

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, March 18, 2015
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Larry Johnson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Kelsey, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer

BRIEFING SESSION

6:05:46 PM Chairman Kristie Overson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:05 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Agenda

6:06:41 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that City Lobbyist Charlie Evans will report on the legislative session during the regular meeting.

Chair Overson asked that Council Members who are interested in attending the upcoming ULCT Conference in St. George notify Council Coordinator Kris Heineman to complete registration.

6:09:18 PM Chair Overson called for input on whether the Council would like to hold another budget workshop this year. It was determined that this meeting will be scheduled for April 22, 2015, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6:13:06 PM Chair Overson noted that the minutes from last year's Budget Workshop Meeting can be reviewed in the Council Coordinator Dropbox Folder, under "2015 Miscellaneous Documents."

3. Adjourn

6:15:49 PM Chair Overson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Brad Christopherson

City Staff:

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

Others: Charlie Evans, Brent Overson, Lynn Handy, Scott Warren, Douglas Davis, Debra Johnson, John Gidney, Lisa Schwartz, Kathy Ricci, Ken Donarski, Royce Larsen, Carol Hartwig, Lowell Gallacher, Jason Garn, Richard Garn, Scout from Troop 354

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

6:33:02 PM Chairman Kristie Overson called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 – *Mayor Johnson*

Mayor Lawrence Johnson illustrated a video of his granddaughter reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He then directed those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – *Mayor Johnson* (Opening Ceremonies for April 1, 2015 to be arranged by Council Member Armstrong)

6:37:06 PM Pastor Scott Warren offered the Reverence.

6:38:40 PM Chair Overson recognized a scout in attendance from Troop 354.

1.3 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's Report was given.

1.4 Citizen Comments

Chairman Kristie Overson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

6:39:16 PM Brent Overson read a letter provided to the Council regarding his support of re-naming the Valley Regional Park the "Gary C. Swensen Regional Park."

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

**2.1 Appointment of Douglas Davis to Public Safety Committee
– *Council Member Christopherson***

6:43:02 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson recognized Douglas Davis and nominated him to serve as a member of the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Davis shared his experience as an amateur ham radio operator.

6:44:20 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to appoint Douglas Davis to the Public Safety Committee. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes,

and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Public Safety Committee Report – *Lisa Schwartz*

6:44:54 PM Public Safety Committee Chair Lisa Schwartz reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Taylorsville Public Safety Committee.

6:45:35 PM Ms. Schwartz cited plans for a booth at the upcoming *Taylorsville Dayzz* event to promote emergency preparedness and CERT programs. She relayed that the *Night Out Against Crime* event is being planned for Thursday, August 6, 2015. She referenced last year's participation in this event and encouraged all to attend. She reported that the committee will also support the *Emergency Preparedness Fair* on September 10, 2015.

6:47:29 PM Ms. Schwartz cited a desire to use committee funds to send a committee member or Taylorsville resident to the *Gang Conference* on April 22 and 23, 2015. She described beneficial education provided at this conference in regard to public safety.

6:47:47 PM Ms. Schwartz expressed the committee's desire to support a new UFA program, entitled "Push to Survive." She explained that this program is designed to promote new CPR methods.

6:49:12 PM Ms. Schwartz asked that any citizens who would like to be involved with the Public Safety Committee contact her.

6:49:58 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson thanked Ms. Schwartz for her efforts in leading the Taylorsville Public Safety Committee.

3.2 Unified Fire Authority Report – *Assistant Fire Chief Mike Kelsey*

6:51:01 PM UFA Assistant Fire Chief Mike Kelsey reported on fire services provided in Taylorsville over the previous quarter. He relayed that the new Fire Station has gone through the approval process with the Taylorsville Planning Commission.

6:52:17 PM Chief Kelsey referenced statistics on the following: call volume; 4th quarter fire calls; 4th quarter medical calls; 12-month summary for Stations 117 and 118; and fire prevention activities. He reviewed customer service activities performed by fire fighters through both Stations 117 and 118. He talked about fire safety and the importance of changing out batteries in smoke detectors, flash lights, etc.

6:57:24 PM Chief Kelsey talked about a safety message that is being sent to citizens. He explained that, with the dry winter season, there will be a lot of overgrowth and brush which could potentially cause fires.

Council Member Barbour thanked Chief Kelsey for his report. The Chief answered questions on the new fire station and said that construction is anticipated to begin this summer.

6:59:31 PM Chair Overson cited the decrease in call volume since last year and asked for clarification on a spike in calls during the month of August. Chief Kelsey described weather conditions that affect the number of calls.

7:01:00 PM Chief Kelsey addressed a question regarding staffing at Station 117 and confirmed that the additional fire fighters implemented there are reflected in the numbers provided.

7:01:19 PM Vice-Chair Burgess asked about adjustments to equipment for medical and fire. Chief Kelsey gave clarification on the strategic placement of ambulances.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no matters for the Consent Agenda.

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no Planning Matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 6.1 **Resolution No. 15-04 – Appropriation Resolution Adopting the One-Year Action Plan for the 41st Year Community Development Block Grant Funding, Home Investment Partnership Funding (2015-2016) and Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and the U.S. Department of Housing – *Kathy Ricci***

7:02:26 PM Chair Overson noted that the final allocation of CDBG funds needs to be approved by resolution tonight. She cited a previous email she sent to Council Members proposing slight changes to the Mayor's recommendation, so that The Road Home might also be funded. She also asked for clarification under HOME Funds regarding acquisition, rehab, and new construction.

7:04:02 PM CDBG Consultant Kathy Ricci described a request for a program to refurbish homes in Taylorsville. She clarified that this program is separate from the Down-Payment Assistance Program.

7:04:52 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson cited Chair Overson's email with suggested changes and said he agrees with those changes. He explained how federal funds are allocated and used in Taylorsville.

7:08:27 PM Ms. Ricci noted that any changes to public services must be made only within that category, so cuts to the Family Support Center and the Senior Center cannot be moved to The Road Home. Further discussion and explanation took place regarding proposed changes to the CDBG allocations.

7:13:27 PM Ms. Ricci gave clarification on what comprises administration costs. Additional suggestions were made to cut Tri-Park services. City Administrator John Taylor indicated that services will be lost if a cut is made there. Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess discussed YMCA needs.

7:22:05 PM After additional discussion, Council Member Brad Christopherson made the following recommendation: Reduce the YMCA allocation by \$1700; reduce the Boys and Girls Club allocation by \$500; and allocate \$2200 to The Road Home.

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 15-04 – Appropriation Resolution Adopting the One-Year Action Plan for the 41st Year Community Development Block Grant Funding, Home Investment Partnership Funding (2015-2016) and Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and the U.S. Department of Housing, with the changes he has outlined. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Overson-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 Open and Public Meetings Training and Elected Officials' Roles and Responsibilities – *Tracy Cowdell*

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to table this matter, regarding training on public meetings and the roles of elected officials, to a future meeting. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7:23:58 PM Chair Overson asked City Lobbyist Charlie Evans to provide an update on recent legislative actions that may be relevant to Taylorsville.

7:23:57 PM Mr. Evans reported on the final decision on the gas tax. He relayed that there is a local option imposed by the county which requires a vote of the people to be enacted. He explained that this option includes .1% for cities, with .1% for transit, and .05% for the county. He stated that if this piece is enacted it would bring approximately \$1 million in new revenue to Taylorsville. He cited a \$.05 per gallon gas tax increase that will take effect in May. He said this will generate about \$300,000 for Taylorsville.

7:26:47 PM Mr. Evans clarified his understanding that the Salt Lake County Council will vote whether to put this on a county-wide ballot. He explained that gas tax funds will come to municipalities through the B&C Road Fund; the other portion will be through the sales tax formula, if it is approved by a vote of the people.

7:28:23 PM Council Member Christopherson asked for confirmation that the gas tax funds will result in \$300,000 in new revenue that can be allocated to road maintenance in Taylorsville. Mr. Evans confirmed that this is an approximate amount.

7:29:44 PM Council Member Dama Barbour inquired about any legislative action that will produce help with City projects. Mr. Evans described success that resulted in money being budgeted to help with City projects. He confirmed that there is money approved in the budget for a wall at the Salt Lake Community College. He gave credit to Senator Wayne Harper for helping bring this about. He said that the State Crime Lab located in Taylorsville has also been included in the budget. Chair Overson also cited Council Member Burgess' efforts in being vocal and pushing the wall legislation forward.

7:30:48 PM Chair Overson called for information on legislation regarding townships. Mr. Evans cited previous concern about forced annexations. He relayed that Mayor Johnson had asked for some explicit protection in the bill that would prevent unwanted annexations. He said that language was placed in the bill that protects Taylorsville and prevents borders from being adjusted for metro townships once they are in place.

7:33:08 PM Chair Overson inquired about legislation that might potentially affect the planned retirement community on the west side of Taylorsville. Senator Wayne Harper confirmed that this legislation did not pass, as the bill was drafted too late in the season and never made it out of the House. City Administrator John Taylor relayed that the developer will continue moving forward and the bill will likely be presented next year.

7:35:00 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson asked about the status of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Funding for the 4700 South Line. Mr. Evans confirmed that this is a matter of funding

through UTA. He cited his suggestion to Representative Jim Dunnigan that this matter be discussed as a top priority with UTA. He indicated that the discussion did take place, but he has not yet received a report on such.

7:36:13 PM Vice-Chair Burgess asked for further clarification on funding for the 4700 South BRT Project. Mr. Evans referenced the huge lobbying effort that occurred. He said he anticipates an aggressive campaign to pursue approving the local option gas tax.

7:37:14 PM Council Member Dama Barbour expressed her expectation that the county will put the local option on the ballot, but cited the need to see something from UTA that will benefit Taylorsville.

7:38:35 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell inquired about less criminalization on some of the drug charges and asked if any local impact on Taylorsville is known. He also asked about any changes to the bail schedule.

7:39:25 PM Mr. Evans said he does not know the answers to these questions, but is happy to pursue them. Mr. Cowdell agreed to discuss this matter further with Mr. Evans, as the City may have to prepare.

7:40:20 PM Mr. Evans thanked the City for allowing him to represent Taylorsville. He cited the fine delegation for Taylorsville and asked that he be allowed to prepare a thank you note from the Taylorsville City Council to all the members of the Taylorsville delegation. Chair Overson agreed with this idea and suggested that such a letter could be provided to Council Coordinator Kris Heineman for signatures.

7:41:12 PM Chair Overson thanked Mr. Evans, Mayor Johnson, City Administrator John Taylor, and Senator Wayne Harper for their lobbying efforts. Vice-Chair Burgess added his appreciation.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

7:41:57 PM

- 9.1 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10.1 ***Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – Labrum Park (6100 South Jordan Canal Road) – Sponsored by Bennion Lion’s Club***
- 10.2 ***ULCT Mid-Year Conference: April 8-10, 2015, St. George, UT. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.ulct.org/training-events/ulct-conferences/midyear-coference>***
- 10.3 ***Earth Day Collection Event: Saturday, April 25, 2015; 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; Taylorsville City Hall; Items Collected are: document shredding, electronic waste, prescription drop-off, glass recycling, and household hazardous waste***
- 10.4 ***Taylorsville Dayzz Committee is Now Accepting Applications for Exhibits and Food Vendors. More Information is Available at www.taylorsvilleut.gov or www.taylorsvilledayzz.org***

7:43:45 PM Vice-Chair Burgess relayed that Deseret Industries participation has now been approved for the *Earth Day* event.

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205

7:44:21 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property at 7:44 p.m. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

Sale or Purchase of Real Property

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Larry Johnson, Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Armstrong, and Overson; City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; City Administrator John Taylor; Economic Development Director Wayne Harper; Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Discussion Regarding the Deployment of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Larry Johnson; City Administrator John Taylor; Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Armstrong, Christopherson, and Overson; Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington; City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; Economic Development Director Wayne Harper; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

A meeting of the City Council held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 was closed to discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems, wherein no other items were discussed.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Kristie Overson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Overson-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 8:39 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 04-01-15

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder