

**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

Mayor Lawrence Johnson

**Council Members:**

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

**City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer

**Excused:** Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

[6:04:28 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:04 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

- 1. Review Administrative Report – *Administration***
- 2. Review Agenda**

[6:05:09 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was relayed that no City Council Meeting will be held on March 15, 2017 due to the VIP soft grand opening event

scheduled at the new Regal Theaters. It was agreed that the CDBG Resolution and other business items will need to be moved to March 8<sup>th</sup>, which will be noticed as a Special City Council Meeting.

[6:09:50 PM](#) Chair Christopherson noted that a decision on the agreement with Salt Lake County for Election Services should be made tonight. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell asked that when a motion is made to approve the agreement, language be added to specify whether the City election will be conducted by the consolidated method or the vote by mail method.

[6:10:17 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell relayed that a litigation update will need to be given to the Council at some point concerning a new matter. He stated that he has asked David Church to come and meet with the City Council in a Closed Session or in a regular Council Meeting regarding a few litigation issues. Mr. Cowdell indicated that he will invite Mr. Church to come to the April 12, 2017 Meeting. The need to discuss something concerning potential litigation during a brief Closed Meeting tonight was cited.

[6:11:52 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson stated that she would like to receive a future report on the fallout from the legislative session and how it applies to Taylorsville. Mr. Cowdell relayed that Lobbyist Charlie Evans is willing to come and provide a legislative update. Chair Christopherson asked that Council Coordinator Kris Heineman add this to an agenda in April. Council Members agreed that Mr. Evans has been very proactive and responsive to the Council on legislative matters.

[6:13:13 PM](#) UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski relayed that the official ribbon cutting for the new fire house will be held on March 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. He indicated that personnel and equipment are currently being moved over to the new facility. He inquired whether any elected officials or members of Administration would like to say a few words during the ribbon cutting. He noted that Mayor Johnson is already prepared to speak. Chief Ziolkowski acknowledged that this event is open to the public and an announcement is being made through social media and news releases.

[6:15:25 PM](#) Chair Christopherson stated that a Closed Session will be needed tonight for the following three purposes: discussion of the professional competence of an individual; discussion regarding pending litigation; and discussion regarding the sale or purchase of real property.

### **3. Adjourn**

Chairman Christopherson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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## **REGULAR MEETING**

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Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director  
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
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**Excused:** Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**Others:** Tony Henderson, Laura Hansen, Beau Hunter, Brian Chamberlain, Jeff Michael, Ken Donarski, Meredith Harker, Lynn Handy, John Gidney, Royce Larsen, Alan Anderson, Anna Barbieri, Dan Fazzini, Linda Moore, John Eugster, Pauline McBride, Ron Emery, Jordan Duberow, MaryAnn Hansen, Sarah Ivory, Celeste Eggert, Jason Wheeler, Scouts from Troops 4993, 99, and 851, Officer Kyle Andrew, Sgt. Dustin Fowler, Chief Shane Hudson, Lt. Saul Bailey, Sergeant Brett Miller, Officer Bryan Marshall, Officer Darin Watrous, Detective Kresdon Bennett, Officer Steven White, Detective Nate Clark, Officer Travis Wilkinson, Officer Todd Madsen

## **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

[6:30:01 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Barbour* (Opening Ceremonies for April 12, 2017 to be arranged by *Council Member Overson*)**

[6:30:34 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:32:37 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong offered the Reverence.

[6:33:13 PM](#) Chair Christopherson recognized scouts in attendance from Troops 4993 and 99.

## **1.2 Mayor's Report**

[6:33:16 PM](#) Mayor Lawrence Johnson shared his thoughts on this year's municipal election and relayed some statistics regarding the number of people who voted by mail over the last three years. He stated that, although, he still personally prefers the experience of going out and voting in person on Election Day, response shows that the majority of past voters have chosen to vote by mail. The Mayor indicated that this is enough reason for him to now support a city-wide vote by mail election in Taylorsville.

## **1.3 Citizen Comments**

[6:35:03 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:36:24 PM](#) John Eugster inquired about the status of the new concrete wall going in on 2700 West. He observed that the wall has now been extended about 2/3 of the way and indicated that he has property along 2700 West.

[6:36:55 PM](#) Mayor Johnson relayed that the wall has been completed as far as funds will go for now; if more wall is planned at a future time, residents will be so advised.

[6:37:16 PM](#) Pauline McBride, Manager of the Taylorsville Senior Center, advised those present of upcoming events at the Center, i.e. "Birthday Tuesday;" Cyber Seniors Program to help with technology education and issues; and PVD Screening (for free Peripheral Artery Disease, vision and glucose screenings). Ms. McBride also cited a change in senior staff, as an office specialist is leaving and a new one will be recruited.

[6:39:26 PM](#) Dan Fazzini commented on the upcoming municipal election and past chaos experienced at the polls. He said he agrees with the Mayor's previous observations, although he prefers to vote in person when he can. He suggested there should no longer be a requirement for employers to grant two hours of paid time-off to employees for voting, as more will be voting early and by mail. He spoke about potential issues surrounding consolidated polls.

[6:42:20 PM](#) There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Christopherson closed the citizen comment period.

## 2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

## 3. REPORTS

### 3.1 UPD Precinct Awards – *Chief Tracy Wyant*

[6:43:05 PM](#) Unified Police Department Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant asked Chief Shane Hudson and Lt. Saul Bailey to join him in presenting UPD Awards, as follows:

[6:43:34 PM](#) *December 2016 Officer of the Month – Officer Kyle Andrew* – Chief Wyant relayed that Officer Andrew has become familiar with Taylorsville residents and has also been able to cultivate confidential informants. On November 24, 2016, Officer Andrew received information regarding a suspect wanted for homicide out of Salt Lake City and was able to obtain the location of the suspect. In cooperation with Salt Lake City Police, the suspect was ultimately apprehended. On November 29, 2016, Officer Andrew responded to a report of stolen property and noted that the individuals living at the residence were known for committing vehicle burglaries. His investigation resulted in the uncovering of a large vehicle and residential burglary operation and subsequently led to the recovery of over 150 stolen bags and purses, as well as several stolen checks and credit cards. The suspects also confessed to several vehicle and residential burglaries across the valley. Chief Wyant stated that Officer Andrew's hard work and dedication on this case will end up solving several cases in the UPD jurisdiction, along with many cases within other agencies. Officer Andrew's great investigative skills and sound judgment were praised.

[6:46:55 PM](#) *January 2017 Officer of the Month - Sergeant Dustin Fowler* – Chief Wyant relayed that on January 20, 2017, Sgt. Dustin Fowler located an occupied stolen vehicle travelling on Redwood Road. Sgt. Fowler followed the vehicle into an adjacent neighborhood, where he initiated a high risk traffic stop. Both suspects were taken into custody and subsequently charged without incident. As the stolen vehicle was inventoried, it was discovered to contain a large amount of stolen property. Chief Wyant stated that this is a classic example of Sgt. Fowler's "leadership by example" philosophy and pro-active police work. It was noted that Taylorsville is fortunate to have such an involved, competent, and dedicated supervisor leading members of UPD.

[6:48:49 PM](#) *January 2017 Team Citation Award – Sergeant Brett Miller, Officer Bryan Marshall, Officer Darin Watrous, Detective Kresdon Bennett, Officer Steven White, Detective Nate Clark, Officer Travis Wilkinson, and Officer Todd Madsen* – Chief Wyant described heroic actions taken by these officers in response to a domestic dispute call involving a small child. He

relayed that the officers put their own safety aside to save a child from being dropped or thrown from a second story window. He commended the fine examples of the officers.

[6:51:42 PM](#) UFA Chief Shane Hudson thanked the officers for their outstanding efforts on a continual basis.

[6:52:40 PM](#) Chair Christopherson expressed gratitude to Taylorsville officers for all they do in protecting families.

[6:53:31 PM](#) Chief Wyant presented a report on law enforcement services provided in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He reviewed statistics on general offenses and cited overall increases and reductions in each Council District. He noted a general reduction in larceny.

[6:56:28 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson inquired about circumstances surrounding assaults. Chief Wyant gave clarification on calls labelled as family offenses or domestic assaults. Council Member Dama Barbour asked whether an increase has been seen around multiple housing units and the Chief confirmed this to be the case.

[6:58:34 PM](#) Mayor Johnson asked about factors that determine runaways. Chief Wyant described criteria based on age and circumstance that determine response methods. He cited procedures for tracking a runaway's status through a database.

[7:01:14 PM](#) Chief Wyant reviewed data on response times, accidents, citations, burglaries, burglary alarms, and drug cases. He confirmed that a large share of burglary alarms reported turn out to be false alarms.

[7:04:16 PM](#) The Chief cited phenomenal work performed by Taylorsville's Investigations Unit and commented on responses by the CAR Unit. He explained that an accident is classified as major when significant injuries are involved or result in likelihood of death. He also referenced two calls responded to by SWAT during the previous quarter.

[7:05:51 PM](#) Chief Wyant described patrol efforts to address the area's homeless situation. He cited a major cleanup process that was started today from 3900 South to 4300 South on the west side of the Jordan River. Detective Scott Lloyd was credited for spearheading efforts. The Chief relayed that several crews of inmates were brought over to help mitigate cleanup costs. He noted that this will be an ongoing effort and will require significant resources to fully address the problem. He relayed that multiple contacts were made with those in the area to give notice and provide resources for housing and medical assistance.

[7:08:10 PM](#) Chair Christopherson observed that the homeless problem has been driven by winter weather and crackdowns in downtown Salt Lake City. He relayed that approximately 80 empty propane tanks were gathered in the area referenced. The Chief noted that a significant spike in property thefts has also been seen at apartments in the vicinity.

[7:09:42 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor indicated that this issue will be brought back for discussion during the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Chair Christopherson referenced public safety concerns in the area.

[7:10:30 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson thanked Chief Wyant for the detailed report and cited decreases in crime within Taylorsville since UPD took over law enforcement. Chair Christopherson concurred and added his appreciation for the Taylorsville Precinct.

### **3.2 Public Safety Committee Report – *Tony Henderson***

[7:11:05 PM](#) Public Safety Committee Chair Tony Henderson reported on recent activities and upcoming events involving Taylorsville's Public Safety Committee. He relayed that members of UPD and UFA attend committee meetings. He cited great support from city staff. He listed matters the committee deals with, i.e. fire/police; emergency preparedness; street lighting; sidewalk/crosswalk safety, etc. Mr. Henderson said the committee currently consists of five active participants. He invited any residents who are interested to considering joining and indicated that one member will be retiring in a few months.

[7:12:40 PM](#) Mr. Henderson described the committee's focus this year to increase awareness concerning radon gas. He cited the distribution over the past two months of 128 radon kits that were purchased with city funds and sold at half price to citizens. He confirmed that another 60 kits will be purchased and distributed during the month of March. Mr. Henderson explained that, as part of the program, citizens agreed to share information with the city. He indicated that data is now being received to produce a generalized map and provide better awareness. He said that Taylorsville is generally at moderate risk for radon gas. He referenced information available on a state website about what to do if higher levels of radon are detected in a home. He thanked the city for its support of the program.

[7:15:03 PM](#) Mr. Henderson stated that Public Safety Committee members will participate and distribute safety information during Taylorsville Dayzz and will sponsor the *Night Out Against Crime* event in the fall.

[7:15:33 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson asked for clarification on the city's CERT Program. Mr. Henderson explained that CERT falls under the umbrella of public safety, but does have its own group, with separate meetings, ongoing training, etc. He indicated that the city's Emergency Response Coordinator will be able to address questions about participation.

[7:16:39 PM](#) Council Members Dama Barbour and Chair Christopherson thanked Mr. Henderson for his volunteer efforts.

### **3.3 Jordan River Commission Annual Report – *Laura Hansen***

[7:17:00 PM](#) Executive Director Laura Hansen, of the Jordan River Commission (JRC), presented an annual report from the Commission for 2016. She thanked Council Member Dan Armstrong for serving on the Board and stated appreciation for Taylorsville's support of the regional partnership.

[7:17:10 PM](#) Ms. Hansen listed staff and board members for the organization. She indicated that six new members joined JRC in 2016 and there are now 14 participating cities that are adjacent to the Jordan River, along with three counties, six districts and two state agencies. She discussed JRC's robust volunteer program, with approximately 16,000 hours donated along the river corridor since 2012. She indicated that over \$100,000 in grant funds have been received for riparian restoration projects.

[7:19:38 PM](#) Ms. Hansen cited problems with homeless camps along the river. She described a successful project that cleared some invasive vegetation. She anticipated that if everyone continues to work together, the problem can be addressed to improve safety along the trail.

[7:20:37 PM](#) Chair Christopherson asked about costs for removing invasive vegetation that contributes to homeless camps. Ms. Hansen said it depends on the density of vegetation. She cited grants that may be available to assist on public property, but referenced a current problem spot on private property for which grant funds cannot be used.

[7:21:40 PM](#) Ms. Hansen described a best practices training workshop that is offered to member governments twice per year. She also referenced a school education program that engaged 260 students last year. She outlined successful fundraising/bonding/legislative efforts, i.e. Jordan River Water Trail (\$2.12 million); Pioneer Crossing Park (\$3 million); and North Temple Bridge (\$1.23 million). She indicated that the Jordan River Trail will soon be the longest connected trail system in the entire United States.

[7:23:41 PM](#) Ms. Hansen described work performed (through a \$60,000 grant) at a small storm water retention pond in West Valley City to remove invasive vegetation and garbage. She relayed that if Taylorsville has specific parcels in mind for a needed project, JRC is happy to work on finding grants for such.

[7:24:23 PM](#) Ms. Hansen described puncturevine management and referenced problems that exist for regular bicycle use on trails. She explained that insects are released to prevent growth of problem plants that puncture tires. She said that dramatic reductions should soon be seen. She

reviewed small grants that were offered toward smaller projects implemented along the river. She noted that this resource is also available to Taylorsville.

[7:26:25 PM](#) Ms. Hansen reviewed financial information for JRC, covering both income and expenses. She cited membership goals, along with priorities for education, outreach/marketing, restoration, invasive species management, water quality improvements, and consistent/sustainable funding to do more for the river corridor.

### **3.4 UDOT Update – *Beau Hunter***

[7:28:12 PM](#) Beau Hunter gave an update on UDOT projects impacting Taylorsville. He recognized Brian Chamberlain, UDOT Resident Engineer for 5400 South; Jeff Michael, with contractor W. W. Clyde; and joint contractor Ralph L. Wadsworth. He relayed that a *Meet the Contractor Open House* has been scheduled for March 23, 2017, where members of the public can come to ask questions, review schedules, and look at maps. He said more information on this event will be distributed in the next week.

[7:29:11 PM](#) Mr. Hunter relayed that an overpass will be constructed so that Bangerter Highway will go over 5400 South. He indicated that work on this will begin in July with preliminary utility relocation occurring before that time. He stated that the 4000 West/5400 South intersection will be converted to a traditional intersection as part of the project. He noted that this conversion is a result of much feedback from the public regarding the through-turns at 4015 West. Mr. Hunter said UDOT will work closely with the city and businesses for this project.

[7:30:00 PM](#) Mr. Hunter described general phasing for the interchange project, as follows: (1<sup>st</sup>) contractor to build ramps; (2<sup>nd</sup>) mainline Bangerter traffic moved out onto the ramps; (3<sup>rd</sup>) overpass built; and (4<sup>th</sup>) cross-street at 5400 South finished.

[7:30:27 PM](#) Mr. Hunter relayed that a Community Coordination Team will meet monthly to review issues. He shared that there are four representatives from Taylorsville on that team, including Senator Wayne Harper (representing the City) and other participating businesses and residents. He said that the first team meeting will be held on March 28, 2017. He indicated that an incentive will be awarded to the contractor to motivate work with the public and minimize any issues that arise. Mr. Hunter added that work will be ongoing through fall of 2018.

[7:31:29 PM](#) Chair Christopherson noted that there will be significant construction projects happening simultaneously in Taylorsville on I-215 and Bangerter Highway.

[7:32:41 PM](#) Mr. Hunter relayed that all of the traffic on I-215 will soon be shifted to new concrete which should help. He indicated there are not many issues currently being seen with congestion. He noted that the 4700 South improvements were constructed last year to help

alleviate problems with the Bangerter construction. Mr. Hunter stated that he will work closely with Mayor Johnson to mitigate impact. He advised that the dual ramps onto mainline northbound I-215 will not be fully serviceable until the auxiliary lane is added. He said this lane is scheduled to be completed in fall of 2017, so some overlap will be seen from July through November, 2017.

[7:32:58 PM](#) Chair Christopherson recognized scouts in attendance from Troop 851.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Minutes – City Council Meetings: February 1, 2017 and February 15, 2017

[7:32:54 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

#### 5. PLANNING MATTERS

##### 5.1 ***Public Hearing*** – To Receive Public Comment Regarding Ordinance No. 17-06 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to Amend the City of Taylorsville Zoning Map from R-1-20 to R-1-8 for Property Located at 1186 West and 1192 West Marinwood Avenue – *Mark McGrath*

[7:36:00 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath stated that this is a request from Jeff Kehl for consideration of a zone change from R-1-20 to R-1-8 for property at 1186 West and 1192 West Marinwood Avenue.

[7:36:03 PM](#) Mr. McGrath illustrated the subject property on an aerial photo and a vicinity map of the subject property. He noted that there is an existing historic house located on the property and an accessory structure in the back. He showed the existing zoning map and general plan map. He relayed that the proposal is consistent with the Taylorsville General Plan.

[7:38:13 PM](#) Mr. McGrath indicated that this rezoning proposal is to facilitate a development of four single-family homes that would retain and renovate the existing historic structure on Lot 1, construct a new home on Lot 2 facing Marinwood, and add homes on Lots 3 and 4 that would access a new private lane extending off of Marinwood. Mr. McGrath showed some computer renderings of the proposed development, including the renovated historic house.

[7:39:15 PM](#) Mr. McGrath reported that the Planning Commission reviewed this application on February 14, 2017 and unanimously recommended approval. He said Staff also recommends approval.

[7:39:47 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

[7:39:53 PM](#) There were no citizen comments and Chairman Christopherson declared the public hearing closed.

[7:40:10 PM](#) Jeff Kehl, applicant, stated that he has a personal attachment to Taylorsville and the proposed project as he will be relocating his family to live in the home on Lot 4. He asked for the City's support of the project.

**5.1.1 Ordinance No. 17-06 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville to Amend the City of Taylorsville Zoning Map from R-1-20 to R-1-8 for Property Located at 1186 West and 1192 West Marinwood Avenue – *Mark McGrath***

[7:41:30 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 17-06 as presented. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**6.1 Public Hearing – To Receive Public Comment on Funding Priorities for the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs – *Ken Donarski***

[7:42:06 PM](#) Ken Donarski stated that this public hearing is the opportunity for 2017-2018 CDBG applicants to present needs and speak on behalf of their applications.

[7:43:01 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for comments.

[7:43:25 PM](#) Linda Moore, of Project Reality, stated that this agency treats opioid addiction and serves about 40-50 Taylorsville residents at any point in time. She noted that low-income residents and the homeless population are served by the program. She described the program and

discussed the disease of addiction. She indicated that Project Reality is in need of a new facility in order to continue being effective, as they are currently located in downtown Salt Lake City within buildings constructed in the 1900's.

[7:45:50 PM](#) Celeste Eggert, Development Director for the Road Home Homeless Shelter, discussed record numbers that were experienced at the shelter this winter. She described shelter and housing services provided for individuals emerging from homelessness. She thanked Taylorsville for its past support and asked that it continue.

[7:47:02 PM](#) Jason Wheeler, Executive Director of ASSIST, described the focus of the ASSIST program to help seniors and low-income families stay in their homes and make critical/emergency repairs. He stated appreciation for Taylorsville's support in the past and expressed hope that it would continue in the future.

[7:48:17 PM](#) Sarah Ivory, with YMCA of Northern Utah, described early childhood education services, after and before school services, and summer programming for youth in conjunction with Taylorsville schools. She cited the Community Family Center on the grounds of Fremont Elementary that was opened in 2010 and serves youth from Fremont, Vista, and Taylorsville Elementary Schools. She said there are also programs conducted at Fox Hills Elementary and Eisenhower Jr. High. Ms. Ivory listed classes on healthy living, substance abuse prevention, college and career readiness, and financial literacy, along with English language classes, etc. for adults. She outlined a more rigorous assessment process that is being implemented in 2017. She thanked the city for its past support and asked for continued support.

[7:50:11 PM](#) Jordan Duberow, with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Utah, described statistics regarding services provided to youth in Taylorsville. He indicated that the funds requested will be used to support a site-based program at Vista Elementary. He noted that most children who are served through the program come from low income or single parent households.

[7:52:12 PM](#) There were no additional comments and Chairman Christopherson declared the public hearing closed.

**6.2     Resolution No. 17-05 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County on Behalf of the County Clerk Elections Division for 2017 Municipal Election Services – Tracy Cowdell**

[7:52:30 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented the subject resolution to consider approval of an interlocal agreement with the Salt Lake County Clerk's Elections Division to provide election services for Taylorsville's 2017 Municipal Election. Mr. Cowdell gave background on options before Taylorsville for conducting its election, as follows: (1) the city could proceed with

its own election and handle it in-house through the Recorder's Office; or (2) the city could contract with the Salt Lake County Clerk's Elections Division to handle its municipal election.

[7:53:55 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell indicated that his best advice to the Council is to approve the subject resolution which adopts an interlocal agreement to have the county conduct the municipal election. He noted that if Taylorsville did its own election, it would be the only city within Salt Lake County to do so. He recommended contracting with professionals who are experienced in conducting elections and can ensure that election law is followed.

[7:54:35 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell referenced the Mayor's earlier comments and listed two options before the city if it is decided to contract with the county: (1) vote by mail; or (2) consolidated polls. He noted that the majority of Taylorsville voters are now opting to vote by mail and there is an associated cost savings to that option. He summarized that the issue before the Council tonight is whether or not to contract with the county and then to select the type of election preferred. He reiterated that Administration's advice is to contract with the county. He said he has no concerns with the proposed interlocal agreement which is very standard. Mr. Cowdell observed that the prices listed within the agreement are high-end and it is possible actual costs will be lower.

[7:56:26 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson relayed that she received a large amount of feedback from constituents on this issue. She indicated that all but two of the many residents she communicated with expressed support for voting by mail.

[7:57:11 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 17-05, with the direction to conduct Taylorsville's 2017 Municipal Election via the vote-by-mail option. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion.

[7:57:35 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. He stated that he is supportive of vote by mail, but questioned whether the city wants more polling locations than what that option provides. He asked whether the Council would like to specify up to five polling locations (one in each council district). He observed that he does not want to see long lines and frustrated voters again at polling locations on Election Day.

[7:58:52 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong said he likes the suggestion of having up to five polling locations. He also expressed concerns over signature fraud through vote by mail and said the county may have to address that issue in the future.

[7:59:28 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour noted that any Salt Lake County voter can go to any vote center throughout the county to vote on Election Day.

[8:00:06 PM](#) City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle confirmed that Salt Lake County voters may vote at any county vote center on Election Day. She relayed that she has discussed adding

additional vote centers in Taylorsville with the County Elections Division. They have committed to having three in the city, with the potential for more included in cost estimates; but, at this point, they feel the 40 vote centers located throughout the county on Election Day will be sufficient. She said the county is asking that the city allow them to use discretion in making that call as election dates draw nearer and races are evaluated.

[8:01:03 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor cited the importance of educating voters about voting options no matter what is decided. He indicated that information should be included in the Taylorsville Journal about what to expect for the municipal election.

[8:01:43 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess observed that through new state legislation, the county now has the ability to add more polling places close to the election, which they were not allowed to do in prior elections. He indicated that County Clerk Sherrie Swensen has promised to add additional polling places if a real need is determined.

[8:02:25 PM](#) Ms. Cottle acknowledged that having additional poll centers will cost more and the county would like to save the city that expense if they are not needed. She confirmed that the county now has the ability to evaluate and add voting locations for an election at the last minute.

[8:03:08 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell clarified that the county would like to hold off on final decisions about polling locations in Taylorsville until interest in the election is determined and it is known whether there are any uncontested or hot races. He said this will affect voter turnout. He suggested letting the county make an evaluation on needs as things develop.

[8:04:16 PM](#) Mayor Johnson asked about specific costs for adding extra vote centers. Ms. Cottle acknowledged that there would be more cost involved, but said an exact breakdown on those specific amounts has not yet been provided by the county. She noted that the turnout for this year's municipal election will likely be much smaller than the last Presidential Election. The Mayor said he prefers having more locations if the extra cost is minimal. Chair Christopherson said he prefers to err on the side of caution.

[8:07:33 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess explained that during the previous election not as many people as usual used the early voting option. He said the county observed this, but were restricted from adding extra polling locations close to Election Day. That restriction has been lifted through new legislation, and the county plans to closely monitor and provide adequate locations for people to vote on Election Day. He suggested trusting the county with the decision and making more inquiries to determine potential costs for adding more vote centers. He recommended voting on the proposed resolution tonight and then following up and communicating with the county on needs that arise. He observed that the county is looking out for the city's interests.

[8:10:38 PM](#) There being no further discussion on the motion, Chair Christopherson called for a roll-call vote. The motion on the table was restated to adopt Resolution No. 17-05, approving an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County Elections to facilitate the municipal election and giving direction to conduct Taylorsville's election through vote by mail. Ms. Cottle reiterated that communication with the County regarding the number of Election Day vote centers can take place later in the process and the county has indicated they will honor the city's requests if more are needed. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## 7. OTHER MATTERS

### 7.1 Discussion Regarding the April 2017 City Council Meeting Calendar

[8:11:37 PM](#) Discussion was held regarding the need to modify the regular City Council Meeting schedule during April due to the Utah League of Cities and Towns (ULCT) Conference that will be attended by elected officials during the first week in April. It was determined to hold regular City Council Meetings on April 12, 2017 and April 19, 2017. It was also noted that the March 15, 2017 City Council Meeting will be cancelled and business from that night will be moved to the Special City Council Meeting scheduled for March 8, 2017.

## 8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

[8:14:36 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell relayed that discussions have been held recently with some telecommunication service providers who are interested in being placed on a future Council agenda for a presentation on franchise agreements. He suggested informally discussing this during the March 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting and then scheduling the official presentation.

## 9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[8:16:08 PM](#)

- 9.1 **Special City Council Meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, March 14, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 **ULCT Conference, St. George, Utah – April 5 – 7, 2017**
- 9.5 **Mayor's Town Meeting: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – 6:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**

## 10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[8:16:40 PM](#)

- 10.1 ***Pinwheel Planting Ceremony for Child Abuse Awareness: Saturday, April 1, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. – City Hall***

**10.2 Annual Earth Day Collection Event: Saturday, April 22, 2017 – 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon – Taylorsville City Hall**

**11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**  
*- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

**8:17:40 PM** Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, the professional competence of an individual, and the sale or purchase of real property at 8:17 p.m. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was closed at 8:17 p.m. for the purposes listed below, wherein no other matters were discussed.

- **Discussion Concerning the Sale or Purchase of Real Property**
- **Discussion Regarding Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**
- **Discussion Regarding Professional Competence of an Individual**

Those in attendance at the 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; and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle.

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Brad Christopherson called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Barbour-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder