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

**Wednesday, July 19, 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 Assistant Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**Others:** Dan Fazzini, Detective Scott Lloyd, Gordon Willardson, Gordon Wolf, David Werts

**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

[6:05:04 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson 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**

[6:05:30 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. An issue regarding recent incidents reported in dealing with animal services was referenced. It was determined that

questions will be asked during the Animal Services Report presented at the regular meeting. Administration also agreed to follow up with Animal Services regarding the incidents.

[6:06:45 PM](#) It was noted that Judge Kwan did not submit anything for the Council packet in regard to tonight's Court Report. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell cited a potential Veterans' Court in which Judge Kwan is interested. Clarification was also given regarding information the Judge previously presented on a Public Defender Program. City Administrator John Taylor indicated that a matching grant for that Public Defender Program has not yet been secured.

[6:15:35 PM](#) It was suggested that the policy discussions listed under Other Matters in the regular meeting be referred to the Budget Committee for their review and recommendations concerning current policies/practices. Other Council Members agreed that all matters under Agenda Item 7.2 should be referred to the Budget Committee to receive input.

[6:16:59 PM](#) Chair Christopherson asked that discussion be held during the regular meeting regarding aerial fireworks in Taylorsville, with input requested from UFA Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski.

[6:18:10 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess requested that the Council Meeting regularly scheduled for August 16, 2017 be rescheduled for August 23, 2017. Council Members agreed and the schedule change will be noticed accordingly.

[6:19:14 PM](#) Mr. Taylor cited spread sheets recently prepared by the Attorneys Office outlining legislative actions and necessary updates related to city ordinances. He asked how the Council would like that information presented. Mr. Cowdell suggested setting a meeting with Chair Christopherson, Mr. Taylor, and himself to start discussions.

[6:21:10 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess discussed the history of Little Confluence and its current status with Salt Lake County Parks. He relayed that Parks Director Wayne Johnson believes the area is currently well maintained and adequate service is being provided.

[6:22:22 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong relayed that there were volunteers assisting with maintenance at Little Confluence earlier today.

[6:23:20 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson noted that Jerry Milne may be in attendance later in the regular meeting and suggested it may be appropriate to ask him to speak regarding needs at Little Confluence.

## **2. Administrative Report – Administration**

### 3. Adjourn

[6:23:47 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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## REGULAR MEETING

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer  
Michael Kwan, Judge

**Excused:** Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director

**Others:** Barbara Riddle, Nathan Beckstead, Dan Fazzini, Ron Allred, David Werts, Gordon Willardson, Gordon Wolf, Carl Fauvre, David Young, Meredith Harker, Lynn Handy, John Gidney, Jerry Milne, Ken Hornok, Marcia Hornok, Clark Knudsen, Officer Elayne Franco, Sergeant Marni Montgomery, Sergeant Brett Miller, Officer Kevin Spencer, Officer Denise Lovendahl, Officer Jerry Byam, Detective Scott Lloyd, Detective Gene Van Roosendaal

## 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:33:20 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson 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/Reverence – *Council Member Burgess*  
(Opening Ceremonies for August 2, 2017 to be arranged by *Council Chair Christopherson*)**

Council Member Ernest Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:35:49 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong offered the Reverence.

**1.2 Mayor's Report**

[6:36:58 PM](#) Mayor Johnson noted that he has been attending meetings with Salt Lake County and Roger Kehl regarding the Performing Arts Center. He relayed that the contract for the architect will be awarded soon. He also indicated that the Design Committee, for which a couple more representatives from the City Council have been requested, will probably begin meeting in September.

**1.3 Citizen Comments**

[6:38:05 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:38:09 PM](#) Ken Hornok commented regarding keeping backyard chickens on his property. He described history surrounding his property and the process he has experienced in trying to obtain a permit to keep chickens. He described his frustration with the city requirements and the process.

[6:45:20 PM](#) Clark Knudsen described recent issues experienced with fireworks in his neighborhood. He suggested modifying the city ordinance in regard to fireworks.

[6:47:36 PM](#) Dan Fazzini also spoke about problems with fireworks that have been used along his property near the canal in Taylorsville. He expressed concern over possible fires, etc. He indicated that residents need to be responsible and enforcement needs to be effective. He recommended that fines be implemented for violations.

[6:51:54 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 Unified Police Department Awards – *Precinct Chief Wyant***

[6:52:01 PM](#) Unified Police Department (UPD) Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented the May and June, 2017 *Officer of the Month Awards*, as follows:

[6:53:29 PM](#) Officer Elayne Franco received the *Officer of the Month Award* for May, 2017.

[6:55:22 PM](#) Officer Danielle Roskelley received the *Officer of the Month Award* for June, 2017.

[6:57:13 PM](#) A *Team Citation Award* was presented to the following: Sergeant Marni Montgomery, Sergeant Brett Miller, Officer Kevin Spencer, Officer Denise Lovendahl, Officer Jerry Byam, Detective Scott Lloyd, and Detective Gene Van Roosendaal

#### **3.2 ChamberWest Report – *Barbara Riddle***

[7:00:36 PM](#) Barbara Riddle reported on recent activities and upcoming events for ChamberWest. She reviewed the following: legislative affairs; the Annual Awards Gala; membership growth; organization changes; the Board of Governors; community and civic investment partners; Women in Business Program; the ChamberWest luncheon series; multi-chamber luncheons; the Business After Hours Program; Leadership Institute; Professional Networking Group; ambassadors; Annual Golf Classic event; community support; and the 2017 annual calendar of events.

[7:11:33 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson commended the wonderful efforts of ChamberWest and inquired what the Council can do to assist. Ms. Riddle thanked the City for its support and encouraged attendance at Chamber events.

[7:12:46 PM](#) Other Council Members added their appreciation for ChamberWest.

#### **3.3 West Valley Animal Services – *Nathan Beckstead***

[7:13:55 PM](#) Nathan Beckstead, of West Valley City, addressed concerns that were emailed to City officials earlier today regarding complaints/incidents experienced with animal services. He relayed that the first incident was a dispatch error and has been addressed through disciplinary action. He discussed issues with stray animals during non-business hours or emergency situations. He indicated that animal services are available to assist in those instances 24/7, throughout the year, including holidays. He asked that consideration be given to expanding the number of officers available. He acknowledged a need for more coverage and specified a need for two more officers.

[7:20:50 PM](#) Mr. Beckstead gave clarification on the process for dealing with stray animals or animals affected by fireworks over the upcoming holiday weekend. He instructed residents to call dispatch and then calls will be prioritized.

[7:24:49 PM](#) Mr. Beckstead reported on animal services provided in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He discussed shelter operations and reviewed statistics for stray animals, adoptions, euthanasia, returns to owner, intakes, rescues, and the kitten nursery. He showed graphs regarding lives saved and licenses sold.

[7:26:55 PM](#) Mr. Beckstead recommended implementing a “Fix-it-Ticket” procedure for license that are not renewed in a timely fashion.

[7:28:15 PM](#) Mr. Beckstead reviewed field operations and outlined statistics on calls for service and response times. He confirmed that response times are within 20 minutes during business hours and within an hour after hours. He discussed the top five types of calls for service (barking, nuisance, cruelty, stray, and stray roam). He discussed patrols at Millrace Park and illustrated the numbers of patrols conducted, emergency calls received, types of citations issued, and violations. He then referenced benchmarks for success.

[7:33:15 PM](#) Mr. Beckstead gave additional explanation on the “Fix-it-Ticket Program” currently being used in West Valley City for the renewal of pet licenses.

[7:35:33 PM](#) Council Member Overson asked about ideas to encourage the licensing of pets. Mr. Beckstead described notices that have been left on doors, but said they have not been as effective as ticketing.

### **3.4 Municipal Justice Court – *Judge Kwan***

[7:36:49 PM](#) Judge Michael Kwan reported on recent activity in the Taylorsville Justice Court. He reviewed court expenditures and revenue information to date, as emailed to the City Council.

[7:39:26 PM](#) Judge Kwan described a mentoring program for veterans that he recently observed. He also discussed the proposed “Right to Counsel” Program, for which the Council agreed to allocate funds in the amount of \$20,000 to match grant funding that is available. It was noted that City Administration will consider pursuit of funding for the program and make the request as needed. The Judge gave additional clarification on how the “Right to Counsel” Program could effectively work in the Taylorsville Court.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting: July 5, 2017

[7:46:55 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ernest Burgess **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: Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Overson-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. 17-17 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Granting a Petition from Legacy Plaza 5400, LLC to Vacate a Storm Drain Easement Located at Approximately 5400 South 1712 West – Mark McGrath**

[7:47:47 PM](#) Community Development Director Mark McGrath explained that Legacy Plaza 5400, LLC has requested that the City vacate a storm drain easement at approximately 1712 West and 5400 South because the storm drain has been moved to a different location on the property and the original easement is no longer needed. He illustrated the storm drain in question on a site plan. He confirmed that a new easement is in place.

[7:50:00 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson opened the public hearing on this matter and called for citizen comments.

[7:50:10 PM](#) There were no citizen comments and Chairman Christopherson declared the public hearing closed.

##### 7.1.1 **Ordinance No. 17-17 – An Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Granting a Petition from Legacy Plaza 5400, LLC to Vacate a Storm Drain Easement Located at Approximately 5400 South 1712 West – Mark McGrath**

[7:50:13 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 17-17, 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: Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no financial matters.

## **7. OTHER MATTERS**

### **7.1 Little Confluence Beautification Assistance Discussion**

[7:50:40 PM](#) Chair Christopherson acknowledged the presence of Jerry Milne and called for follow-up discussion regarding a request from Mr. Milne for assistance from the city with maintenance along the Little Confluence property owned by Salt Lake County.

[7:51:50 PM](#) Jerry Milne relayed that taking care of the Little Confluence park strip is very labor intensive and said it has become difficult to care for the county property and the city park strip. He cited his continual efforts to beautify the strip and keep it weeded, trimmed, fertilized, etc. He indicated that he could use some help caring for the city property. He noted that the County is paying for the water at the strip and also pays him a fee as a seasonal worker to maintain it. Mr. Milne requested about two hours per week in help from a couple of city maintenance workers.

[7:56:51 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor clarified that Salt Lake County is legally responsible for maintenance of the public right-of-way (park strip). Mr. Milne indicated that this is a low priority for the county and they will not help maintain the park strip. He acknowledged that he has had very little volunteer help and he would welcome volunteer help if he is allowed to supervise workers. He indicated a desire for consistent help so that maintenance plans can be implemented.

[8:00:28 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess suggested that the County has allowed Mr. Milne free reign to plant and design the park strip according to his tastes, but if Mr. Milne is no longer able to maintain the area on his own without help, they would instill rocks in the park strip.

[8:02:55 PM](#) Chair Christopherson said he is supportive of getting Mr. Milne the help he needs to encourage beautification and maintenance of the park strip.

[8:03:46 PM](#) Mr. Milne relayed that the sidewalks are not being cleared for students walking to school in the area. Mr. Taylor stated that the County is responsible to clear the sidewalks and will be prompted to do so. He suggested that property owners be encouraged to maintain their own properties, including Salt Lake County.

[8:05:40 PM](#) Mr. Taylor agreed to invite two Council Members to a meeting with Salt Lake County regarding maintenance issues for county properties in the city.

[8:07:54 PM](#) Council Members thanked Mr. Milne for his efforts.

## **7.2 Policy Discussions (As Time Permits)**

[8:08:15 PM](#) Chair Christopherson indicated that it was previously determined in the Briefing Session to refer all of the issues listed under this matter to the Taylorsville Budget Committee for review and recommendations.

Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to refer all of the policy issues to the Budget Committee for review and recommendations. 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: Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **7.2.1 Campaign Donations Policies**

### **7.2.2 Budget Line Items**

### **7.2.3 Personal Vehicles Driven on City Business**

### **7.2.4 Hospitality Budgets**

### **7.2.5 Travel and Training Budgets**

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

[8:10:11 PM](#) Chair Christopherson referenced an email he received from Clark Knudsen regarding modifying the city's ordinance related to fireworks. He invited Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski to address concerns surrounding fireworks and make any recommendations.

[8:11:18 PM](#) Chief Ziolkowski acknowledged that fireworks are a concern and always heighten safety awareness for UFA. He cited valley-wide incidents and increased call volume as a result of fireworks. He said that Taylorsville does not widely have high risk areas, except for along the Jordan River. He cited a map available that shows areas where fireworks are prohibited. He explained that it is now difficult to identify fireworks that are too high and enforcement is a constant challenge. He stated that his preference would be to ban all aerial fireworks, but noted that he has a narrow perspective based on his own fire-fighting experience.

Chief Ziolkowski suggested that the issue may be brought back up on the State legislative level due to recent events and environmental factors. He observed that many citizens act responsibly in regard to fireworks, but there are always those who do not. He indicated that there should be plans for legislators to address this issue in the future.

8:17:42 PM It was confirmed that Cottonwood Heights has prohibited aerial fireworks for a time. West Jordan has compromised by banning aerial fireworks in neighborhoods, but creating safe community areas where they are allowed. Chief Ziolkowski agreed that a fireworks safety zone in Taylorsville could be evaluated and established after further review with City officials.

8:20:15 PM It was acknowledged that there is not much that can be modified now in time for the 24<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, but something could be decided and implemented for next year.

8:21:02 PM Council Member Dama Barbour cited safety issues and observed that the number of days fireworks are now allowed should be reconsidered, as there are currently too many days. It was agreed that discussions should start now for next year. Council Member Overson noted that the current map for fireworks is confusing and enforcement is difficult.

8:23:17 PM Chair Christopherson directed Council Coordinator Kris Heineman to follow up in scheduling discussion with him, Chief Ziolkowski, and others needed (as recommended by the Chief) to move forward with this issue.

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

8:24:10 PM

- 9.1 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, July 25, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 RDA Board Meeting – Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, August 22, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.7 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.8 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, August 23, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.9 Board of Canvassers Meeting – Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**

## **10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

8:25:20 PM

- 10.1 *Early Voting Begins* – Wednesday, August 2, 2017 – For Dates and Times, Visit the City’s Website at [www.taylorsvilleut.gov](http://www.taylorsvilleut.gov)**
- 10.2 *Night Out Against Crime* – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 – 6:30 -8:30 p.m. – Taylorsville City Hall**

**10.3 Primary Election Day – Tuesday, August 15, 2017 – 7:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. – City Hall, Taylorsville Senior Center and Bennion LDS Church (6250 South 2200 West)**

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

[8:25:41 PM](#) It was determined that a Closed Session was not needed and no Closed Session was held.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

[8:25:44 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn 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: Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Overson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 08-02-17

*Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*