

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 19, 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
Michael Meldrum, Principal Planner
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director

Citizens: Royce Larsen

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:01 Chairman Dama Barbour 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.

Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report for Community Development. Council Member Overson inquired about a business license for electronic cigarettes. Principal Planner Michael Meldrum described electronic cigarettes and reviewed the

licensing classification. He confirmed that the City's current ordinance adequately covers this use.

2. Review Agenda

18:04:12 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave clarification on the maintenance of property near the Little Confluence by Salt Lake County. Council Member Overson cited a concern expressed by a citizen from Rockhill Point Cove in regard to high weeds in the area. Mr. Morgan confirmed that maintenance of the property is the responsibility of the State. He relayed that this area is part of the Natural Resources Department and, as such, there is desire to keep foliage looking as natural as possible. It was indicated that the citizen mentioned has agreed to email her concerns to the city.

3. Adjourn

18:12:07 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Assistant
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator

Others Present: Pam Roberts, Brent Overson, Royce Larsen, John Gidney, Brent Garside, Lynn Handy, Dave Ballou, Maria Chan, Ted Jensen, Karen Jentsch, Brent Guerney, Dale Christensen, John Purvis, GayLynn Osness, Tennys Madsen,

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:30:14 Chairman Dama Barbour 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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Johnson

18:30:50 City Engineer John Taylor directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – Council Member Johnson (Opening Ceremonies For July 10, 2013 to be arranged by Youth Council)

18:31:32 Council Member Larry Johnson offered the Reverence by reciting a poem entitled “I Am Old Glory.”

1.3 Mayor’s Report

No Mayor’s Report was given.

1.4 Citizen Comments

18:33:22 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

18:34:34 Brent Garside commented on last week’s meeting and his disappointment that there was only one dissenting vote for adoption of the budget. He questioned the direction Taylorsville is going under its current leadership. He suggested that a difference will be made at the ballot box. He said that the citizens of Taylorsville deserve better.

18:37:16 Chair Barbour noted that no one likes tax increases, but no other plan was presented and a budget is now in place to move forward.

18:38:00 GayLynn Osness stated that she works for Granite School District and has not had a raise in eight years. She questioned whether employee hours have been cut back and suggested

that fireworks in conjunction with Taylorsville Dayzz be eliminated. She said that the new zip code has been inconvenient. She suggested that Taylorsville must live within its means and cut expenses.

18:40:02 Chair Barbour clarified that the fireworks for Taylorsville Dayzz are donated.

18:40:19 Maria Chan said she owns two properties in Taylorsville and cited economic struggles she has experienced. She expressed concerns with increased property taxes.

18:42:09 Karen Jentsch commented on an upsetting article in the newspaper. She cited concerns with the increase in property tax. She said that she is on a fixed income and suggested that government does not know how to cut budgets. She suggested that things like beautification can wait until the economy is better.

18:44:28 Chair Barbour suggested that maintenance is the term that applies, rather than beautification.

18:44:40 Council Member Kristie Overson noted that the actual tax increase is 29.6%. Chief Financial Director Scott Harrington confirmed that this is the correct percentage.

18:45:17 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Dama Barbour closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Andrew Brown, Budget Committee - *Chairman Barbour*

18:45:38 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to appoint Andrew Brown as a member of the Taylorsville Budget Committee. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Quarterly Report, Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District – *Pam Roberts, Executive Director*

18:46:29 Pam Roberts, Executive Director for the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD), presented a quarterly report regarding services provided to Taylorsville. She apologized for any inconvenience to residents in transitioning to the new billing process.

18:48:49 Ms. Roberts cited the first *National Garbage Person Day* that occurred on June 17, 2013. She added that this program has been in the works for over 10 years.

18:49:20 Ms. Roberts described services provided by WFWRD. She noted that 143,000 tons of waste is collected annually by the district.

18:50:39 Ms. Roberts commented that the Board met recently and has agreed to roll out curbside collection for green waste. She described the start-up process and annual fees for those residents wishing to subscribe. Ms. Roberts commented that the Board voted to bring back the bulk trailer rental program, wherein residents may rent trailers for \$125. She referenced green trailers that are also available for rent.

18:52:46 Pam Roberts cited the importance of recycling to keep garbage collection costs low. She confirmed that WFWRD receives revenue for recyclable garbage.

18:53:14 Ms. Roberts reviewed the Customer Service Survey regarding overall customer satisfaction and declared that Taylorsville residents rated WFWRD with 97% overall satisfaction. She indicated that this is a 1% improvement over the previous year.

18:53:46 Ms. Roberts described goals to "green our fleet." She explained that this means implementing cost effective measures for fuel. She relayed that the fleet will be shifting to alternative fuel of either C&G or bio-fuel.

18:55:18 Ms. Robert cited "What's New in the District." She clarified that the bulk trailer rentals are in addition to regular services. She noted that WFWRD will be assessing penalty fees in the amount of \$25 for checks that do not clear due to insufficient funds.

18:55:53 Ms. Roberts commented that she had a meeting with a big glass recycling company who wants to work on a subscription curbside glass collection program. She relayed that research will be done to assess the need for this type of service.

18:57:10 Chair Barbour commended WFWRD for doing a good job with waste collection.

18:57:30 Council Member Overson expressed her excitement over the new Green Waste Collection Program.

18:57:55 Council Member Ernest commented on the enthusiasm expressed by a member of the Taylorsville Green Committee in regard to the Green Waste Collection Program. He inquired about the length of time a resident may keep a rented trailer. Ms. Roberts stated that it is generally a three to four-day rental, wherein the trailer is parked in the resident's driveway for the duration of that time period.

3.2 Quarterly Report, Communications – *Aimee Winder*

18:58:42 Taylorsville Communications Director Aimee Newton reported on communication efforts in Taylorsville for the previous quarter.

18:59:46 Ms. Newton cited communication goals. She stated that the first goal is to disseminate information to Taylorsville residents and businesses; the second is to get good news about Taylorsville out to the general public. She observed that it is important for people outside the city to know what a great city Taylorsville is. She indicated that the last goal is to market the city to potential businesses in an effort to encourage them to locate in Taylorsville. Ms. Newton brought up a recent press release announcing that the UDOT property was for sale. She stated that the Deseret News ran the story and the next day phone calls were received from parties interested in purchasing the property. She cited a four-minute video recently produced for corporate and retail businesses. She relayed that the video lists the benefits of locating businesses in Taylorsville. She noted that this video can be viewed on the city's You Tube channel.

19:01:38 Ms. Newton described other media methods, i.e. a monthly newsletter published in the Taylorsville/Kearns Valley Journal and an e-newsletter. She noted that she will also be starting a business e-newsletter tailored more to businesses. She indicated that print and TV media are valuable tools for getting information and news to the city and surrounding areas. She cited events throughout the year, i.e. the Iditarod, Girl Scout Cookie Sales, Pinwheels for Prevention, and other events, that have received news coverage.

Ms. Newton commented on areas of social media, i.e. the city website, Twitter, You Tube Channel, Taylorsville Tidbits Blog, and Facebook. She reviewed statistics for users on the city's Facebook Page. She cited the value of different styles of media in that all ages can be reached with important information about the City. Ms. Newton reviewed demographic statistics revealing that most of the city's readership comes from people who have lived in Taylorsville for a long while. She stated that 59% of Taylorsville citizens are female and 40% are male, with the largest population in the 30 to 44 year-old population. Ms. Newton called for any questions from Council Members.

19:12:31 Chair Barbour thanked Ms. Newton for her presentation.

19:12:53 Council Member Overson observed that this is very useful information. Council Members Christopherson and Burgess also commended Ms. Newton for her communication efforts on behalf of the city.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 06-05-13

19:13:31 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Public Hearing - 6:30 p.m. - To Receive Public Comment for a Proposed Land Development Code Amendment

19:14:42 Council Member Kristie Overson recused herself during this matter, noting that there may be potential for conflict of interest.

19:15:19 Principal Planner Michael Meldrum presented the subject ordinance to amend city code for setbacks for the R-1-10, R-1-15, R-1-20, R-1-30 and R-1-40 zoning districts. He stated that this request was brought forth from a Taylorsville resident and developer Brent Overson to reduce side yard setbacks. Mr. Meldrum noted that the proposed reduction would give an additional building footprint area for placement of a larger home on a lot. Mr. Meldrum observed that this change would allow added flexibility for placement of a home.

19:16:41 Mr. Meldrum reviewed the specific code where amendments apply.

19:18:57 Mr. Meldrum illustrated photos of the proposed lots/setbacks.

19:19:19 Chair Barbour noted that the Taylorsville Planning Commission has previously reviewed this application and voted unanimously for its approval.

19:19:50 Council Member Burgess commented on reasons the proposed amendments make sense.

19:20:09 Council Member Johnson inquired about any increase in property value with the reduced setbacks. Mike Meldrum stated that he is not aware of any direct correlation to property values. John Inch Morgan suggested that property value would depend on the structure built on a lot.

19:21:17 Applicant Brent Overson thanked Communications Director Aimee Newton for her positive promotion of Taylorsville.

19:22:49 Mr. Overson commented on his reasons for requesting the changes to yard setbacks, as a result of the new development code that was recently adopted. He indicated that larger homes of higher value will be able to be built on the subject lots if the amendment is granted.

19:25:55 Chair Barbour opened the public hearing on this matter and called for any citizen comments.

19:26:25 There were no citizen comments, and Chair Barbour declared the public hearing closed.

5.1.1 Ordinance No. 13-13 - Amending Section 13-20-02 of the Taylorsville Land Development Code for Side Yard Setbacks in the R-1-10, R-1-15, R-1-20, R-1-30, and R-1-40 Zoning Districts - *Mark McGrath*

19:26:38 Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 13-13 - Amending Section 13-20-02 of the Taylorsville Lane Development Code for Side Yard Setbacks in the R-1-10, R-1-15, R-1-20, and R-1-30, and R-1-40 Zoning Districts. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-recused. **The four City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed.**

Council Member Kristie Overson rejoined the Council Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 13-12 - Interlocal Agreement Between Salt Lake County and the City of Taylorsville Transferring \$25,000 to the County for the Purpose of Making Improvements at Little Confluence, and Not For Any Other Purpose - *John Inch Morgan*

19:28:56 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution to consider approval of an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County to transfer \$25,000 for improvements at Little Confluence. He illustrated site plans for the property and said it is hoped that Salt Lake County will continue to allocate funds to perfect the trail system and maintain the riparian and natural area along the Jordan River.

19:30:55 Council Member Johnson inquired whether the proposed plan will enhance the area and Mr. Morgan described specific improvements planned.

19:31:48 Council Member Burgess asked for clarification on greenery planned in the area and Mr. Morgan described natural, native vegetation that serves as a transition area.

19:33:09 Council Member Kristie Overson commended Jerry Milne and Adriaan Boogaard for their outstanding efforts in maintaining the area. She thanked them for the time and energy they have invested.

Chair Barbour noted that this area is an important gateway for the City of Taylorsville.

19:33:57 Council Member Christopherson inquired whether the \$25,000 amount is included in the current year's budget. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the amount is reflected in the budget ending June 30, 2013.

19:34:38 Council Member Burgess inquired about the timeframe for completing the project. Mr. Morgan anticipated that it may take up to two years.

19:35:12 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 13-12 - Interlocal Agreement Between Salt Lake County and the City of Taylorsville Transferring \$25,000 to the County for the Purpose of Making Improvements at Little Confluence, and Not for Any Other Purpose. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 ***Ordinance No. 13-14 - Prohibiting the Discharge of Fireworks within Specified Areas of the City of Taylorsville*** ***- Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski and John Inch Morgan***

19:36:15 Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski relayed that, despite recent rains, Taylorsville is still in a drought condition and there is potential for fire hazard as seen in other areas. He suggested that the proposed ordinance be approved to prohibit fireworks in dry areas of concern. He cited the high risk along river banks and other open spaces in the area.

19:38:09 A map of the proposed area for limiting fireworks was illustrated. City Administrator John Inch Morgan noted that other open flame limitations may be included in the ordinance.

19:38:59 Chief Ziolkowski cited a year-round concern with luminaires because there is no way to predict where they might land. He noted that consideration to imposing these restrictions will need to be considered on an annual basis.

19:40:04 John Inch Morgan highlighted areas and noted that fireworks are prohibited in most city parks. He relayed that 11 vendor applications have been submitted for the sale of fireworks in Taylorsville.

19:41:19 Council Member Johnson asked whether additional language should be included in the ordinance to add other trouble-spot areas. Chief Ziolkowski said that would be appreciated.

19:41:52 Mr. Morgan suggested possibly adding language to say, "...and also other areas at the discretion of the Fire Bureau." City Attorney John Brems said that he would need to look at the statute in order to determine delegation of authority.

19:43:06 Mayor Rechtenbach noted that an emergency might occur when an area may need to be addressed and suggested that type of situation could be handled through an executive order. He noted that the proposed ordinance is not all encompassing and areas may become potentially dangerous. He indicated that an emergency area does not need to be handled by ordinance.

19:44:10 Mr. Morgan agreed to ask the 11 vendors in Taylorsville to display the related map as they are selling fireworks.

19:44:29 Council Member Burgess observed that most of the prohibited areas were covered in last year's ordinance. Chief Ziolkowski acknowledged that this ordinance will allow the Fire Department to provide a lot more protection in those designated areas, insomuch as the public has been notified and adheres to it.

19:45:31 UPD Lt. Mike Schoenfeld confirmed that officers are always very busy during the fireworks periods.

19:46:12 Council Member Overson asked whether the ordinance ties into the time frame restrictions for fireworks. John Brems clarified that State statute controls the time period for fireworks throughout Utah and said time frames do not need to be addressed in the city's ordinance.

19:46:57 Council Member Johnson inquired about the impact of potential wind conditions. Chief Ziolkowski noted that this ordinance is specific to the retail sale and use of fireworks. He explained that commercial use of fireworks is regulated by restrictions that are at the discretion of the fire prevention officer on scene at the time they are being lit.

19:48:23 Mr. Brems recommended that the language not be changed until he does further research in regard to open flame.

19:48:48 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 13-14 - Prohibiting the Discharge of Fireworks Within Specified Areas of the City of Taylorsville. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

19:49:49

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session - Tuesday, June 26, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, July 9, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, July 10, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 10, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, July 17, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, July 17, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.7 Town Hall Open House - Wednesday, July 31, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19:49:53

- 10.1 *Taylorsville Dayz* - Thursday, June 27-29, 2013 - For information and schedule of events: www.taylorsvilleut.gov
- 10.2 **Meet the Candidates Night** - Tuesday, July 16, 2013 - 6:30 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall, Council Chambers - Hosted by ChamberWest - Come out and meet your Taylorsville Candidates before the Primary Elections on August 13, 2013.

11. CLOSED SESSION

19:50:33 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the professional competence of an individual at 7:48 p.m. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All members of the City Council voted and the motion carried by unanimous vote.**

11.1 Strategy Session to Discuss the Professional Competency of an Individual

Those in attendance at the Closed Session were: Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach, City Administrator John Inch Morgan, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Johnson, and Overson. City Attorney John Brems, and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

A meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 was closed to discuss the character and professional competence of an individual, wherein no other items were discussed.

Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:40 p.m. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Johnson-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 07-10-13

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder, and Kristy Heineman, Deputy Recorder