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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

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
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Shay Smith, City Engineer

Others: John Fuller, Meredith Harker

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

[6:04:16 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 Agenda

[6:04:39 PM](#) The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was determined to allow a citizen comment period following the Audit Report presented by the Budget Committee during the regular meeting. Explanation was given regarding resolutions for consideration during the Council Meeting.

[6:07:36 PM](#) Chair Christopherson cited a need to appoint a new representative to the Jordan Valley Conservancy District following the completion of Gary Swensen's two terms. City Administrator John Taylor noted that the city has been notified that someone must be appointed within 90 days. He said that Taylorsville Bennion Improvement District would like to make a recommendation.

[6:09:35 PM](#) Mr. Taylor relayed that there is a \$200,000 difference in costs if the city waits to start construction on the 3200 West Wall until late January 2018. He indicated that easements will be pursued now, with construction and demolition postponed in order to realize the substantial savings. City Engineer Shay Smith stated that the wall should be completed within two months following commencement of the project.

[6:12:56 PM](#) Council Member Ernest Burgess asked about the status of plans to form a committee regarding city rentals. Chair Christopherson said there are still plans for such a committee and he will be following up to set a meeting.

2. Adjourn

[6:14:25 PM](#) Chairman Christopherson declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

Mayor Lawrence Johnson

Council Members:

Council Chairman Brad Christopherson
Vice-Chairman Daniel Armstrong
Council Member Dama Barbour

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director

Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Kristie Overson

Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Tiffany Janzen, Public Information Officer
Shay Smith, City Engineer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director

Others: Connie Taney, Tony Henderson, Lynn Handy, Meredith Harker, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, John Fuller, John Gidney, Kris Blake, Ben Labrum, Gordon Wolf, Carl Fauver, Clark Knudsen

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:31:39 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 – *Mayor Johnson (Opening Ceremonies for September 20, 2017 to be arranged by Council Member Overson)*

[6:31:44 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylors directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

[6:32:24 PM](#) City Engineer Shay Smith offered the Reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

There was no Mayor's Report.

1.3 Citizen Comments

[6:32:58 PM](#) Chairman Brad Christopherson reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:33:59 PM](#) Kris Blake asked for an update on the gas station property at the corner of 5400 South and 2700 West. He indicated that he lives next door to this property and is tired of the existing situation there with vandals, etc.

City Administrator John Taylor stated that he will take Mr. Blake's contact information and ask Economic Development Director Wayne Harper to follow up with him on the status of the property.

[6:35:21 PM](#) Ben Labrum commented on safety issues involving traffic between Redwood Road and Bangarter Highway on 6200 South. He relayed that his son was recently the victim of a hit and run accident in the area. He noted that there is a camera at the intersection, but it did not capture the incident. He suggested several remedies that could be made to improve safety.

[6:41:02 PM](#) Chair Christopherson indicated that the city takes safety issues very seriously and is taking action. He noted that the City Administrator would be happy to discuss plans with Mr. Labrum if so desired. There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Christopherson closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Historic Preservation Committee Report – *Connie Taney*

[6:41:35 PM](#) Chair Connie Taney reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Historic Preservation Committee. She reviewed a list of many improvements that have been made recently at the Heritage Center. She expressed gratitude to the city for all that has been done at the Center. She cited strength that is created through unity and noted that volunteer committees could not succeed without the support of city officials and staff.

3.2 Public Safety Committee Report – *Tony Henderson*

[6:48:29 PM](#) Chair Tony Henderson reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Public Safety Committee. He discussed radon kits that were distributed throughout the city and returned. He stated that follow-up on radon kits will be done in coming months. He said that *Neighborhood Watch* programs will also be pursued. He cited recent involvement with the *Taylorsville Dayz* and *Night Out Against Crime* events.

3.3 Budget Committee Audit Report – *Lynn Handy*

[6:52:39 PM](#) Chair Lynn Handy recognized members of the Budget Committee in attendance. He described functions of the Taylorsville Budget Committee and noted that the committee is sometimes given special assignments. Mr. Handy thoroughly reviewed results of an audit report

performed by the Taylorsville Budget Committee, as requested by the City Council in a prior meeting.

[6:59:50 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour noted that the Council's request was to look at all budgets and not to focus on just one budget. Mr. Handy confirmed that the committee's focus was global and did not concentrate on one year or individual. He read a legal opinion letter provided by David Church, Attorney for the Utah League of Cities and Towns, regarding campaign finance contributions.

[7:05:52 PM](#) City Attorney Tracy Cowdell stated that he agrees completely with Mr. Church's legal opinion.

[7:20:19 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong thanked members of the Budget Committee for their time and service in performing the audit.

[7:20:42 PM](#) Mayor Johnson noted that nothing inappropriate was discovered with the Mayor's expenditures and Mr. Handy concurred.

[7:21:43 PM](#) Council Members Barbour and Overson expressed appreciation for the comprehensive report rendered. Council Member Burgess added his thanks for the professionalism of the committee. Chair Christopherson also commended the impartiality and thorough service of the Budget Committee.

[7:23:29 PM](#) Chair Christopherson called for any citizen comments regarding the audit report.

[7:23:50 PM](#) Clark Knudsen commented on the practice of awarding gift cards for merit. He suggested that it might be better for the Council to officially approve any awards given out from city funds, rather than them coming from just one elected official.

[7:24:50 PM](#) There were no additional comments and the comment period was closed.

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. 17-17 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving the City’s Participation in the Official Organization of the Western Growth Coalition – Council Member Overson**

[7:25:21 PM](#) Council Member Kristie Overson called for consideration of a resolution approving Taylorsville’s participating in the official organization of the Western Growth Coalition. She noted that the proportionate amount being requested of Taylorsville is \$395.79.

[7:27:06 PM](#) Council Member Barbour observed that any coalition representing the west side of the valley is beneficial for Taylorsville. Mayor Johnson also expressed that this coalition is a good cause. He noted that west-side mayors have a similar active coalition. Council Member Burgess added his support of the Western Growth Coalition.

[7:28:07 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 17-17, as presented. 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: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 **Resolution No. 17-18 – Accepting a Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the Amount of \$29,133 for Law Enforcement Programs – Scott Harrington**

[7:28:53 PM](#) Chief of Finance Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution to approve acceptance of a JAG Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$29,133 to be used for Taylorsville law enforcement programs (equipment and overtime). He noted that there is some flexibility in how the funds may be used. He confirmed that the grant will help fund overtime shifts, bike patrols along the Jordan River, regular patrols in the city, and equipment needs.

[7:31:19 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 17-18, as presented. 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: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

[7:31:58 PM](#) Chair Christopherson referenced the need for an appointment to the Jordan Valley Conservancy District and said Taylorsville will recommend two names to be forwarded to the Governor's Office.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

[7:33:00 PM](#) Chair Christopherson noted that he and Council Coordinator Kris Heineman will follow up to schedule a meeting regarding rental and parking issues in the city. He referenced information that he recently forwarded to the City Attorney regarding an upcoming seminar on these issues.

[7:33:35 PM](#) Mayor Johnson reported on a visit to some performing arts centers in Phoenix made by Council Member Kristie Overson, Arts Council Member Gordon Wolf, Community Development Director Mark McGrath, and himself. He noted that weekly meetings to discuss plans for the city's performing arts center are now taking place.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[7:34:30 PM](#)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 12, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 20, – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 4, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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- 10.1 *Senior Center's Annual Walk, Supporting National Fall Prevention Month: Thursday, September 21, 2017 – 9:00-10:00 a.m., Taylorsville Senior Center, Followed by a Health Fair at 10:00 a.m.*
- 10.2 *Family Movie Night Featuring "MOANA" – Saturday, September 23, 2017 @ 8:00 p.m. – City Hall Lawn Area*

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)

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

[7:35:08 PM](#) Council Member Daniel Armstrong **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation at 7:35 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: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was closed at 7:35 p.m. for the purpose listed below, wherein no other matters were discussed.

- **Discussion Regarding Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**

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; 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 Dan Armstrong **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. 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: Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, Burgess-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 09-20-17

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder