

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 6, 2012
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Russ Wall

Council Members:

Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach
Vice-Chairman Dama Barbour
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Larry Johnson
Council Member Kristie Overson

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
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Robin Bronson, Human Resource Specialist
Wayne Harper, Administrative Assistant
Michael Kwan, Judge
Aimee Newton, Communications Director

Others: Jennifer Schwendiman, Charles Christopher, Jay Ziolkowski

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:07 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach 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 Rechtenbach called for questions on the Administrative Report, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

18:02:18 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Mayor Wall requested that he be allowed to give his Mayor's Report just prior to Agenda Item 6.3 during the regular meeting.

City Attorney John Brems gave clarification on Agenda Item 3.1 regarding an Ordinance for the Green Committee.

City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave background information relating to the inter-local agreement with Salt Lake County to transfer the T. John Labrum Park property to the City.

18:08:08 Chairman Rechtenbach noted that the first regularly-scheduled City Council Meeting for the month of July will fall on the Independence Day Holiday. It was agreed that the two regular Council Meetings for July will be re-scheduled for July 11, 2012 and July 18, 2012; no Work Session will be held in July.

3. Closed Session

18:09:53 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the Briefing Session and convene a Closed Session to discuss the professional competence of an individual at 6:09 p.m. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Chairman Rechtenbach-yes. **All members of the City Council voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

CLOSED SESSION

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

A meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday, June 6, 2012 was closed to discuss the character and professional competence of an individual, wherein no other items were discussed.

Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn this Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. and convene the regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he

called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

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Robin Bronson, Human Resource Specialist
Wayne Harper, Mayoral Assistant
Michael Kwan, Judge
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official
Kristy Heineman, Deputy Recorder
Tracy Wyant, Police Lieutenant
Jean Ashby, Administrative Assistant
Mike Ricketts, Police Sergeant
Doug Barney, Police Officer
Travis Mechling, Bailiff
Lisa Schwartz, Emergency Response Coordinator

Citizens: Sharon Wall, Gordon Wolf, John Gidney, Jennifer Schwendiman, Alan Anderson, Jack Lucas, Charles Christopher, Royce Larsen, Dave Ballou, Jay Ziolkowski, Sidnee Huff, Bailey Wyatt, Erin Penrose, Israel Grossman, Pam Roberts, Rhetta McIff, Brett McIff, Pam Manson, Don Breitling, Ruth Breitling, Jon Fidler, Daniel Hannon, Gaylord Scott, Michael

Jensen, Rebekah Whyte, Dan Fazzini, Tifanie Pulley, Steve Ashby, Scouts from Troops 77 and 916, Lynn Handy, Jennifer Lyon Arnold, Dan Hannon, Judy Moore, Allison Christensen, Jerry Milne, Gary Swensen, Ron Ward, Ryan Faircloth, Read Arnold, Andrea Richardson, Karen Jentzsch, Chris Despain, David Despain, Stan Snarr, Linda Snarr, Phil Stone, Raelynne Stone, Jessica Kasparian Gomez, Susan Taylor, Sylvia Milner, Kendall Anderson, Tom Ollis, Jesse Eskelson, Julie Warburton, Tim Earnhart, Harold Winkler, April Eskelson, Spencer Braithwaite, Scott Berlin, Carol Berlin, Mary Beth Lauritzen, Eugene Holder, Karren Holder, Steve, Holders, Becky Holders, Aspen Earnhart, Bridgett Raymundo, Thania Eshelson, and Henrie Holder

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:49:38 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the meeting to order at 6:49 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 – Youth City Council Member Sidnee Huff

18:51:35 Taylorsville Youth Council Member Sidnee Huff directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – Youth Council Member Bailey Wyatt (Opening Ceremonies For June 20, 2012 arranged by Council Member Barbour)

18:51:46 Taylorsville Youth City Council Member Bailey Wyatt offered the Reverence. She read a poem by Rudyard Kipling.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:52:44 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:54:43 Royce Larsen commented on the proposal to join the Unified Police Department (UPD) and noted that he has served as a volunteer with UPD through the City of Midvale. He shared observations that the UPD has a higher level of security for officers and also that the salaries are more secure. He cited larger overhead for management and said he believes strongly that morale would improve among the officers through UPD, as well.

18:56:45 Daniel Hannon discussed economic incentives for bringing businesses into the community. He cautioned that it is rare for a positive return on such investments and is not beneficial for cities. He cited examples of the Larry Miller Theater in West Valley City and also referenced returns on investments in South Jordan and West Jordan. He stated that these areas

are looking to raise property taxes again due to the lack of a positive return on investments. He concluded by stating that it is important to be cautious with regard to these types of incentives.

18:59:30 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Rechtenbach closed the citizen comment period.

18:59:57 Chairman Rechtenbach recognized scout Troops 77 and 916 who were in attendance.

1.4 Mayor's Report

Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to postpone Agenda Item 1.4, Mayor's Report, until just prior to Agenda Item 6.3. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

19:42:02 Mayor Wall showed a Power Point Presentation in regard to the proposed 2012-2013 Budget. He reviewed the sales and property tax history for the City. Mayor Wall stated that the City's total budget is about \$20 million dollars. He gave explanation on the way the City's portion of property tax is assessed and the amount of revenue actually received. He noted that if taxes are raised by the City a truth in taxation hearing will be required. Mayor Wall cited the loss of sales tax over the past few years due to the recession, as the City dropped from \$8.4 million dollars to \$6.7 million dollars in sales tax revenue. He attributed this drop to the fluctuation in gas prices, food prices, etc. He noted that when the Administration first noticed the downward trend, a 5% cut across the board was made to the 2008/2009 budget; the budget was then cut by 5% again in 2009/2010.

19:46:00 Mayor Wall stated that when Taylorsville was established in 1996, there was a desire for the City to be self-sustaining and to be a standout community. He noted that Taylorsville quickly gained the reputation of being very frugal and was nicknamed "The Contract City," as Taylorsville formed alliances with other cities to save money. Mayor Wall noted the difference between being frugal and being cheap. He cited the City's 40-year old storm drain system and observed that maintenance services have been needed for that and also to extend the life of City streets.

19:50:00 Mayor Wall cited maintenance needed in areas of the City and the dollar amount needed to provide such. He referenced citizen comments that have been received in regard to the budget and said all such comments have been taken into consideration. He observed that Taylorsville is the lowest taxed city in the State with comparable populations. Mayor Wall noted that Taylorsville is currently at a place where there are no other options available to maintain the

same status. He noted that economic development aspects for Taylorsville are about eight years behind neighboring cities. Mayor Wall stated that Taylorsville has professional financial advisors on its Budget Committee who are regularly presented with budgets in order to make determination on financial feasibility.

Mayor Wall cited large shopping areas and buildings that are vacant at this time throughout the City and noted that there are serious decisions that need to be made in order for Taylorsville to move forward competitively. He listed two options available for becoming a standout City, 1) Taylorsville can be a better community with higher property taxes; or 2) look at some of the examples that are listed by residents as being preferable communities, i.e. Sandy, South Jordan, Riverton, etc. Mr. Wall indicated that these other communities have made the decision to reinvest in their city. He referenced the 40% tax increase proposed in the budget presented by Administration, which translates in dollar value to \$6.75 per month for a \$190,000 home. He stated that increased revenue would enable reinvestment in the community by revitalizing the streets, beautifying the main traffic corridors, investing in dead or dying shopping center areas and thereby allowing Taylorsville to become a city that attracts more businesses. He suggested that the choice can be made to have the tax increase or to stay status quo and continue to allow the City to move in a downward direction. Mayor Wall cited proposals for wall projects in the City and said that placing decorated walls throughout the City would attract new businesses. He observed that such improvements would make a difference in how residents, new businesses and visitors perceive the City.

19:58:30 Mayor Wall discussed the need for neighborhood restoration and adhering to code enforcement. He relayed that when new businesses consider locations they look for well-maintained homes, schools, and streets; low crime rates; arts; traffic streetscapes; and quality of life opportunities. He noted that additional improvements are needed to Redwood Road to address traffic congestion and to provide beautification that will attract new businesses and families.

20:04:00 Mayor Wall noted that the City of South Jordan spends \$115.00 per year per capita on economic development expenditures, whereas Taylorsville spends \$5.00 per year per capita. He suggested that if Taylorsville continues to spend \$5.00 a year, it will also continue to have empty stores because businesses are moving to other cities where they are being given incentives. He noted the correlation between economic development expenditures and returns back to the City in sales tax dollars. He compared the expenditures of surrounding cities versus their sales tax dollars returned.

1.5 Best of Taylorsville Award Presentation – *Rhetta McIff, LARP Chair*

19:02:13 LARP Chair Rhetta McIff presented the *Best of Taylorsville Award* to Taylorsville residents Ruth and Don Breitling. Ms. McIff encouraged Taylorsville residents to participate by nominating their neighbors for this award.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 ***Ordinance No. 12-10 – Amending Section 2.24.100 of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances with Respect to the Green Committee – John Inch Morgan***

19:05:32 City Attorney John Brems presented the subject ordinance for minor amendments to Section 2.24.100 of the City Code in regard to the Green Committee. He noted that the amendments were requested by Green Committee Chair Jack Lucas.

19:06:49 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 12-10 – Amending Section 2.24.100 of the Taylorsville Code of Ordinances with Respect to the Green Committee. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3.1.1 **Green Committee Report and Award Presentations** **– Jack Lucas, Chair**

19:07:27 Green Committee Chair Jack Lucas reported on recent activities of the Taylorsville Green Committee. He presented GIFT (Green Ideas for Taylorsville) Awards to Taylorsville students Aspen Earnhart, Bridgett Raymundo, Thania Eslhelson, and Henrie Holder.

19:09:23 Mr. Lucas recognized award contributors American Express Corporate, Salt Lake County Sanitation, National Energy Foundation, and YMCA. He specifically thanked Dan Clayton of American Express, Pam Roberts of Salt Lake County Sanitation, Janet Hatch of the National Energy Foundation, and Danielle Latta of the YMCA.

19:10:39 Grand Prize Recipient Aspen Earnhart, of Plymouth Elementary, described her ideas for making a difference in the community through recycling efforts.

19:12:59 Bridget Raymundo, of Vista Elementary, thanked the Green Committee for her award. She received additional tokens for her efforts.

19:14:17 Thania Eshelson, of Fox Hills Elementary, and Henrie Holder, of Bennion Elementary, were also recognized and presented with additional tokens for their efforts.

19:16:33 Mr. Lucas described recent initiatives of the Taylorsville Green Committee. He noted that the Green Committee is comprised of eight members who meet once a month and are involved in efforts such as the G.I.F.T. program previously described. Mr. Lucas noted that this is an annual effort that he hopes will continue with the support of generous contributors. He stated it is the committee's belief that increasing awareness of adults in regard to green efforts is best accomplished through children. Mr. Lucas commented that children appear to have a stronger awareness and urgency. He recommended encouraging and supporting that awareness through the G.I.F.T. program. He cited joint efforts with Salt Lake County Sanitation and the National Energy Foundation to provide lectures and classroom presentations to elementary-aged classrooms within the Taylorsville area regarding the benefits of renewable energy, recycling and conserving resources. Mr. Lucas relayed that the Green Committee feels there is a real need to inform and educate residents regarding the benefits of sustainability.

Mr. Lucas commended Taylorsville residents for doing a great job in recycling. He observed that this has benefitted the landfill by removing hundreds of tons of garbage, as well as reducing the cost associated for landfill fees by \$90,000.00+. Mr. Lucas noted that the Green Committee would like to promote a Sustainability Fair in the spring to include demonstrations and presentations for further education on the subject of recycling and sustainability. He cited a desire to hold a kite flying contest to emphasize the potential of wind energy.

Mr. Lucas commented that the Green Committee would like to see the development of a recognition program for businesses within the community that demonstrate efforts to reuse and recycle. These businesses would be recognized by local media.

It was relayed that the Green Committee has emphasized the development of a green waste collection program through Salt Lake County Sanitation. Mr. Lucas stated that there have been recommendations made to officials encouraging bike paths within the community. Mr. Lucas noted that there is more that can and should be done by the Green Committee in Taylorsville. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the Green Committee.

19:22:54 Council Member Kristie Overson thanked Mr. Lucas for his efforts. She noted that it was good timing on the committee's part to address the Council due to the large number of citizens present at this meeting. Council Member Burgess thanked the Green Committee for helping Taylorsville youth gain a greater awareness of conservation efforts.

Mr. Lucas thanked Council Member Ernest Burgess for his support as advisor to the Taylorsville Green Committee.

3.2 Youth Council – *Erin Penrose, Youth Council Chair*

19:23:59 Youth Council Chair Erin Penrose reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Taylorsville Youth Council. She noted that Youth Council Members will be helping with the Taylorsville Dayzz event by volunteering their time at the 5K Run, the Lions Club Breakfast, and the City Booth. They will also be helping with the unveiling of the Veterans Memorial after the parade where the public is welcome.

3.3 Quarterly Report, Unified Fire Authority – *Jay Ziolkowski*

19:24:37 Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski reported on recent activities of the Unified Fire Authority in Taylorsville.

19:24:52 Chief Ziolkowski showed a video presentation capturing the recent participation of Council Member Kristie Overson in Fire School 101. It was relayed that three City Council Members, Kristie Overson, Dama Barbour, and Ernest Burgess, along with Communications Director, Aimee Newton, all participated in the Fire School. Mr. Ziolkowski thanked all those involved. He noted that additional video clips are available for those who participated.

19:30:58 Chief Ziolkowski introduced Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Chief Michael Jensen, along with UFA Deputy Chief Gaylord Scott and Assistant UFA Chief Royce Haakenson, who is Area Commander for the Taylorsville area. Chief Jensen presented an award to Mayor Russ Wall for his several years of service on the UFA Board. It was noted that Mayor Wall served as Board Chairman for one year and has been Chairman of the Governance Committee for the past three years.

Chief Jensen listed personnel for the UFA, as follows: 420 sworn fire fighters, an additional 60 full-time merit staff members, and 150 paid on-call officers (part-time wild land and part-time fire fighters). He stated that UFA has a total budget of \$58 million. He mentioned that Mayor Wall has been very instrumental in steering the UFA. He also thanked the City Council for their support of UFA.

19:33:33 Chief Scott noted that the UFA is an organization that is run by the elected officials. He attributed Mayor Wall with providing much knowledge and positive influence.

19:33:41 Chief Haakenson commented that he recently had the opportunity to travel to Maryland with Mayor Wall and his staff and has gotten to know them both professionally and personally. He observed that Taylorsville has staff members who do a great job for the City.

19:34:32 Chief Ziolkowski noted that Mayor Wall was recently awarded the “*Best of State*” Award as Taylorsville Mayor. He welcomed Council Chair Jerry Rechtenbach as the new member of the UFA Board to represent Taylorsville.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 05-02-12 & CCWS 05-09-12

19:35:27 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda, with one typographical correction previously noted by Council Member Overson. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 **Resolution No. 12-23 – Approving the Adoption of an Inter-local Cooperative Agreement Between Salt Lake County and the City of Taylorsville for the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located at 6041 South Jordan Canal Road for Use as a Public Road and Public Park and Open Space** – John Brems

19:36:45 City Attorney John Brems presented the subject resolution to adopt an inter-local cooperative agreement with Salt Lake County to transfer property known as T. John Labrum Park.

19:37:29 Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 12-03 Approving the Adoption of an Inter-local Cooperative Agreement Between Salt Lake County and the City of Taylorsville for the Transfer of Certain Real Property Located at 6041 South Jordan Canal Road for use as a Public Road, Public Park and Open Space. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m. – To Receive Public Comment on the Final Amendment to the Current Year’s Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

19:40:25 Chairman Rechtenbach opened the public hearing on the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget and called for citizen comments.

6.2.1 Discussion Regarding the Current Year’s Budget for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year – *John Inch Morgan*

19:38:32 City Administrator John Inch Morgan outlined final amendments to the current year’s budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. He cited additional revenues to be recognized, as follows: an additional \$45,000 in sales tax and a one-time line adjustment in the Police Budget of \$45,000 for additional maintenance and vehicle fuel. Mr. Morgan stated this is the only adjustment in the year-end budget. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification on the adjustment amount and Mr. Morgan confirmed that the adjustment amount is actually \$50,000.

19:40:48 There were no citizen comments and Chairman Rechtenbach declared the public hearing closed.

19:41:26 The Mayor’s Report was given at this time (see Agenda Item 1.4).

6.3 Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m. – To Receive Public Comment on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

20:55:33 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach opened the public hearing on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 and called for citizen comments.

20:55:53 Jon Fidler asked that he be allowed five minutes to address the Council, as he was representing a group in attendance. He spoke against the proposed 40% tax increase and encouraged Council Members to vote against such. Mr. Fidler went on to say that he has listened to all the discussions supporting the tax increase and feels that the reasoning behind it is flawed. Mr. Fidler stated that approving the tax increase would not bode well for officials in the upcoming election. He suggested a 10% minimum cut to the budget. Council Chair Jerry Rechtenbach encouraged Mr. Fidler to stay focused on his comments and abstain from making threats to the Council. Mr. Fidler commented that over the past few weeks he has built a network of voters across Taylorsville that oppose the tax increase. He cited the opinion of one citizen in Council Member’s District who is unhappy with the proposed budget.

Chairman Rechtenbach commented on Mr. Fidler’s public comments by stating that his own interest in making decisions for the City is not based on public votes, but rather on making sure

he is doing the right thing for the City by moving ahead and implementing worthwhile programs needed to make the community a better place to live.

21:03:08 Tifanie Pulley spoke against the proposed tax increase. She stated that she has talked to citizens who share both views. She expressed concern regarding the end-goal for the City. She noted that she has attended West Valley City's budget meetings and was disappointed. She thanked the Taylorsville City Council for bringing in the UFA, but raised concerns over joining UPD. Ms. Pulley said that she is grateful for the City Council's interest in public safety. She suggested that Taylorsville is not like any other city and is known for its compassion and its volunteerism. She commented that she would like that to be the end goal.

21:05:57 Steve Ashby, who lives in District 5, stated that he is a lifetime resident of Taylorsville and an active volunteer for the City. He commented that he donates as much time as he possibly can in rendering professional services and also contributes taxes as a Taylorsville citizen. He said he endorses the decision for a tax increase. He also stated that \$6.00 may not be enough to do everything needed, but said he is happy to pay the money if it maintains the standard of living that was enjoyed while raising his children in Taylorsville. Mr. Ashby observed that it is necessary to invest in the City and compared that need to a citizen's need to eventually reinvest, improve, and maintain his home. He noted if Taylorsville sits back and does not make the investment, other surrounding cities will receive new businesses and opportunity will be missed to have viable businesses locate in Taylorsville.

21:08:11 Judy Moore, a resident of District 2, commented on the proposed budget and spoke against the proposed tax increase. She stated that the tax increase takes away Taylorsville's reputation of being frugal and efficient. She discussed incentives that might be given to businesses for locating in the City and stated that it is arguable whether the business benefits the whole of the community.

Allison Christensen, who lives in District 1, spoke against the proposed tax increase. She listed her concerns for the increase and stated that it would place a significant burden on families with young children and residents with fixed incomes.

21:15:21 Jerry Milne, from District 2, spoke in favor of the tax increase. He commented that he does not know of anyone who has ever invested in a home, business or car and has not had to come up with money to pay for it. He stated that, although it may be unpleasant, it is necessary to make improvements. He noted that if the City is going to improve infrastructure and not be a mediocre City, but rather a community to be proud of, investments are needed.

21:17:32 Dave Ballou, of District 3, spoke in favor of the tax increase. He noted that he did not support the proposed increase last year. He expressed hope that the police department will be funded to its maximum. Mr. Ballou said he disagrees with how Mr. Fidler earlier stated his

opinions, but called for an apology from Council Chairman Rechtenbach. Mr. Ballou observed that Mr. Fidler is a citizen and has a right to state his opinion.

21:19:33 Gary Swensen spoke in favor of the Mayor's proposed budget and addressed the idea of bonding. He cited many years that he represented the community on the Granite School District Board and observed that Taylorsville would not have been able to build several schools if the City had not bonded to do so. He suggested that sometimes bonding is necessary. He relayed that he also represents the community on water needs, as he serves on two boards that are responsible for providing the community with water. He noted that if the City does not bond for certain projects, necessary infrastructure will not be provided.

21:21:01 Lisa Schwartz, of District 3, spoke in favor of the tax increase. She noted that the only tax increase the City has had since incorporation was in 2006. She relayed her belief that citizens should be willing to listen to presentations in order to make educated decisions. She mentioned that she was offended by earlier comments. She also cited a need for citizens to invest in the City if they want to keep it an appropriate place to live, raise children and have necessary services provided. She said that she is hearing citizens say that they want something for nothing. Ms. Schwartz commented that the contract services used by Taylorsville have experienced increased costs and, as residents, it is unfair to ask contractors to cover those costs simply because residents do not want to pay for them. She summarized by saying that it is time to do what needs to be done to make Taylorsville a city that has good police and fire protection. She observed that as long as Taylorsville sits by and does nothing, while surrounding cities grow and prosper, businesses are going to move elsewhere and not want to come into Taylorsville.

21:23:50 Jennifer Lyon Arnold stated that, although her father lives in Council Member Barbour's District, he has been very ill recently and was previously misrepresented during a citizen comment. She stated that her father is currently in the hospital and does not have access to the necessary budget information, but has relayed that he loves living in Taylorsville. She mentioned that she likewise loves the wall that has been built in Council District 4. Ms. Arnold suggested that a tax increase is needed, but 40% may be a little high; however, she does not want to have Taylorsville look like Kearns. She noted that, when driving across the border between Taylorsville and Kearns, a definite difference is noticed. She thanked elected officials for providing a good community in which to live.

21:25:37 Ron Ward, District 2, stated that there is a need for more information in order to make intelligent decisions. He commented that he would like to have more data about return on investments and see statistics with regards to the effectiveness of the UFA and UPD. He commented that he is not in favor of a 40% tax increase. He stated that he has noticed money wasted on beautification projects. He suggested a 5% tax increase as a maximum.

21:27:58 Ryan Faircloth said he believes 40% is too much of an increase. He stated that he has lived in Taylorsville his entire life and suggested that there needs to be a realistic view that Taylorsville will not change over night. He suggested that the proposed tax increase is unrealistic.

21:29:11 Rhetta McIff observed that residents who are most interested in the City come to the Council Meetings, gain knowledge and make informed decisions. She challenged residents who do not have this knowledge to join City committees, come to City meetings and become a part of the process. She commented that people will use their personal income for those things that are meaningful, valuable, and bring purpose to their lives. She encouraged residents to invest in their City.

21:31:52 There were no additional comments and Chairman Rechtenbach declared the public hearing closed.

21:32:04 Chairman Rechtenbach called for a personal privilege and apologized to Mr. Fidler for his earlier remarks. He also apologized to residents for the long wait before having the public comment portion of the meeting. He noted, however, that he felt it was important to conduct discussions and make budget presentations in order to provide appropriate information to citizens before accepting comments. He invited citizens to remain for the rest of the discussion so that they might be informed about decisions being made.

Mr. Rechtenbach adjourned the meeting for a five-minute break.

21:55:48 The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

6.3.1 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget Discussion – *John Inch Morgan*

20:06:39 Chairman Rechtenbach invited UFA Chief Michael Jensen to present financial analysis data regarding a proposal for Taylorsville to join the Fire District. Mr. Rechtenbach noted that Taylorsville is a full member of the Unified Fire Authority, but is not a member of the Salt Lake Valley Fire District. He stated that, as a member of the UFA Board, he has been examining the possibility of joining the Fire District and feels there is value in doing so.

20:12:10 Chief Jensen discussed the potential necessity to increase Taylorsville UFA staffing levels, build another fire station, etc. He outlined current staffing levels at the two stations within the boundaries of Taylorsville. Chief Jensen addressed procedures for handling a large structure fire, noting that a ladder truck is the optimal way to battle this type of fire. He commented that if Taylorsville were to join the District, the State would require the City to reduce its tax rate and the Fire District to increase its tax rate. He relayed that the District would be prepared to build a new station along 6200 South between 2700 West and Redwood Road,

beginning immediately. He discussed whether or not a new fire station is needed in Taylorsville and cited optimal response times to be 4-6 minutes. He gave medical reasons for these response times. He noted that a fire will double in about 43 seconds and stated 8 minutes is the current "window" for response. He advised that if other stations from outside the City are required to respond, due to multiple calls at once, the response time lengthens.

Council Chairman Rechtenbach questioned why additional fire fighters during construction would be needed. Chief Jensen clarified that, as the City would be paying for the service during construction, the District would ensure the service level was appropriate. Mr. Rechtenbach observed that adding new personnel would not help response times because the response times would not change until a new fire station was complete. Chief Jensen noted that it would help response times at station #118 because there are multiple calls received at that station and adding more personnel would benefit the overall response time.

20:16:45 Chief Jensen explained minimum and maximum levels of adjustment to the tax rate, as required by the State. He stated that residents currently pay \$194.38 annually for fire services and the cost for the Fire District would be \$219.00. The difference is calculated to be \$25.00 per year, or \$2.11 per month, for a new fire station. Chief Jensen clarified that this rate would zero out the City's tax rate.

Council Member Ernest Burgess asked for the cost of building a new fire station and what the timeline would be. 20:22:42 It was relayed that fire stations are currently built at a cost of \$3.5 million. Chief Jensen explained that an assessment was done in 2007 and 2008 and results indicated that a few stations need to be rebuilt and new stations are needed in large growth areas. At that time, the Fire District approached the public with the need to build new stations and requested bonding for them; residents confirmed the request and a tax increase was then implemented to build the stations. Chief Jensen stated that over the past four years, five new stations have been built. He relayed that the District is now in a position where money has been saved to rebuild some of the older stations in the Fire District and the District has now proposed shifting the priority of some of those stations to move construction of a new Taylorsville Fire Station to number two on the list. He commented that the new station cost would already be built into the current numbers and there would be no added expense. Chief Jensen clarified that it takes 10 to 12 months to build a new fire station, depending on the zoning and acquisition of land.

Chairman Rechtenbach brought up the potential rebuilding of Fire Station #117. Chief Jensen stated that this project would be placed on the priority list and would be discussed with the District to determine the date of construction. He noted that one of the issues with Station #117 is that it is outdated and there is no room for a ladder truck. Chairman Rechtenbach advised that if Taylorsville is not a District member, the cost for both of the stations referenced would be paid for by the City of Taylorsville and a bond would likely be needed to fund construction. Chief

Jensen confirmed this to be the case. He noted that this is one of the differences in joining the District, as opposed to being a regular member of the UFA. He explained that, as a regular member of the UFA, the City owns its stations and has responsibility for the capitol maintenance of such; however, when joining the Fire District, the District takes on the funding requirements, the apparatus, and the construction responsibility since the cost of such is built into the tax rate.

Council Member Dama Barbour questioned how Taylorsville City's assets would be accounted for. Chief Jensen stated that the assets the City has now would be different in the future. He cited a process wherein the attorney for the District would work with Taylorsville City Attorney John Brems and a resolution would be drawn up to convey the stations to the District. He noted that the agreement would include a "reverter clause" stipulating that if the City wants to remove themselves from the UFA or the District in the future, the stations would then revert back to the City.

20:27:29 Council Member Barbour inquired about the makeup of the District Board. Chief Jensen stated that there are currently six members, as follows: three representing the unincorporated part of Salt Lake County and one each from Herriman, Riverton and Midvale. He explained that Salt Lake County has three representatives covering the areas of Kearns, Magna and Millcreek and County representation is based on population. He noted that if one of those areas should incorporate, the County's representation will be reduced accordingly and those cities would have their own membership. Council Member Barbour asked if another board member will be added to represent Taylorsville if the decision is made to join the District. Chief Jensen clarified that Taylorsville Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach currently sits on the UFA Board and if the City joins the District, he will represent Taylorsville on both boards.

20:28:45 Council Member Burgess raised concern about potentially being able to withdraw from the District. He observed that the City would not be able to withdraw until all funding for the construction of the stations was paid in full. Chief Jensen confirmed that the City could withdraw if they paid their portion of the construction debt.

Discussion was held on the potential adjustment to property taxes. Chief Jensen explained that residents would see a State mandated offset from what is currently paid to the City. He referenced Option B and presented the economic impact to the residents for this option.

20:32:20 It was confirmed that the only way to withdraw from the Fire District is through a vote of the people. Chief Jensen recommended the option that would tax residents approximately \$122.00 per year, or around \$10.00 per month. He reminded the Council that the City can remain a member of the UFA without joining the Fire District, but the options have been presented as a scenario should a need for increased fire and EMS protection be determined.

20:37:00 Discussion was held regarding the potential costs to the City for increased fire protection and EMS if Taylorsville does not join the Fire District. The need to bond for construction of fire stations was cited, along with associated interest costs. Mayor Russ Wall also reminded the Council that capital improvements should be funded every year, as well. Chief Jensen confirmed that several options are available.

20:40:11 Chief Jensen relayed his recommendation to build the new Taylorsville Fire Station at 6200 South and 2700 West. He noted that this site would cover the 6200 South Corridor and leave only a couple of streets within the City that are not covered by the six-minute response window.

Council Member Ernest Burgess questioned potential timing for the City to join the Fire District. Chief Jensen explained that there are two windows for joining: January 1st and July 1st. He outlined the provisions and process required for Taylorsville to join the Fire District. He advised that State statute requires the Council to adopt a resolution asking the Fire District to consider annexing the area that is Taylorsville City into the District. At that time, a letter would be sent to all residents within the City stating the intentions of the City and the Fire District. A public hearing would be held, not sooner than 10 days after the letter is sent. The District Board would then hold a public hearing at City Hall and residents would be able to comment. After the public hearing, there is a 30-day window during which time citizens are allowed to protest the decision. At the end of the 30 days, the District Board would meet and make a decision to accept the annexation. Chief Jensen noted that joining the District could not be accomplished by July 1, 2012; however, the process could commence in the fall of 2012 and be completed by January 1, 2013.

20:42:00 Council Member Johnson raised concerns with current emergency response times in the City. Mr. Jensen explained that there are times when multiple calls have required the need for fire stations outside of Taylorsville to respond. He observed that Taylorsville is densely populated, which results in a high volume of calls. He relayed that Station #118 has historically been ranked #1 or #2 in call volume and when call volume is high, the response time goes up.

20:43:21 Council Member Overson summarized her understanding of the proposal and noted that if the City joins the Fire District, improved coverage would be provided, but instead of the City writing the check, the funds come out of property taxes. Chief Jensen confirmed this to be correct and said the overall question is whether police and fire departments should have a dedicated funding source. He observed that if Taylorsville joins the Fire District, a public policy statement would be made that fire and emergency medical service is so important that it has been given its own dedicated funding source. That funding source would not then be competing with any other type of funding in the City.

City Administrator John Inch Morgan commented that the City has been a net importer of services and that is the reason the contract is \$150,000 more than last year. Chief Jensen reiterated that there are currently areas in Taylorsville for which the Kearns Fire Station and other stations are providing first-response service.

City Administrator John Inch Morgan provided clarification on adjustments that would be made and the process the District would follow to impose the new tax rate for 2013. He noted that the Fire District budget operates on a calendar budget rather than on a July Fiscal Year budget.

Council Member Barbour said she believes this decision comes down to a philosophy question. She noted that the City has always had a "pay as you go" mentality and the question now is whether the City will continue that philosophy or whether the City will utilize bonds to cover the necessary expenses for fire protection and EMS.

20:49:00 Council Member Johnson inquired how many more expenses were going to be added to the proposed budget. Chairman Rechtenbach stated his reasoning for asking Chief Jensen to present this proposal and noted that the City currently has two bonds, a proposed third bond, and also a potential fourth bond for significant economic development needs. He stated that he is not comfortable floating four bonds. Mr. Rechtenbach said that he sees joining the Fire District as an opportunity to shift a portion of the taxing authority to the District on behalf of the services they are providing. He noted that this would allow the City to avoid interest charges associated with bonding and would give the City more leeway to cover necessary expenses with the "pay as you go" philosophy rather than going into debt. He commented that this option also provides a potential mechanism to allow the City to move forward. He reiterated Mayor Wall's comment that the City is at a crossroads and is falling behind on projects that should have been done sooner. Chairman Rechtenbach asked Chief Jensen to prepare Option B-1, showing the percentage of property tax that would be utilized, and also an Option C that would change the target amount from \$1.6 million to \$2 million. He stated that he would like to have these proposals made available for discussion at the June 13, 2012 Work Session Meeting.

Chief Jensen gave explanation on the Fire District bond and capitalized interest that has enabled the District to put the difference into the bank for three years. He indicated that there is now no need to bond or charge interest because the cash is available to the Fire District.

20:55:09 Council Member Overson stated that she has appreciated the information presented and would like to see the requested proposals brought back for a more in-depth discussion at the Work Session. She commented that there are a lot of citizens waiting to make comments and suggested that the meeting be moved in that direction.

21:57:10 Chairman Rechtenbach asked that the Council resume with Agenda Item 6.3.1.

City Administrator John Inch Morgan called for discussion on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2012-2013.

- **Non-Departmental Budget:** City Administrator John Inch Morgan observed that the major increase in the Non-Departmental budget is in salary and wages. He relayed that the Emergency Response Coordinator position is going to move to 30 hours per week and there is a market adjustment for that position, as well as a 3% increase added. Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington noted that there are three part-time van drivers and insurance costs will decrease \$60,000 as a component of the decision to join UPD. He stated if that option is not chosen, the insurance costs will need to be readjusted. Chairman Rechtenbach asked for clarification regarding insurance costs. He stated his understanding that they were not calculated into this portion of the budget. Mr. Harrington noted that they were included in this section upon Mr. Rechtenbach's request. Council Member Larry Johnson asked for clarification on the \$5,000 budget for hospitality and promotions. Mr. Morgan explained that this budget is used for quarterly general staff meetings where lunch is provided. He noted that these meetings are necessary to discuss policies, rules, etc. Chairman Rechtenbach cited a \$67,000 decrease in this budget section. Mr. Morgan stated that \$60,000 is for UPD and the remainder would be the rate reduction due to fewer liability incidents. Scott Harrington stated that property insurance values had been re-evaluated as well, with a \$5,000 to \$10,000 decrease because the Trust has made reassessments. Council Member Larry Johnson asked for a listing of the various membership fees. Mr. Morgan stated that he would provide a list to Council.

- **Government Buildings:** The compensation in this fund is for property management personnel, including custodians, supplies, repairs/maintenance, and improvements such as the Veteran's Memorial. Discussion was held on the funding for ground maintenance.

- **Planning Commission:** Mr. Morgan noted that the Planning Commission does a wonderful job for the City. Explanation was given on the need for travel and training, with Mr. Morgan stating that Planning Commission Members are taken to various areas for educational and research purposes.

- **Community Activities:** Mr. Morgan noted that this is a longstanding portion of the budget and is used for both the Taylorsville Youth Council and Taylorsville Arts Council events that the City considers co-sponsoring. He noted that the Little League organization often requests these funds.

- **Citizen Committees:** Discussion was held regarding the Sister Cities Program. Mayor Wall stated that, although Taylorsville has been a Sister City for two years, it has not really participated in the program. Chairman Rechtenbach questioned the reason for having the Sister Cities Program under the heading of Citizen Committees. Mr. Morgan noted that it can be moved upon request. Council Member Johnson recommended that the Sister City Program be

discontinued. Council Member Ernest Burgess asked for clarification on the Sister City Program. Mayor Russ Wall stated that a province in China, known as Taoxin, has requested that Taylorsville sponsor them as a Sister City. He explained that they are interested in an exchange of information with the life science businesses located in Taylorsville, i.e. Nelson Laboratories, Sorensen Research, and the Deaf Center. Chairman Rechtenbach noted that the program is in its third year, but no funds have been utilized. He asked about any anticipation of expenses this year. Mayor Wall commented that Taoxin has proposed a possible exchange trip in 2013. He suggested that eventually the program needs to move forward or the City needs to advise Taoxin that it is no longer interested in participating. Mayor Wall noted that Sister City programs typically benefit both sides of the organization or they don't get developed. The Council was polled and the consensus was to remove the Sister City Program from the budget. Mr. Morgan noted that funding in the Citizens Committee budget is down by 1.4% and relayed that the decrease is due to the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee becoming a 501(C)(3) which allows them to raise and keep their own funds. It was noted that the Historic Preservation Committee budget is based on grants. Mr. Harrington stated that their typical budget is \$2,000, but if more grants are brought in throughout the year, resolutions will be brought before Council to recognize adjustments. Mr. Harrington cited carry-over amounts for grants that were not utilized during this fiscal year.

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- Public Safety: Mr. Morgan noted that the Fire Contract is increasing by approximately \$150,000 and the Animal Services Contract is going up by about \$52,000. He clarified that the Animal Services increase is a proportionate share of the overall increase experienced by West Valley City. It was confirmed that the budget for Code Enforcement covers two full-time employees, plus benefits. Council Member Ernest Burgess raised the possibility of contracting with Salt Lake County for animal services. Mr. Morgan noted that the Council has discussed this possibility previously. He referenced comparisons with animal services costs in Midvale City. He noted that Taylorsville has contractual obligations with West Valley City and has participated in building the animal shelter there. He observed that the reason West Valley City bonded for the building was because Taylorsville was willing to participate. He relayed that it is possible to discontinue contracting with them, but there would be penalties. Mr. Morgan stated that this option could be discussed in further depth if the Council desires. Council Member Burgess asked for a comparison of services between Salt Lake County and West Valley City. Mr. Morgan gave further explanation. He also noted that Salt Lake County is currently looking at divesting themselves of all municipal services and the end result is unknown at this point. Mr. Morgan said he is willing to research the idea further, but feels the penalties for breaking the contract with West Valley would not be beneficial for this fiscal year. He acknowledged that the increase in rates being implemented by West Valley City will affect the bottom line. He clarified that anything collected by Taylorsville through animal licensing is offset against the contract price. Mayor Wall confirmed that it will be about three years before the contract could be ended without a big penalty. Mayor Wall clarified that there were some challenges experienced when the City previously contracted with Salt Lake County. He noted that part of the reason for the

higher rates with West Valley is due to negotiations on Taylorsville's part for some increased services.

- Public Safety (continued): Mr. Morgan cited the pass-through for VECC services. Council Member Larry Johnson observed that a decision still needs to be made about UPD. He suggested that there are no projections for costs next year if the City joins UPD. Mayor Wall responded that costs projections for UPD next year would be based on the same decisions needed if the City continues to fund its own police department, as it depends on what amount of service is provided and what amount the Council is willing to pay. Mr. Morgan noted that current UPD projections are provided in the budget, but there are also some future unknowns relating to compensation, fuel, and maintenance. Mr. Johnson asked if the contract would be for one year. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the term is the same as the current contract with UPD, and only the amount would change. Discussion was held on the possibility of withdrawing from UPD in the future. Mr. Morgan said he cannot envision why the City would withdraw from the UPD, unless something dramatic transpired.

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- Public Works: Council Member Larry Johnson inquired whether the new lighting system in the City has resulted in the savings initially anticipated. Mr. Morgan stated that it is too early to say, as there are still areas in the City that need updating. He cited the increased cost of electricity. Mr. Harrington observed that the City is saving money with the new lighting system, but the capital component is included in this year's budget because the lights are wearing out. Council Member Burgess asked if the budgeted amount is the same as it was three years ago. Mr. Harrington clarified that three years ago the City was approaching this same amount and it has been lowered over the past three years. He also noted that about 1000 street lights have been added. Chairman Rechtenbach asked for clarification between the difference in the Public Works Contract budget line and the Public Works Repairs and Maintenance line. Mr. Harrington explained that Public Works Contract is the contract with Salt Lake County for snow removal and other services provides. The Public Works Contract Repair and Maintenance is for additional roadwork, bridge work, etc. John Inch Morgan advised that at one time there was one line item for public works; however, in the last few years the Public Works budget has been broken down so that there is an option to contract with Salt Lake County and/or a private vendor for services.

City Engineer John Taylor addressed questions on road repairs and clarified that the money from last year's fund was brought forward this year to use on collector roads and other heavy traffic areas. He cited next year's plan to put the money into neighborhoods. Mr. Morgan asked Mr. Taylor to discuss the snowplow savings. Mr. Taylor explained that the unused portion of the snow plow fund has been put toward road maintenance of local collector roads. He noted that anything budgeted under public works for snow plow services that was not used went back into road maintenance (approximately \$200,000). Mayor Wall commented that he is currently on a committee comprised of mayors from local cities to research the possibility of creating an

organization similar to UFA and UPD for public works, where Cities could join a district or contract for services. Council Member Ernest Burgess asked if there was a timeframe involved in creating this organization. Mayor Wall reported that the concept has been discussed for about six months; a consultant has now been hired to research the cost for services per area and also to determine the process involved in composing a board. Mayor Wall commented that this board would be much larger than UFA, as there would be 16 municipal entities, plus the County. He also noted that there would be a much wider variety of services provided.

- Parks/Land: It was explained that this fund is for dedicated parks, with the exception of the City Center Park. Mr. Morgan stated that this service was bid out and there was one response received. He relayed that Administration is recommending that contract services be continued through Salt Lake County. Council Member Kristie Overson asked about maintenance of the Bass Fishing Pond. John Inch Morgan gave clarification on stocking fish and the need to keep algae and other parts of the pond maintained.

- Community Development Director Mark McGrath called for questions on his departmental budget. He clarified that the GIS software is not an increase in spending, as the program was moved from the Economic Development Department to the Community Development Department. Council Member Ernest Burgess asked for explanation on the need for this software. Mr. McGrath clarified that the budgeted amount covers both maintenance of the Intergov Software, which is the database system, and also the GIS cost which is the mapping and business analysis. Mr. McGrath confirmed that GIS service is absolutely necessary. He noted that other departments use it extensively, as well.

22:52:51 Scott Harrington addressed questions regarding the Fund Balance. He relayed that there is nothing scheduled this year to be used from the fund balance. Mr. Harrington stated that over the next two weeks, the fund balance amount will be finalized for the upcoming year's budget. It was confirmed that the minimum fund balance requirement is 5% and the maximum is 18%. Mr. Morgan stated that the amount spent on funding police officers last year does not need to be replaced because the fund balance is budgeted and set at a certain level every year. Mayor Wall noted that part of the reason for the proposed tax increase is due to using the fund balance in the past for ongoing expenses. He also stated if there is any proposal to take any more out of fund balance, he will veto that budget. Mr. Morgan asked the Council to keep in mind that the fund balance is an emergency fund and the current balance will only keep the City in operation for about 6 weeks. If there is an emergency where funds into the City are interrupted, the City would need to run off the fund balance and expenditures will go beyond the budget. Chairman Rechtenbach summarized that the City cannot continue to spend its savings account for ongoing expenses.

- Economic Development: No questions were raised.

- Debt Services: Chairman Rechtenbach asked if this account was strictly for Existing bonds. Mr. Harrington clarified that it includes \$100,000, which is the interest payment for a \$5 million bond on the wall project.

22:57:20 Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he is not supportive of the wall project and suggested that it be removed from the budget. City Administrator John Inch Morgan noted that some of the wall projects are for safety along with beautification. He commented that if the Council does not bond, then they should consider paying as they are built.

22:58:38 Council Member Dama Barbour commented that community enhancement is absolutely necessary for economic development. She said she would prefer the wall project be left in until the Council decides on the bonding issue.

22:59:04 Council Member Ernest Burgess stated he is very concerned about safety for citizens on 4100 South and suggested that the wall project be left in until further discussed.

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- Transfers: Mr. Morgan cited \$200,000 being transferred from the General Fund for future undetermined capital projects. He suggested that this is not a sufficient amount for capital projects, but is a marker at this point. Mr. Harrington relayed that all the money from the 2006 bonds has been spent and there is a minimal amount left for projects. Mr. Rechtenbach commented on the difference in the previous year's fund and this year's fund. Mr. Harrington gave clarification on Fund 45 for infrastructure revenue and expenditures. Mr. Rechtenbach asked why the funds are being allocated now rather than when the need arises. Mr. Taylor cited the project list presented in the information packet for planned projects. He recommended that \$1.5 million be allocated for projects. He agreed that the \$200,000 amount is not enough, but will be a start for matching some federal funds, i.e. the Redwood Road Project. Mr. Morgan noted that to transfer the funds at a later time requires opening the budget and holding a public hearing. He also stated that the amount reflected is for upcoming expenditures.

23:07:00 Council Member Kristie Overson observed that the purpose for Transfer Fund is to begin planning for upcoming projects. Council Member Burgess commented that the only way to add to this fund would be to raise taxes even higher. This was confirmed. Mr. Morgan acknowledged that funds can also be reallocated.

23:08:28 John Taylor commented on the block wall project and stated that there is a 30% immediate savings on materials by ordering a large amount and completing the whole project at once.

Council Member Larry Johnson suggested that the meeting be adjourned at this time and discussion of the Add Packages be postponed until the June 13, 2012 City Council Work Session.

23:09:11 Council Member Ernest Burgess asked Mr. Taylor to bring back more detailed explanation on the wall project in regards to costs.

23:09:54 Council Member Barbour said she would like to determine philosophies before discussing Add Packages. John Inch Morgan reminded Council Members that a public hearing has been advertised for the Redevelopment Agency of Taylorsville City Board Meeting to immediately follow adjournment of this Council Meeting.

23:11:24 Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach suggested postponing the Add Package discussion for another week and then presented the following proposal: to incorporate UFA Option B into the budget at \$1.6 million and also to put together a \$2 million option for review; to remove the proposed tax increase; to remove the \$5 million bond for the walls; and to remove \$20,000 for the Sister Cities Program. Chairman Rechtenbach said he feels strongly that if the Fire District option is approved, it would eliminate the need for a tax increase on the part of the City. He said this will also allow the elimination of additional bonding, will allow the City to pay as it goes, and will avoid interest payments on the bond. He suggested that this proposal may also make it possible to include some of the Add Packages. He stated that he would like to review the budget once these changes are incorporated.

23:13:36 Scott Harrington asked if the Council would be voting on these changes. Mr. Rechtenbach called for a vote of the Council on whether they would like to see this new version of the budget in order to begin discussion at next week's meeting. He noted that the new version would need to be made available as soon as possible in order to give Council Members time for review before next week's Work Session.

23:15:14 Council Member Overson asked for clarification on whether Chairman Rechtenbach's proposal includes self-funding the City's police department or going with the Unified Police Department (UPD). Chairman Rechtenbach stated that his proposal is to leave the UPD Option in the new version of the budget.

23:16:58 Chairman Rechtenbach stated that he would like to see a yearly truth in taxation hearing held. The Council was polled on whether or not they would like to see the recommended budget changes, as proposed by Chairman Rechtenbach, and hold further discussion of such at the Council Work Session on June 13, 2012. Council Member Overson voted in favor; Council Member Johnson voted no, as he is not sold on UPD; Council Member Barbour voted yes; and Council Member Burgess voted yes.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding July Council Meeting Dates – *Chairman Rechtenbach*

Chairman Rechtenbach noted that the first regularly-scheduled City Council Meeting for the month of July will fall on the Independence Day Holiday. It was determined that the two regular Council Meetings for July will be re-scheduled for July 11, 2012 and July 18, 2012; no Work Session will be held in July.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

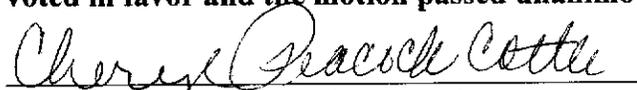
- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.3 RDA Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.5 RDA Meeting – Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10.2 Taylorsville Dayzz 2012 – June 28, 2012 – June 30, 2012 – Visit www.taylorsvilleut.gov for event information.

11. ADJOURNMENT

23:19:09 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, Johnson-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 07-11-12