Jerry Milne, Officer Jonathan Bushnell, Detective Rob Scott

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:34:57 PM](#) Chairman Kristie Overson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance/Reverence - *Council Chair Overson (Opening Ceremonies for September 3, 2014 to be arranged by Council Member Armstrong)*

[6:36:01 PM](#) Chair Kristie Overson directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Kristie Overson offered the Reverence.

1.2 Citizen Comments

[6:37:37 PM](#) Chairman Kristie Overson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

There were no citizen comments, and Chairman Overson closed the citizen comment period.

1.3 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's report was given.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 UPD Officer of the Month Awards - *Precinct Chief Wyant*

[6:38:40 PM](#) UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented UPD Officer of the Month Awards, as follows:

Detective Rob Scott – Chief Wyant stated that Detective Scott is currently assigned to the Robbery Homicide Unit and recently responded to four separate robberies in Taylorsville. It was

related that individuals were charged in three of those four incidents. The Chief commended Detective Scott for his tenacity and attention to detail. The Chief stated that Detective Scott is an asset to the UPD and to the City of Taylorsville.

Officer Jonathan Bushnell – Chief Wyant stated that Officer Bushnell is consistently proactive and productive. The Chief described a recent incident when Officer Bushnell initiated a traffic stop on a suspicious vehicle resulting in stolen property being retrieved. Chief Wyant cited an additional incident wherein Officer Bushnell's actions resulted in the retrieval of forged checks, drug paraphernalia, etc. The Chief described Officer Bushnell as a valuable asset to the UPD Taylorsville Precinct and the City.

3.2 UPD Quarterly Report - Precinct Chief Wyant

UPD Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant reported on law enforcement services in Taylorsville for the fourth quarter ending April, 2014.

[6:45:00 PM](#) Chief Wyant reviewed statistics for crime trends and general offenses during the fourth quarter. He gave clarification on the difference between forgeries and frauds. Chair Overson commended the overall decreases.

[6:49:11 PM](#) Chief Wyant cited statistics on offenses within each individual Council district.

[6:52:22 PM](#) The Chief reviewed data on traffic accidents, traffic citations, etc.

[6:53:28 PM](#) Chief Wyant gave clarification on some statistics for Council Districts. He confirmed that one additional officer was added last January and one more was added in July, 2014. He agreed that the extra officers have likely contributed to the decrease in crimes and have allowed for more proactive law enforcement efforts.

[6:56:42 PM](#) The Chief reviewed statistics on burglaries and burglary alarms. He referenced activities of the Investigations Unit, School Resource Officer, Pooled Services, and Person Crimes. He called for any questions.

[6:57:40 PM](#) Chief Wyant cited some successful ongoing investigations and gave specific recognition to Detective Denise Ikemiyashiro.

[6:58:40 PM](#) Chair Overson thanked Chief Wyant for recent law enforcement efforts in her neighborhood.

[6:59:09 PM](#) City Attorney/City Prosecutor Tracy Cowdell commended the Taylorsville Precinct on the quality of work they do, which allows cases to be resolved quickly and saves on City resources.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes - 08-06-14 City Council Meeting

[7:00:53 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Public Hearing - To Receive Public Comment Regarding Potential Amendment to the Text of Sections 13.26 and 13.36

[7:01:26 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath referenced an application for a text amendment submitted by the proposed Del Taco at 4700 South Redwood Road. He explained that the proposed text amendment would apply to all locations in Taylorsville. He described a request for off-premise directional signs under certain circumstances. He relayed that currently on-premise directional signs are allowed. He noted that, up until a few months ago, the city did not allow any off-premise advertising anywhere in Taylorsville, but then a new ordinance was adopted to allow off-premise advertising through commercial district signage. He indicated that the current proposal would allow small off-premise directional signs guiding traffic to the location of a business.

Mr. McGrath explained that typically directional signs are very small, with a combination of a logo and some sort of text or arrow. He stated that the proposal is to allow off-premise directional signs to be a maximum of ten square feet. He noted that the signs can only be monument-style signs and cannot be up on a pole. He said that height can only be a maximum of three feet in order to provide a clear view area. He relayed that the proposed signs can be a maximum of 400 feet away from the subject property and only one off-premise directional sign per business property will be allowed. Mr. McGrath said that the proposal has been limited in order to not expose the city to any unintended consequences. He reported that an analysis of the city has found four or five areas in the city where these small off-premise signs would be applicable, i.e. 6200 South Redwood Road and businesses along Redwood Road who do not have frontage on the main road.

Mr. McGrath relayed that this application has had a positive recommendation from City Staff, along with unanimous recommendation for approval from the Taylorsville Planning Commission.

[7:06:49 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong inquired about sandwich signs. Mr. McGrath explained that the city allows one temporary sign per business through different periods of the year, i.e. holiday periods, grand openings, etc., as specifically stipulated in city code.

[7:08:31 PM](#) Chair Overson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

[7:08:38 PM](#) There were no citizen comments and Chair Overson declared the public hearing closed.

[7:08:48 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess inquired whether there has there been any interest expressed from other businesses in the City for off-premise directional signage. Mr. McGrath said there have not been any other applications at this point.

Mr. McGrath observed that the proposed text amendment to allow off-premise directional signage could be an economic development tool for enticing businesses. He confirmed that the Del Taco sign referenced would be installed when construction is completed.

[7:09:50 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour cited the importance of economic development and allowing proper signage for businesses. She observed that the Planning Commission did a great job in reviewing the application and recommending that it be moved forward.

5.1.1 Ordinance 14-15 - A Proposed Amendment to Sections 13.26 and 13.36 of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Regarding Off Premise Directional Signs - *Mark McGrath*

[7:10:33 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 14-15 - A Proposed Amendment to Sections 13.26 and 13.36 of the Taylorsville Land Development Code Regarding Off Premise Directional Signs. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no Financial Matters.

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no Other Matters.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

[7:11:25 PM](#) Council Member Barbour referenced questions she has received about plans for the City Center property. She suggested that a discussion regarding this matter be noticed on an agenda for September 3, 2014, including a citizen comment period.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[7:12:53 PM](#)

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 3, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.3 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, September 9, 2014
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, September 17, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, September 17, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[7:12:59 PM](#)

- 10.1 ULCT Annual Convention: September 10-12, 2014
- 10.2 First Annual Taylorsville Emergency Preparedness Fair: Thursday, September 11, 2014 - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall - Council Chambers
- 10.3 Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center's 10th Anniversary: September 27, 2014 - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. See City website for more information.

11. ADJOURNMENT

[7:13:29 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Overson, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 09-03-14

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder