

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Lawrence Johnson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

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

Excused: Council Chair Kristie Overson

5:30 – 6:00 P.M. – LIVE SOCIAL MEDIA QUESTION AND ANSWER WITH THE CITY COUNCIL

City Council Members were available to address live questions from residents via social media. No questions were presented.

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

[5:59:32 PM](#) Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present except Council Chair Kristie Overson who was expected later.

1. Review Administrative Report – *Community Development*

[6:00:36 PM](#) The Administrative Report was reviewed.

2. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

3. Adjourn

[6:03:31 PM](#) Vice-Chair Burgess declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Others: Scouts from Troop 3961, Royce Larsen, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Bruce Holman, Kevyn Smeltzer, Keith Sorensen, Crosby Bringhurst, Jordan Cox, Jaren Fowler, Brad Allen, Dr. Muse, Nicholas and Sabine Gold, Nathan and Shawna Murray, Lance Bringhurst, Elisabeth Bringhurst

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

[6:28:25 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess 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 except Chairman Kristie Overson who was expected shortly.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Burgess* (Opening Ceremonies for October 7, 2015 to be arranged by *Council Member Christopherson*)

[6:29:05 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bruce Holman offered the Reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

[6:31:18 PM](#) Mayor Lawrence Johnson described the recent *Tombstone Tales* event and thanked those who participated. He noted that his own grandmother was honored in the production. He stated that there was a large turn-out for the event.

1.3 Citizen Comments

[6:33:27 PM](#) Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

[6:33:36 PM](#) There were no additional citizen comments, and Vice-Chair Burgess closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Unified Police Department – Taylorsville Precinct Awards – *Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant*

[6:34:05 PM](#) Unified Police Department Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented the July 2015 and August 2015 *Officer of the Month Awards*, as follows:

[6:35:21 PM](#) **July 2015 Officer of the Month** – Officer Jaron Fowler: Chief Wyant described an event involving pursuit of a suspect and the injury/attempted murder by vehicle of another officer. He stated that Officer Fowler performed a PIT maneuver (Pursuit Intervention Technique) to stop the fleeing suspect. The chief commended Officer Fowler for taking this decisive and heroic action. Officer Fowler was presented with his award and applauded by all.

August 2015 Officer of the Month – Officer Gene Van Rosendaahl: Chief Wyant described Officer Van Rosendaahl's 21 years of activity on the police force and commended his steadfast work ethic and resolve in protecting Taylorsville citizens. Officer Van Rosendaahl was not in attendance, but was recognized for his impressive efforts.

Brad Allen, a managing partner at Texas Road House, was honored by Chief Wyant and the Taylorsville UPD Precinct for the business' support of local law enforcement. The Chief cited their help with fundraising efforts and other activities in the community.

[6:44:55 PM](#) Chief Wyant, Mayor Johnson and Dr. Muse (Principal of Taylorsville High School) presented awards to Crosby Bringham and Jordan Cox. Chief Wyant described an incident wherein the two young students found a wallet in the Taylorsville High School parking lot that contained several thousands in cash. The students did the right thing and turned in the wallet with the money. It was later discovered that this wallet belonged to a fellow student and the money in the wallet was rent money for his family. The Chief commended Crosby and Jordan for their honesty and integrity.

[6:44:57 PM](#) Mayor Johnson relayed the City's appreciation for the ethics displayed by Crosby and Jordan and commended their parents for teaching their sons integrity.

[6:46:29 PM](#) Principal Muse stated his pride in the ethical actions taken and commended the young men for representing both their school and the Taylorsville community well.

[6:49:55 PM](#) It was noted that Chair Kristie Overson had now joined the Council Meeting. She thanked Vice-Chair Burgess for filling in for her tonight by conducting the meeting.

3.2 LARP Beautification Awards – Keith Sorensen

[6:49:45 PM](#) Keith Sorensen, Chair of the Taylorsville LARP Committee, presented LARP Committee Beautification Awards to the following: Nathan and Shawna Murray (for traditional landscaping) and Nicholas and Sabine Gold (for xeroscape landscape). Mr. Sorensen congratulated the recipients and presented each couple with a certificate and a gift basket from Great Harvest.

3.3 Salt Lake County Public Works Quarterly Report – Kevyn Smeltzer

[6:52:54 PM](#) Kevyn Smeltzer, of Salt Lake County Public Works, reported on services provided in Taylorsville. He reviewed a graph for Annual OCI Deviation in Taylorsville City. He also discussed the contract budget and current costs for general road maintenance.

[6:53:36 PM](#) Mr. Smeltzer discussed road conditions and commended the City for maintaining its roads. He noted that snow removal in Taylorsville was very low this year.

[6:54:24 PM](#) Mr. Smeltzer reported that the update of logos on City street signs is about 75% complete.

[6:55:17 PM](#) Mr. Smeltzer relayed that Public Works Maintenance Supervisor Larry Helquist will be retiring the end of this month.

[6:55:53 PM](#) Vice-Chair Burgess commented on the City's intent to continue maintaining and preserving roads.

3.4 Unified Fire Authority Quarterly Report – Asst. Battalion Chief Todd Caldwell

[6:57:45 PM](#) UFA Assistant Battalion Chief Todd Caldwell reported on fire services provided in Taylorsville during the second quarter. He referenced local UFA fire fighters who are assisting with the flooding tragedy in southern Utah.

[6:58:19 PM](#) Chief Caldwell said that the RFP process is underway for a contractor on the new Fire Station 117. He referenced UFA efforts to clean up the property.

[6:59:02 PM](#) Chief Caldwell discussed statistics for fire and medical calls. He reviewed a 12-month summary of calls for both Stations 117 and 118. He referenced data for fire activities, including occupancy inspections, plan reviews, fire protection system inspections, and administrative activities.

[7:01:56 PM](#) Chief Caldwell relayed that both fire stations attended the commemoration of the last beam going up at the St. Marks Emergency Center which is scheduled to open this fall. He noted that both crews also attended the *Taylorsville City Appreciation Breakfast*. He said they assisted during all three days of the *Taylorsville Dayzz event* and participated in the parade. He cited other activities, including *station tours, off-site talks, demos, fire drills, safety classes, EMT Ride-Alongs, Battalion Training Sessions, Wildland Referresher Sessions, Thermal Imaging Class Session, Live Fire Training Session, CPR/First Aid Classes, American Express Safety Fair, Push*

to Survive Community Classes, Night out Against Crime event, Juvenile Fire Setter Program, etc.

[7:05:55 PM](#) Chief Caldwell cited several fire prevention tips. He noted that these tips will also be included as an article in the Taylorsville Journal.

[7:05:59 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour stated appreciation for the report and thanked UFA for taking care of the new fire station property.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – 08-9-15 City Council Meeting and 09-02-15 City Council Meeting

[7:06:52 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Dan Armstrong **SECONDED** the motion. Vice-Chair Ernest Burgess called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Barbour-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 “Remember Me Garden” Update – *Council Member Armstrong*

[7:07:59 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong presented new recommendations for a “*Remember Me Garden*” to be located at the Taylorsville Senior Center. The proposed plan was reviewed by LARP Chair Keith Sorensen. He stated that he believes the LARP Committee is ready to get started on this project. He indicated that some funds have been budgeted and a plan is in place.

[7:10:21 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor referenced plans to involve scouts in the project in relation to Eagle Projects. He said that the City will take care of the water and the project can likely be implemented either late fall or in the spring.

[7:11:17 PM](#) Council Member Dan Armstrong described the purpose of the “*Remember Me Garden*” in planting rose bushes and installing plaques to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. LARP Chair Keith Sorensen described the application process that will be handled through the City.

[7:14:03 PM](#) Council Member Dama Barbour asked about any available list of scouts waiting to do service. Mr. Taylor indicated that there is a list of projects, but not a list of those wanting to complete service projects. Timing issues in regard to Eagle Scout projects were referenced.

[7:14:52 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson provided an update on the VECC Board. He cited the budget and a merger with UPD. He explained that the providers have been narrowed down to two finalists and the final award should be determined soon.

[7:16:32 PM](#) Chief of Finance Scott Harrington indicated that financing options are being considered, as well.

[7:17:29 PM](#) Chair Kristie Overson mentioned an issue at Vista Park with people who are camping overnight at the ballfields and leaving garbage, etc. Mr. Taylor indicated that the City is following up with Salt Lake County who schedules the tournaments. He has asked the County to advise that no overnight camping is allowed; and, if the problem is not resolved, tournaments will be pulled.

[7:18:51 PM](#) Council Member Christopherson mentioned that Council Coordinator Kris Heineman will be forwarding email updates to City Council Members regarding VECC.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

[7:19:26 PM](#)

- 9.1 Special City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Social Media/Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Social Media/Briefing Session – Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.**
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

[7:20:44 PM](#) City Administrator John Taylor relayed that relevant documents will not be ready by September 30, 2015 and the tentatively scheduled Special City Council Meeting for September 30th will no longer be needed. He indicated that the Erickson development documents will need to be considered at a later date.

Council Member Dama Barbour asked how this delay will affect the project. Mr. Taylor reported that Erickson has received an extension with UDOT for closing on the property. City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that there are some legislative issues that will likely not be considered until the regular session. He stated that Erickson is still confident enough to proceed in the development process with the City. He noted that no changes in the agreement have been asked for, but more time is needed to finalize the document.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

[7:19:46 PM](#)

10.1 Senior Center Art Show/Anniversary Buffet: Thursday, September 24, 2015 – Art Show 10:30 a.m., with Buffet to Follow – Taylorsville Senior Center – 4743 South Plymouth View Drive, Taylorsville

10.2 “Meet the Candidates” – Tuesday, September 29, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

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

[7:23:41 PM](#) Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Vice-Chairman Ernest Burgess called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Armstrong-yes, Overson-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Barbour-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 10-07-15

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder