

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, April 1, 2009
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84118

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Russ Wall

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

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

Excused: Council Chairman Lynn Handy

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

17:58:58 Vice Chairman Bud Catlin called the Briefing Session to order at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Chairman Handy who was excused.

Vice-Chair Bud Catlin **MOVED** to have Council Member Morris Pratt conduct the remainder of the Briefing Session and also the Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Jerry

Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Vice-Chairman Catlin called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

17:59:50 Council Member Pratt called for any questions or comments on the Administrative Report, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

18:01:55 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed and discussed. City Administrator John Inch Morgan noted that he will distribute the preliminary Budget for FY 2009-2010 during the regular meeting.

3. Adjourn

18:05:54 The City Council Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director
Jamie Brooks, Court Administrator

Excused: Council Chairman Lynn Handy

Citizens: Anthony Garcia, Aubrey Thomson, Natalie Noakes, Troy Ricks, Members of Scout Troops #1997 & #1041, Kristie Overson, Jake Arslanian, Priscilla Manu, Cody Uhi, Taniela Udenuku, Jade Soloman, Sione Finau, Ben Mekesi, Ofa Kaufusi, Viliami Hosea, Paul Folila, Faha Uhi, Misi Felila, JR.R. Moala, Inoke Felila, Ben Angilar, Maafa Pua, Langofonue Poleki, David Finau, Sese Felila, Kay Pond, Matauai Felila, Kourtney Miles, Echo Ferrin, Lincoln Uhi

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:26:58 Council Member Morris Pratt 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 Chairman Handy, who was excused.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Opening Ceremonies – *Youth Council Member Aubrey Thomson*

18:27:45 Youth Council Member Aubrey Thomson directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – *Youth Council Member Jessica Beauchamp* (Opening Ceremonies For April 22, 2009 to be arranged by Councilman Catlin)

18:28:36 Youth Council Member Anthony Garcia offered the Reverence.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:28:50 Council Member Pratt reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:29:50 There were no citizen comments, and Council Member Pratt closed the citizen comment period.

18:29:59 Council Member Pratt recognized members of Scout Troops #1997 and #1041, who were in attendance.

1.4 Mayor's Report

18:30:41 Mayor Russ Wall reported that the Salt Lake Community College Men's Basketball Team recently won the Jr. College Athletic Association National Championship. The Mayor stated that the team will be honored at the April 22, 2009 City Council Meeting.

18:31:25 Mayor Wall noted that the Taylorsville Police Department celebrated its four-year anniversary today, April 1, 2009.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Rand Kunz, Economic Development Committee – *Vice-Chairman Catlin*

18:31:59 Council Member Morris Pratt nominated Rand Kunz to serve on the Economic Development Committee.

18:32:13 Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **MOVED** to appoint Rand Kunz as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Council Member Pratt called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Youth Council – Youth Council Chair Natalie Noakes

18:32:54 Youth Council Chair Natalie Noakes reported on the Youth Council Leadership Conference held recently at Utah State University. Photographs taken at the Leadership Conference were illustrated.

Ms. Noakes noted that Youth Council members recently assisted with the Taylorsville Art Show.

Ms. Noakes reported that former Youth Council Member Joey Pehrson was elected as the new Youth Council Chairman, but then revealed that this was an “April Fools” joke. Ms. Noakes reported actual results for the Youth Council Officer elections, as follows: Amy Braithwaite as Youth Council Chair; Kourtney Miles as Vice Chair; Anthony Garcia as Mayor; Noel Gilbert as Recorder; and Colton Gardner, Heidee Pehrson, and Jessica Beauchamp as Council Members.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – CCWS 3-11-09 & RCCM 3-18-09

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

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 **Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m. – Proposed Zone Change from A-1 to MD-1 on Property Containing 0.39 Acres Located at 2030 West 5400 South**

Community Development Director Mark McGrath described the nature of an application received from Troy Ricks for a zone change at 2030 West 5400 South in Taylorsville. He illustrated the subject property on aerial photos and vicinity maps.

18:38:52 Mr. McGrath noted that this zone change request is to facilitate an office building on the subject property. He stated that it is consistent with the current General Plan. Mr. McGrath relayed that both Staff and the Taylorsville Planning Commission have given recommendation for approval of this request. He noted that this project will be a nice transitional use between 5400 South and surrounding residential properties.

18:39:47 Mr. McGrath called for questions on the application. Council Member Rechtenbach inquired about the possible consolidation of driveways.

18:40:10 Mr. McGrath noted that 5400 South is a State facility and access will be determined by the State. He said that the City and the applicant will pursue driveway consolidation through the conditional use process.

18:41:03 Council Member Pratt opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

18:41:23 Applicant Troy Ricks relayed that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has required one driveway for the project.

18:41:47 There were no additional comments and Council Member Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

5.1.1 **Ordinance No. 09-14 – Proposed Zone Change from A-1 to MD-1 on Property Containing 0.39 Acres Located at 2030 West 5400 South – Mark McGrath**

18:42:06 Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 09-14 – Proposed Zone Change from A-1 to MD-1 on Property Containing 0.39 Acres Located at 2030 West 5400 South. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Council Member Pratt called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-

excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 09-08 – Acceptance of a Donation from the State Highway Safety Office – *Chief Del Craig*

18:43:43 Police Chief Del Craig presented the subject resolution to accept donation of a 16-foot trailer from the Utah State Highway Safety Department. He stated that the trailer will be used for bike rodeos and to transport equipment, i.e. traffic cones, signage, motorcycles, etc.

18:43:45 Chief Craig addressed questions from the Council. He confirmed that the Police Department has vehicles available to pull the trailer.

18:44:47 Council Member Les Matsumura **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 09-08 – Acceptance of a Donation from the State Highway Safety Office. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Council Member Pratt called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Discussion Regarding the Federal Government Stimulus Grant – *John Inch Morgan*

18:45:29 City Administrator John Inch Morgan stated that this is the first of a number of discussions to be held regarding available federal stimulus money. He explained that those funds most readily available to municipalities are for infrastructure and energy.

18:46:00 Mr. Morgan described the COPS Hiring Recovery Program that is currently being offered through the Stimulus Grant. He stated that up to \$1 billion is being made available to local municipalities to fund new police officers at the entry level, including 100% of their compensation and benefits for 36 months. He explained that there is no limit as to how many officers municipalities might hire through the grant, but those who participate must commit to retain such officers for an additional year following the first three years. Mr. Morgan noted that any increases given during the four-year period would come from the City's general fund. He called for direction from the Council as to interest in participating in the COPS Program.

18:47:21 Mr. Morgan addressed questions from the Council. He confirmed that the COPS funding includes all salaries, benefits & retirement for the first 36 months of hire, but the City is

responsible for equipment needs. He relayed that there is currently only one unfilled allocation in the Police Department.

18:49:01 Police Chief Del Craig stated that the allocations must remain in place for a four-year period and cannot be used over time to replace existing positions. He cited the three purposes for use of the grant, as follows: (1) to hire new officer positions; (2) to rehire officers who have been laid off; or (3) to rehire officers who are scheduled to be laid off on a specific future date.

18:49:59 Chief Craig explained that the deadline to apply for the COPS grant is April 14, 2009 and Mr. Morgan stated that the City then should have 180 days to utilize the grant.

18:51:32 Chief Craig clarified that this grant is to be used for expansion of the police department.

18:51:46 Council Member Catlin recommended applying for the grant and gave reasons that he supports the concept.

18:52:21 Chief Craig gave additional clarification on the allocations provided under the grant.

18:53:37 Mayor Wall noted the City must budget for the additional allocations.

18:56:10 Mr. Morgan explained accounting procedures for utilizing the COPS grant and discussed related equipment expense.

18:57:53 Chief Craig stated that he would like to take advantage of the grant and called for direction from the Council.

18:58:49 It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with application for the grant.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 ***Ordinance No. 09-15 – Approving a Request for Indemnification and Legal Representation Stemming from a “Notice” Given to the City with Respect to Mayor Russ Wall, Judge Michael Kwan, Judge Marsha Thomas, John Brems, Del Craig, Joseph Corbett, and Mickey Pahl, Resulting from their Official Duties with the City of Taylorsville – John Brems***

18:59:28 City Attorney John Brems presented the subject ordinance regarding a “Notice” that was received from an individual in regard to several City employees. He stated that two additional notices have also recently been received from the same individual and indemnification relating to these notices will be brought before the Council at a later date. It was noted that the

individual appeared in the Justice Court earlier in the day and his yard was also cleaned up today, April 1, 2009. It was noted that this individual also met with Mayor Wall for discussion and may be more compliant in the future.

19:02:16 Mr. Brems made additional clarification on the two additional notices that are still pending.

19:02:24 Mayor Wall gave explanation regarding the City's legal representation from the Utah Local Government Trust. He said that if indemnification is not filed, the Trust may not defend individuals.

19:03:16 Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 09-15 – Approving a Request for Indemnification and Legal Representation Stemming from a “Notice” Given to the City with Respect to Mayor Russ Wall, Judge Michael Kwan, Judge Marsha Thomas, John Brems, Del Craig, Joseph Corbett, and Mickey Pahl, Resulting from their Official Duties with the City of Taylorsville. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Council Member Pratt called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 Update on the West Valley City Animal Shelter Construction **– John Inch Morgan**

19:05:08 City Administrator John Inch Morgan introduced Jake Arslanian, West Valley City Administrative Facilities Manager, who is overseeing construction of the Taylorsville/West Valley City Joint Animal Shelter.

19:05:17 Mr. Arslanian rendered a PowerPoint Presentation regarding status of the new Taylorsville/West Valley Animal Shelter being constructed at 3500 South 4400 West. He illustrated photos of the project and described specific aspects of the facility.

19:09:16 Mayor Wall gave clarification regarding Taylorsville's pro-rated interest in the building and noted that the City is partial owner of the Animal Services facility only.

19:10:35 Mr. Arslanian referenced the challenges of winter-time construction. He stated that about four weeks have been lost due to snow, but construction is now only one week behind schedule. He gave clarification on the design of canine and feline kennels within the shelter.

19:13:24 Mr. Arslanian reviewed more specifics of the building's structure and design.

19:15:50 Mr. Arslanian reported that the new building is approximately 30% complete at this time.

19:16:47 It was noted that Mayor Wall recently adopted a cat during the new shelter's groundbreaking ceremony. Mr. Arslanian cited united goals to increase adoptions at the animal shelter.

19:18:00 Mr. Arslanian stated that the new facility is slated for completion during July of 2009.

19:19:05 Mayor Wall requested that the Taylorsville logo be prominently displayed on the new building.

19:19:32 Mr. Arslanian confirmed that the "Taylorsville/West Valley City" name will be displayed on the new facility.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

19:20:10 City Administrator John Inch Morgan distributed "thumb" drives containing the Tentative FY 2009-2010 Budget Packet to Council Members. Mr. Morgan then described the current budget process.

19:21:07 Council Coordinator Jessica Springer was directed to provide Council Chairman Handy his electronic copy of the tentative budget packet.

19:21:57 Mr. Morgan relayed that he will be presenting the tentative budget for Council consideration on April 22, 2009. He noted that all projected revenues are fairly tentative. He explained that he will be e-mailing regular budget updates to the Council.

19:21:21 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington and Mr. Morgan illustrated the Budget Plan and reviewed documents contained in the budget packet. Mr. Morgan relayed that the Budget Summary for 2009-2010 will be placed on the City website and made available to the public.

19:26:18 Mr. Morgan reviewed specific budget lines and described the new budget format being used. He referenced the impact of lower revenues this year. He relayed that the City's December, 2009 sales tax was 17% below last year.

Mr. Morgan briefly illustrated an "April Fools" budget on the Council screen, but clarified that the actual tentative budget has been provided to Council Members on the discs provided.

19:29:27 The Council was asked to e-mail any questions or comments to Mr. Morgan, with copies provided to all Council Members.

19:29:42 Mr. Morgan confirmed that he will present the official ordinance for adoption of the tentative budget during the April 22, 2009 City Council Meeting. He stated that the City's IT Technician Troy Hansen is available to help access the electronic format of the budget, if necessary.

19:30:10 Council Member Pratt inquired about the recent Redwood Road Beautification Open House. He expressed concern about the late notice received by the Council for that meeting.

19:30:05 Mr. Morgan reported that the Contractor was responsible for notification. He relayed that 40 to 50 individuals were in attendance during the two Open House Sessions held (afternoon and evening). He said that written comments were received and contained mostly positive feedback.

19:32:33 Community Development Director Mark McGrath stated that comments that were received regarding the project during the Open House were overwhelmingly favorable. He noted that a series of meetings will be held in the future to officially update the public and the City Council.

19:33:31 Mr. Morgan agreed to ask the Project Engineers to send future meeting notices directly to Council Members' homes or to send out the notices earlier in advance.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

19:34:03

- 9.1 City Council Work Session – Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, May 6, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2009 – 6:30 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19:35:20

- 10.1 Two Easter Egg Hunts – Saturday, April 11, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. SHARP!
Valley Regional Park – 5100 S. 2700 W. and T. John Labrum Park – 1850 W.
6100 S. For children ages 12 yrs. and under.**
- 10.2 Free Concert, SLCC/Taylorsville Symphony – Tuesday, April 14, 2009 – 7:30
p.m. – Jefferson Junior High – 5850 S. 5600 W. Enjoy music from Brahms –
Academic Festival Overture, Copland – *Hoedown from Rodeo*, Schubert –
Symphony No. 8, Holst – *Suite No. 1*, Holst – *The Planets Suite – Jupiter*, and
Holst – *The Planets Suite – Mars***

10.3 Town Meeting – Wednesday, April 29, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Taylorsville City Council Chambers – 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. Ask the Mayor and City Council questions. Bring your ideas and comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT

19:35:26 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach **SECONDED** the motion. Council Member Pratt called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Matsumura-yes, Pratt-yes, and Handy-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 04-22-09

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder