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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2017
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

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

Excused: Mayor Lawrence Johnson, City Administrator John Taylor

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

[6:08:04 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:08 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Administrative Report

Chairman Christopherson called for any questions or comments on the Administrative Report. Council Member Kristie Overson expressed appreciation for the information contained in the Administrative Report.

2. Review Agenda

[6:09:36 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Council Member Overson cited a need to prepare a resolution for a future meeting regarding the city's participation in the Western Growth Coalition.

[6:11:58 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour referenced a letter received from the Office of the State Auditor this week. Chair Christopherson indicated that the Budget Committee is reviewing issues and will provide input. He anticipated that follow-up will be placed on an agenda in September.

RECESS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

[6:13:41 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson adjourned the Briefing Session at 6:13 p.m. and the Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting was convened.

REGULAR MEETING

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
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Others: Carl Fauver, Gordon Wolf, Meredith Harker, Pam Roberts, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Ric Morley, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Ronald Allred, Scouts from Troop 771, Officer Steven White, Jeffery Summerhays, Kendall Peterson, Lynn Handy, Nefi Garcia, Kelly Kiesel, Mark Padjen, Howard Wilson, Eleanor Nave, Barbara Stallone, Debbie Peterson, Lucas Turner, Roger Timmerman

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:38:41 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson called the meeting to order at 6:38 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 September 6, 2017 to be arranged by *Mayor Johnson*)

Council Member Dama Barbour directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:39:24 PM](#) Former Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger Rasmussen offered the Reverence.

[6:41:02 PM](#) Chair Christopherson recognized scouts in attendance from Troop 771.

1.2 Mayor's Report

No Mayor's Report was given, as the Mayor was excused.

1.3 Citizen Comments

[6:41:41 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:41:56 PM](#) Kendall Peterson commented regarding safety concerns in the area of Canal Road near the intersection of Margray and 6200 South. He cited recent accidents in the neighborhood and called for added law enforcement or deterrents for speeding. He also addressed the T. John Labrum Park and said that, although it is largely a positive amenity, there are some concerns with unauthorized use by persons staying overnight, disturbing the peace, and leaving garbage and refuse behind. He asked for a more responsive attitude from police.

[6:47:27 PM](#) Mr. Peterson addressed questions from Council Members regarding illegal activity in the park.

[6:49:02 PM](#) Barbara Stallone, from the Family Support Center, was joined by UFA Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski. They then awarded a certificate of appreciation to Taylorsville Public Information Officer Tiffany Janzen for her support of the Family Center. Ms. Janzen's support resulted in the center receiving grant funds.

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 Quarter Report – *Precinct Chief Wyant*

[6:51:47 PM](#) Unified Police Department Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented the *July 2017 Officer of the Month Award* to Officer Steven White. He described incidents in which Officer White's quick actions and aid to responding officers resulted in the apprehension of criminals.

Chief Wyant reported on law enforcement services in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He discussed crime trends in Taylorsville, along with statistics surrounding general offenses committed and citations issued. The Chief illustrated locations of traffic accidents, burglaries/burglary alarms, auto thefts, and drug cases. He referenced activities of the Investigations Unit and the CAR Unit.

[7:01:24 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour noted that there is an increase in assaults in all Council districts in the city.

[7:04:03 PM](#) The Chief addressed questions regarding city-wide traffic enforcement and the effect of the homeless situation on Taylorsville.

[7:13:22 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson thanked Chief Wyant for meeting with her to answer questions. She asked what Taylorsville elected officials may do to help address the homeless situation. The Chief cited various components that affect the homeless issue and observed a need to remove existing foliage in problem areas. Further discussion ensued.

3.2 Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Quarterly Report – Pam Roberts

[7:27:35 PM](#) Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District (WFWRD) Executive Director Pam Roberts reported on sanitation services provided in Taylorsville during the previous quarter.

[7:28:14 PM](#) Ms. Roberts discussed the District's Area Cleanup/Dumpster Program and noted that it is a popular program and high in demand. She cited some desire expressed by residents to have the program conducted twice per year. She indicated that, at a container/home ratio of 1 to 7, the cost is approximately \$18,000 per day. She confirmed that the program is normally run for about a month in Taylorsville, which translates to \$400,000. Ms. Roberts explained that in an effort to delay a needed fee increase this year, the number of dumpsters provided was decreased and capital purchases were rolled back. She said services are being provided to the greatest degree possible, based on fees collected.

[7:30:51 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour noted that she sits on the WFWRD Board as Taylorsville's representative. She cited the Board's struggles with costs, maintenance, and fees. She relayed that the WFWRD Board implemented the recent cutbacks to keep fees down. She indicated that she would love to have two annual cleanups in Taylorsville. She suggested that this might be considered in the next budget.

[7:34:40 PM](#) Ms. Roberts cited services that are covered under the monthly fee. She agreed to field any calls from residents regarding cutbacks.

[7:35:50 PM](#) Ms. Roberts discussed tonnage and diversion rates seen in Taylorsville and reviewed year-to-date comparisons. She referenced the *Earth Day Collection* event held last April and participation of the WFWRD in the *Taylorsville Dayzz* celebration. She cited leadership training provided to WFWRD management and supervisory staff. Ms. Roberts also discussed the curbside Green Waste Collection program, with 680 subscribers in Taylorsville currently. She briefly cited the subscription curbside Glass Collection program being offered to Taylorsville residents.

[7:46:08 PM](#) Ms. Roberts addressed questions from Council Member Dan Armstrong regarding trailer rentals available to residents.

[7:46:26 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson commended excellent customer service that was provided to her by a representative named Joan at WFWRD.

[7:48:35 PM](#) Ms. Roberts recommended placing cans three feet away from other cans, etc. She explained why this saves costs in fuel.

3.3 Green Committee Report – Jeffrey Summerhays

[7:49:18 PM](#) Jeffrey Summerhays reported on recent activities and upcoming events involving the Taylorsville Green Committee. He discussed the curbside Glass Collection program and also cited two drop-off sites for glass in Taylorsville that are currently under-used. He referenced a partnership with Momentum Recycling for handling of glass. He noted that information is also available on the Wasatch Front Waste Recycling District (WFWRD) website.

[7:51:43 PM](#) Mr. Summerhays reported on the Green Committee's participation in the *Earth Day* event held last spring. He stated that the event was very successful and had a large turnout. He also described information that was promoted by the Green Committee through outreach during the *Taylorsville Dayzz* event. Mr. Summerhays relayed that there was significant interest expressed there by residents. He indicated that a "Fix-It Clinic" will be held in the fall, with a tentative date of November 15, 2017. He explained that the goal of the clinic is to help participants fix appliances, etc. that might otherwise be disposed of and replaced.

[7:55:39 PM](#) Mr. Summerhays gave further explanation regarding the glass recycling program.

[7:57:34 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess noted that automobile oils, etc. can be turned into Auto Zone for processing at no charge. He also recommended directing people to donate salvageable items to Deseret Industries, etc. He suggested that the City get this information out.

[7:58:30 PM](#) Mr. Summerhays relayed that fluorescent light tubes may also be taken to any Salt Lake County library or to local hardware stores, but should not be put in regular trash bins.

3.4 Arts Council Report – Howard Wilson

[8:01:43 PM](#) Howard Wilson reported on activities of the Taylorsville Arts Council and described upcoming events. He cited a performance by the Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra during *Taylorsville Dayzz* and noted that most Arts Council Members also serve on the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee. He referenced summer productions of "Seussical Jr." and "Anything Goes" that were sponsored by the Arts Council.

[8:03:05 PM](#) Mr. Wilson indicated that the Arts Council is participating with the LARP Committee on their fall event and Taylorsville Symphony Concert performances will begin again in October.

[8:04:14 PM](#) Council Member Burgess commended the quality of Arts Council productions. Council Member Overson also complimented the hard work of the Arts Council.

[8:06:11 PM](#) Chair Christopherson took a moment to give further explanation on regulations for designated wetlands.

3.5 Unified Fire Authority Quarter Report – *Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski*

[8:05:57 PM](#) Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski reported on fire services in Taylorsville. He discussed crew training and community service, along with call volume and call types. He addressed questions regarding response times.

[8:17:26 PM](#) Council Member Overson asked about the UFA's strategic plan. Chief Ziolkowski cited input that was gathered for the strategic plan and confirmed that it will be finalized and made available by the end of the year.

[8:19:26 PM](#) Council Member Burgess commended efforts made to implement a great strategic plan that benefits both UFA and the cities served.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting: August 2, 2017

[8:20:40 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. 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 City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 General Franchise Discussion – *Tracy Cowdell*

[8:21:09 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that the City of Taylorsville is in current negotiations to continue franchise agreements with service providers for broadband, television, etc. He noted that there are various entities who would like to expand their operations in

Taylorsville. Mr. Cowdell explained that Comcast has been the incumbent provider for a long time and has expanded services in the city during past years. He cited changes in law relating to telecommunications companies. He invited providers in attendance to make presentations on services.

[8:25:21 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell noted that Comcast representatives were not able to attend tonight, but said the city is in current negotiations with them to extend their franchise agreement. He cited the city's 5% franchise fee for cable television. He relayed that it is hoped to have the agreement with Comcast finalized in the next few weeks. He also stated Comcast has now gone into areas of the city that previously did not have infrastructure and 99% of Taylorsville residents now have Comcast service as an available option.

[8:25:50 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell noted Century Link is not presenting tonight, but has met with the city and is working on building out infrastructure in Taylorsville. He explained that Century Link is not quite ready to enter into an agreement, but is moving in that direction.

[8:26:41 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked for clarification on city right-of-ways and multiple providers. Mr. Cowdell made explanation.

7.1.1 Mobilitie

[8:32:04 PM](#) Nefi Garcia gave a presentation on technology provided by Mobilitie, i.e. small cell towers, distributed antennae system (DAS), transport connectivity, WiFi, etc. He described small cell towers that offload data for users. He affirmed that Mobilitie would like to install four to five small cell towers in Taylorsville. He noted that they have an agreement in place with Rocky Mountain Power to go on their attachments.

[8:38:04 PM](#) Mr. Nefi addressed questions from the Council.

7.1.2 Utopia

[8:40:44 PM](#) Roger Zimmerman, with Utopia Fiber, stated that there is interest in implementing a franchise agreement in Taylorsville. He relayed that Utopia membership includes 11 member cities and Utopia has infrastructure in 33 cities. He explained that Utopia designs, builds and operates open-access community fiber networks for various municipalities. He cited benefits to the services provided by Utopia and discussed aspects of entering into a partnership with the city. Mr. Zimmerman stated that Utopia is seeking permission to come into the Taylorsville area.

[9:05:35 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell summarized that Utopia wants the city to help pay for infrastructure in order to provide service to residents. He said this is a policy question for the city. If officials want Utopia service to be available to residences, the city will have to pay for that infrastructure.

He clarified that other providers are not asking for this participation. Mr. Cowdell acknowledged that the City has not had any requests from businesses for Utopia service.

[9:08:45 PM](#) It was noted that no decision will be made tonight, but the information from providers is being presented for consideration.

[9:09:10 PM](#) Mr. Zimmerman confirmed that no right-of-way fees would be paid to the city, but a telecommunications tax would be implemented. He clarified that this would be the same tax that Century Link is paying.

[9:10:47 PM](#) Mr. Cowdell commented on exclusivity issues with certain providers. He cited an advantage that Comcast has had for a long time, but clarified that this is no longer the case.

[9:12:21 PM](#) Council Member Barbour said she would like businesses to have what they need, but is concerned with “cherry pickers” and the potential of increased fees.

7.1.3 ExteNet

Lucas Turner explained that ExteNet Systems provides fiber for antennas only. He indicated that ExteNet is looking to build a Verizon network in Taylorsville and is happy to pay the franchise fee. He said they are proposing 24 nodes in the city. He described small cell capabilities. He said they have an agreement with Rocky Mountain Power to attach to power poles. Mr. Turner clarified that they would like to pull power to antennas and, therefore, desire a franchise agreement to work in the right of way and attach to light poles. He indicated that structure work can be done in three to six months. He said that, wherever possible, residential lights would be avoided. He confirmed that all equipment would be attached to poles. He stated intent to use existing infrastructure where possible. Mr. Turner cited ExteNet Systems’ objective to cover bandwidth for providers, i.e. AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, etc.

[9:24:35 PM](#) Mr. Turner illustrated maps of proposed node locations and fiber.

7.1.4 Comcast

Comcast representatives were not in attendance.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[9:25:22 PM](#)

- 9.1 Board of Canvassers Meeting – Tuesday, August 29, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.7 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[9:26:01 PM](#)

- 10.1 *Taylorsville Senior Center Presents: “Walk for National Fall Prevention Month” and Fitness Fair – Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Followed by a Health Fair at 10:00 a.m.***

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

It was determined that a Closed Session was not needed and no Closed Session was held.

12. ADJOURNMENT

[9:26:09 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess **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: Barbour-yes, Christopherson-yes, Overson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 09-20-17

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder