

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, February 20, 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
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief

Excused: Council Coordinator Jessica Springer

Others: Daryl Gudmundson, Tyler Newton, Caleb Newton, Marcus Newton, Aubree Newton

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:20 Chairman Barbour 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. Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report for the Community Development Department, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

18:02:57 Council Member Christopherson commented on the BRT Project. He suggested that this project is favorable for the City. It was noted that this is a project that has been discussed at length over the years.

18:05:15 City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave a brief description of the computer and office equipment to be surplussed. He described ways that the equipment will be advertised for bid. He noted that if good prices are not obtained, he will dispose of computers through donations to schools. Council Member Burgess cited the importance of ensuring that the public understands why the City can no longer use the equipment. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification on the life of such equipment. Mr. Morgan noted that most computer equipment has a four-year turnover rate, but some is much older. He explained that in some cases old hardware will not support new software.

18:06:55 Council Member Christopherson inquired about any option to sell the equipment to residents. Mr. Morgan confirmed there is that option and the availability of the surplus equipment will be posted on the City website. He confirmed that the equipment will be stripped of software.

18:09:19 Mr. Morgan reported on a meeting earlier in the day with VECC members where the question was raised whether Taylorsville will be withdrawing its membership. He noted that a decision on this issue is needed soon for budgeting decisions.

3. Adjourn

18:10:17 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Wayne Harper, Economic Development Assistant
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Lisa Schwartz, Emergency Response Coordinator

Excused: Jessica Springer

Others Present: Jay Ziolkowski, Daryl Gudmundson, Tyler Newton, Caleb Newton, Marcus Newton, Aubree Newton, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Teresa Rechtenbach, Royce Larsen, Lynn Handy, Joshua Warnock, Mathias Warnock, Dave Ballou, Rebecca Schwendimann, Bry Davis, Janelle Ericson, Ralph Baer, Donna Pittman, Karen Tibbitts, Thane Tyler, Master Sergeant Michael Nehring, Chris Wright, Cole Arnold, Jeff Christiansen, Laury Christiansen, Andrew Christiansen, Tyler Breinholt, Marin McIff, Chet Nichols, Rod Lambert, Ben Franklin, David Breinholt, Linette Breinholt, Rhonda Iseksen

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:31:10 Chairman Dama Barbour called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 Vice-Chair Overson**

18:32:03 Council Member Kristie Overson introduced her neighbor, Mathias Warnock, who directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Reverence – Council Vice-Chair Overson (Opening Ceremonies
For March 6, 2013 to be arranged by Youth Council)**

18:33:06 Joshua Warnock offered the Reverence by reciting the Gettysburg Address.

18:35:03 Chairman Barbour recognized scouts in attendance from Troop 850. She also recognized Master Sergeant Michael Nehring, who was the model for the Veterans Memorial Statue at City Hall.

18:36:19 Finance Director Scott Harrington recognized his counter-part on the Youth Council, Aubree Newton. UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski introduced his counter-part on the Youth Council, Tyler Newton.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:37:24 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

18:38:15 UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski relayed information about the Taylorsville Exchange Club Rush Party on February 28, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. He explained that the Exchange Club is seeking volunteers to join in service opportunities, i.e. the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade, promoting Americanism, Child Abuse Prevention, and recognizing youth who have overcome obstacles in life. He noted that the Exchange Club meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m. and invited all to participate.

18:40:48 Rhonda Iseksen thanked elected officials for approving the new wall that was recently completed along 4100 South, east of Redwood Road. She relayed the gratitude of citizens in that neighborhood. She presented Council Member Ernest Burgess with a large thank-you card signed by residents in the area referenced.

18:41:35 Daryl Gudmundson spoke on behalf of a group in attendance in opposition to the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system alternative to be considered later in the meeting. He said his group does not believe the option presented is the locally preferred option. He raised concerns regarding tax that would be generated and suggested that there are not enough residents and businesses that would be affected. He suggested that the proposed system benefits a larger

majority of people outside of Taylorsville. Mr. Gudmundson stated that the City should not burden its citizens by subsidizing a transit system that will not benefit local residents. He discussed issues surrounding Salt Lake Community College.

18:48:59 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Dama Barbour closed the citizen comment period.

1.4 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's report was given.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Eagle Scout Presentation - *John Inch Morgan*

18:49:39 City Administrator John Inch Morgan relayed that one of his privileges as the City Administrator is to be the recipient of Eagle Projects. He suggested that it is appropriate to have scouts come on an annual basis to discuss projects performed in the City.

18:51:00 Mr. Morgan invited all those in the room who are Eagle Scouts to come forward. Mr. Morgan asked Eagle Scouts who have completed projects in the last few years to briefly introduce themselves and state what their project entailed.

18:52:43 The following Eagle Scouts were recognized: Matthew Tibbitts, Kemmer Johnson, Kristopher King, Parker Nelson, Thane Taylor, Dallin Schwartz, Dan Delap, Matthew Wall, Austin Kauer, Andrew Christiansen, Zachary Wall, Blake Perkes, Jackson Lightfoot, Michael Nehring, Daniel Burkhart, Christian Felger, Preston Velora, Adam Westover, Helaman Makalio, Mahonri Makalio, Siale Makalio, Peter Makalio, Senituli Loamanu, Tairu Leilua, Siasosi Brown, John Halauea, Atunaisa Mahe, Samuel Teauga, Pauliasi Komiti Nuku, Aisea Vea, Sione Teauga, Tevita Teauga, Jeffery Fauolo, Mafileo Makalio, Sitiveni Nuku, Sione Bloomfield, Vuni Valu Bloomfield, Sekope Tuitavake, Viliami Tuitavake, Smona Tapusoa, Stanley Kalanite Brown, Tyler Breinholt, Joshua Warnock, and Tyler Newton.

3.1.2 Recognition of Eagle Scout Achievement
- *Bry Davis, President Elect of the Great Salt Lake Council*

18:58:26 Bry Davis, President Elect of the Great Salt Lake Council, thanked elected officials and the Eagle Scouts present for their efforts. He listed three important ideals taught and exemplified by scouts: (1) Develop Personal Fitness (emotional, physical, and mental); (2) Citizenship Training; and (3) Character Development. Mr. Davis congratulated the Eagle Scouts in attendance.

Mayor Rechtenbach cited the high caliber of youth in Taylorsville and congratulated the Eagle Scouts on their accomplishments. Tokens were given to each of the new Eagle Scouts.

19:05:59 Lisa Schwartz illustrated aspects of Eagle projects completed in the City via Power Point Presentation.

19:09:17 Mr. Morgan introduced Luisi Makalio, who was the leader for 24 Eagle Scouts honored in this particular group over a two year period. Mr. Morgan presented her with flowers as a token of appreciation from the City.

19:09:39 Tyler Breinholt described his Eagle Project in detail and presented photos of his efforts to stock emergency caches in Taylorsville.

19:11:41 Tyler Newton described his Eagle Project in supplying and organizing the Cert Cache at Bennion Elementary. He illustrated photos of the project and cited shelves that were built with donated materials.

19:14:16 Ms. Schwartz also recognized Joshua Warnock for his recent Eagle Project.

19:14:48 Council Member Johnson relayed that, as a business owner, he always gives special consideration to job applicants who are listed as Eagle Scouts. He encouraged the Eagle Scouts in attendance to list their Eagle Scout rank on job applications.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no matters for the Consent Agenda.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 **Resolution No. 13-02 - Declaring Support for the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Proposed Taylorsville Murray Bus Rapid Transit Project - Mark McGrath**

19:15:55 Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented a Powerpoint presentation regarding the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Proposed Taylorsville-Murray Bus Rapid Transit Project. He gave background on the project and described the preferred alternative. He noted that the team from the Utah Transit Authority is in attendance and would welcome any questions.

19:18:17 Council Member Larry Johnson inquired whether no cost to Taylorsville was promised when this project was originally proposed. Mr. McGrath indicated that he was not aware of any such conversation. He confirmed that if the City participates in any way, it will have to come before the City Council for approval.

19:19:58 Mayor Rechtenbach recalled that he was part of the Advisory Team that put the project together, and it was never assumed that Taylorsville would not have some participation. He noted that there is almost always a match of some sort by the local government for transportation projects. He confirmed that any monetary contribution would have to come before the Council for approval.

19:21:43 Janelle Ericson, of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA), introduced herself and addressed questions from Council Member Larry Johnson. Mr. Johnson expressed concern that the UTA will come to the city and ask for a lot of money at a future time. Ms. Ericson cited the economic development benefits of the project and suggested that the overall cost could ultimately be less than the projected \$29 million.

19:23:49 Council Member Johnson made several observations about potential ridership. Mr. Morgan gave clarification on actual numbers for daily ridership

19:25:24 Janelle Ericson explained that contributions toward cost could be through land donation, etc. She noted that the project is only in the conceptual stage right now.

19:26:00 Mayor Rechtenbach observed that this project will bring growth to the community, will spawn economic development, and will also serve students at Salt Lake Community College. He cautioned against "putting heads in the sand" and cited the need to look toward the future. He acknowledged that transit systems are always subsidized and do not pay for themselves. The Mayor also noted that taking cars off the road is an investment in the City's clean air.

19:28:08 Mr. Morgan gave explanation as to why the recommendation presented is the preferred alternative, i.e. it passes major businesses parks and provides student transportation with a connection to TRAX and frontrunner, etc.

19:29:47 Council Member Brad Christopherson stated that he has spent the last few days visiting with constituents and learning more about the project. He thanked Daryl Gudmundson for his great questions. He observed that the City needs to find a way to connect to the public mass transportation system. He said he believes there are riders that will use the system and cited 18,000 individuals traveling to the Salt Lake Community College. He suggested that the project will help cut down on pollution and traffic. Council Member Christopherson further explained that this project started in 2008 and is in the initial phase, with additional phases planned. He encouraged interested citizens to meet with Community Development Director Mark McGrath to have questions answered. Council Member Christopherson noted that he, himself, is not an expert in mass transit, which is why the City funded a study. He cited a need to spur economic development in order to increase the City's tax base without passing costs to citizens. He suggested that this project will help bring in businesses that want mass transit availability. He acknowledged that no Council Member wants to raise taxes. He observed that this is a forward-looking decision that must be made and is the best alternative to alleviate transportation problems at Salt Lake Community College and connect to the mass transit system. Council Member Christopherson noted that this is a better alternative than Taylorsville creating its own form of transportation system. He urged interested parties to obtain facts about the project instead of working with assumptions.

19:37:12 Council Member Johnson stated that he can support going forward, but is simply concerned about the potential cost to Taylorsville

19:38:22 Mayor Rechtenbach noted a correction needed to the alignment shown in the handout provided. He clarified that the alignment shown on Mr. McGrath's Power Point presentation is the correct alternative.

19:39:02 Council Member Johnson cited businesses that have closed in West Valley City due to limited access on 3500 South. Mayor Rechtenbach acknowledged that this issue has been noted, but factors surrounding the Taylorsville route will not be the same as those on 3500 South.

19:39:54 Council Member Ernest Burgess questioned how the preferred route selected was chosen. Mr. McGrath explained that the initial study in 2008 analyzed and identified sensible transit areas. He observed that beginning at the point of 5300 South was a logical choice and there was an obvious need to terminate at the Salt Lake Community College, with stops at key locations between those two points. He noted that different alternatives were researched and discarded for one reason or another. He observed that the route covers the manufactured home community where there is a large need for mass transit.

19:43:07 Council Member Burgess questioned how bus rapid transit (BRT) compares to Light Rail. Mr. McGrath confirmed that other transit modes were considered as part of the alternative analysis and the three finalists were bus rapid transit, street car, and light rail. He explained that the street car option does not have sufficient carrying capacity and the light rail option was eliminated mostly due to cost; and BRT has increased flexibility over light rail. He summarized that the two reasons for selecting BRT came down to cost and flexibility. He cited other successful BRT systems in Eugene, Oregon, Cleveland, Ohio, and Las Vegas, Nevada. He observed that nearly every large metropolitan area in the United States is completing BRT.

19:45:54 Council Member Johnson observed that a lot of the \$29 million cost will be for construction. He asked about cost updates and Mr. McGrath stated that there will be more meetings in the near future and he will keep the Council updated. He noted that the UTA has a pretty good track record for coming in under budget.

19:47:48 Council Member Burgess inquired about the involvement of other cities in this project. Mr. McGrath clarified that both Murray and Salt Lake County were involved in the current study. He observed that other communities are anxious to get mass transit systems in their areas, especially in relation to economic development prospects. He acknowledged that most cities are working toward obtaining mass transit systems.

19:49:10 Mayor Rechtenbach stated that he has emailed a link to Council Members for current BRT projects in the Country.

Chairman Barbour thanked Mr. McGrath for the information provided and for his efforts on this project.

19:49:30 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 13-02 - Declaring Support for the Locally Preferred Alternative for the Proposed Taylorsville Murray Bus Rapid Transit Project. 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: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

Council Member Johnson noted that he is still interested in the project's potential costs for Taylorsville.

19:50:26 Council Member Burgess asked that the Administration work with the Council to relay factual information on this issue to citizens.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 **Resolution No. 13-04 - Declaring Certain Assets and Equipment of the City of Taylorsville as Surplus to the Needs of the City, and Directing the City Administration to Establish a Method of Disposal that Yields a Fair Economic Return to the City - *John Inch Morgan***

19:50:17 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution for Council consideration. He noted that fiscal policies and state laws require that plans to surplus City equipment be brought to the Council for approval. He cited office equipment and also a used truck on the list of surplus items. He explained that hardware on old computers will not support new software and are, therefore, no longer of use to the City. He acknowledged that computers will be wiped clean and existing software will be removed. Mr. Morgan stated that he will take any computers that are not sold to schools for donation.

19:53:31 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 13-04 - Declaring Certain Assets and Equipment of the City of Taylorsville as Surplus to the Needs of the City, and Directing the City Administration to Establish a Method of Disposal that Yields a Fair Economic Return to the City. 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: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 **Resolution No. 13-03 - Withdrawing the Notice of Intent to Withdraw from Membership in the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center - *John Inch Morgan***

19:54:24 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution to confirm the City's desire to withdraw its notice of intent to withdraw from membership in the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center.

19:55:06 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 13-03 - Withdrawing the Notice of Intent to Withdraw from Membership in the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center. 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: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-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)

19:56:11

- 9.1 State of the City Address - Wednesday, February 20, 2013 - 3:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Strategic Planning Retreat - Fri., February 22, 2013 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 9.3 Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, February 26, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 Mayor's Town Hall Open House - February 27, 2013 - 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Work Session - Wednesday, February 27, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
- 9.6 Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, March 6, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.7 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 6, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9.8 Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, March 13, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.
- 9.9 City Council Meeting - Wednesday, March 13, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

Clarification was given that the starting time for the Strategic Planning Retreat is actually 8:00 a.m. on February 22, 2013.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

19:58:31

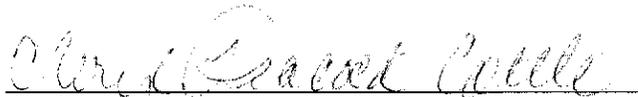
- 10.1 *Taylorsville-SLCC Symphony* Presents their 10th Season Black Tie Italian & Latin Flair – February 22, 2013 – 7:30 pm. at Taylorsville High School – for ticket and other information please visit: www.taylorsvillesymphony.wix.com/site
- 10.2 *Registration for the Taylorsville Art Show* – February 26 & 27, 2013 – 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – for more information and entry forms visit: www.taylorsvilleut.gov/arts.main.html
- 10.3 *Taylorsville Art Show* – Friday, March 1, 2013 from 3pm – 8pm and Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 10am to 2pm – Awards will be presented Saturday, March 2, 2013 at 2:00p.m.
- 10.4 *Taylorsville Iditarod* – Saturday, March 2, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. - For more information visit: <http://taylorsvilleurbaniditarod.blogspot.com>

19:59:40 Council Member Johnson asked whether there will be further discussion regarding a potential change to Council meeting times. It was determined to put this matter on next week's agenda for discussion.

City Administrator John Inch Morgan described the new location at the Riverton Fire Station for the Strategic Planning Meeting on February 22, 2013. Mr. Morgan indicated that he will be driving the City van from City Hall to the Riverton Fire Station if anyone cares to meet him at 7:15 a.m. in order to carpool.

11. ADJOURNMENT

20:02:53 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. 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: Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 03-06-13

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder