

City of Taylorsville
Strategic Plan Budget Meeting
Minutes

Friday, April 24, 2013

Council Chambers
Taylorsville City Hall
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd.
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Chairman Dama Barbour
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Battalion Chief
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Marsha Thomas, Judge
Tess Falkner, Clerk of the Court
Lisa Schwartz, Emergency Response Coordinator
Rhetta McIff, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Excused: Council Member Kristie Overson and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle

Others: Howard Wilson, Lynn Handy, Gordon Wolf, Royce Larsen, Daryl Gudmundson, Brent Garside

City Administrator John Inch Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:01p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He recognized elected officials and City staff.

18:02:17 City Administrator John Inch Morgan outlined the agenda.

City Council Priorities Discussion (Facilitated by John Inch Morgan)

Initiative #6: Parks and Recreation

18:04:36 Discussion took place regarding each of the council members' priorities in parks and recreation, specifically: trails, bike lanes and pedestrian right of ways; Little Confluence; parks upgrade, improvements and maintenance; lighting and security at night in the parks; an indoor pool; cemetery improvements and maintenance; and an entrance gate to Vista Park.

18:11:37 John Inch Morgan talked about the continued efforts to improve Little Confluence. Mr. Morgan asked council members if there should be a budget impact for Little Confluence. Council Member Christopherson stated he does not know enough about it; Council Member Barbour said to hold off; Council Member Johnson said to hold off; Council Member Burgess asked what is specifically entailed.

18:14:15 Discussion was held regarding upgrading existing parks and greatly improving the maintenance. John Inch Morgan stated that there is a budget allocation for a part-time employee to be a park caretaker. He asked for input from the Council. Chairman Barbour said she is in favor of utilizing the part-time person for park maintenance; Council Member Christopherson believes that it is a priority, but hesitates to add dollars when available dollars are unknown. He mentioned that a splash pad would be a great addition in Taylorsville, whether implemented this year or next. Council Member Johnson said he likes the Adopt-a-Park program rather than putting money towards park maintenance. Council Member Burgess suggested waiting to see how the Adopt-a-Park program works out before assigning additional funds in this year's budget. All of the council members agreed to leave the current proposed amount in the budget.

18:27:04 Discussion was conducted regarding replacing unsafe and/or worn out playground equipment. Rhetta McIff invited council members to a meeting that has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2013, prior to the council meeting, where there will be experts brought in to discuss playground equipment options. All of the council members expressed interest in attending this meeting. John Inch Morgan directed Council Coordinator Jessica Springer to publically notice this meeting.

18:28:42 John Inch Morgan introduced discussion regarding the skate park and outlined costs associated with moving the park, including the amount that has been offered to purchase the land. Mr. Morgan explained that there is a proposal in place for the skate park to be moved to

Oquirrh Park and if the funds from the sale are used for the cost of relocation, the county will match that amount. Council Member Christopherson expressed concern regarding spending Taylorsville money on a park outside of Taylorsville when there are so many parks in Taylorsville in need of improvements and/or maintenance. Mr. Morgan noted that the Oquirrh Park is close enough that it would still be a benefit to Taylorsville.

John Inch Morgan polled the council members present. Council Member Christopherson would like to see the funds utilized in Taylorsville, not at Oquirrh Park, with the possibility of using funds from the sale of the skate park property to build a splash pad in Taylorsville. Chairman Barbour would like the funds to stay in Taylorsville for park improvements. Council Member Johnson had concerns with having a skate park at all and would like to see something instead that would benefit all residents; he is also in favor of keeping the funds in Taylorsville. Council Member Burgess had concerns that a skate park only benefits a small amount of people. Mr. Morgan stated that this will be an item to be studied further.

18:39:04 It was noted that the only budget impact for this initiative is if there is a sale of the current skate park property.

Initiative #7: Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and Emergency Management

18:39:30 Discussion regarding Public Safety was held, specifically surrounding whether to remodel or rebuild Fire Station 117; additional fire staff, police officers, allocation of overtime for traffic officers; and expansion and remodel of the court.

Discussion began with Station 117. All council members in attendance would like to see an analysis done on the current structure as to whether it should be remodeled or rebuilt.

18:59:30 Discussion took place regarding traffic overtime. It was noted that Administration has placed this in the budget.

18:59:56 Discussion was conducted regarding the court, i.e. the potential of expanding or remodeling. John Inch Morgan outlined the specific issues and reasons for the potential upgrades, including the possibility of adding cases from the county. Mr. Morgan asked the council for thoughts on these upgrades. Council Member Christopherson questioned whether the added cases would benefit Taylorsville. Chairman Barbour does not want to see more cases brought to the court. Council Member Johnson would like a study to be done. Council Member Burgess asked for specific numbers regarding potential added cases and the benefits.

19:08:31 Further discussion was held regarding police officer staffing and grants that are available to fund additional officers.

19:12:26 John Inch Morgan cited a matching grant and relayed that Taylorsville would need to provide 25%. Council Member Christopherson suggested budgeting the 25% in this year's budget and then, if it ends up not being needed, it can fall to the fund balance. Chairman Barbour and Council Member Burgess agreed. Council Member Johnson expressed concern about the need for more officers when Taylorsville shares officers with other cities, but said he didn't disagree with adding the 25% now.

19:19:11 The only budget impact from this initiative is adding \$60,000 for two officers in the budget line in case the grant is awarded to Taylorsville.

Initiative #8: Volunteers, Staff and Resources

19:18:23 Discussion took place regarding council members' priorities in the area of volunteers and staff resources, specifically the Economic Development Committee, emergency planning, Jones Dairy, Community Gardens, opportunities for citizens, and use of volunteers at City Hall and with park maintenance.

There was no budget impact determined for this initiative.

Initiative #9: Environmental

19:27:00 Discussion was held regarding environmental issues, i.e. electronic packets for the Planning Commission, the green waste program, proper care of landscaping and streetscapes, and developing a recycling program.

There were no budget impacts for this initiative.

Initiative #10: Arts, Culture and Entertainment

19:32:50 Discussion ensued regarding council members' priorities for arts, culture and entertainment, i.e. a farmers market, the museum/dairy property, a performing arts center (potentially working with Salt Lake County on this), city pride activities and events, the veterans memorial completion, attracting more events, events to help the youth in the city, and working with the school district to more effectively use school buildings for Arts Council performances.

19:33:54 Discussion was held regarding adding a budget allocation towards a Farmers Market. John Inch Morgan polled the council, as follows: Council Member Christopherson would like to test with volunteers first; Council Member Burgess - no; Council Member Johnson - no; and Chairman Barbour - no.

19:40:20 The Council was polled regarding budget allocation this year for a Performing Arts Center, as follows: Chairman Barbour said not this year, but it is important; Council Member Johnson - no; Council Member Burgess believes it could be a good thing for economic development and should be considered; Council Member Christopherson asked about potential funds from closed session real estate items and whether those funds could go toward a performing arts center.

20:03:25 Further discussion was held and a poll of the council was conducted regarding bringing events into Taylorsville and adding a budget allocation this year. All council members agreed that there should be no additional budget allocated for this.

20:07:58 There was no budget impact for this initiative.

20:06:41 John Inch Morgan proposed taking a five minute break at this time. He stated that after the break he and Mayor Rechtenbach would give a summary of the proposed tentative budget that would be presented to the council at the next regular city council meeting.

20:08:12 The meeting was recessed at 8:08 p.m.

20:20:45 John Inch Morgan reconvened the meeting at 8:21p.m.

20:21:17 Mayor Rechtenbach explained that the hope for this portion of the meeting was to have a summary form of key items. He relayed that Administration is not ready at this point to present that summary. Mayor Rechtenbach asked for council input on the information they would like to discuss and outlined options for discussion. He questioned whether discussion should be postponed until the budget has been polished and is presented at the next council meeting.

20:25:49 Discussion ensued regarding Council Members potentially attending the Budget Committee meeting on April 25, 2013 to get a prior glimpse of the proposed tentative budget. John Inch Morgan noted, however, that there is not sufficient time to publically notice the Budget Committee Meeting if more than two council members decide to attend. Chairman Barbour suggested that the council advisor attend, as normal, and give any input to the council members not in attendance.

20:29:08 Mayor Rechtenbach thanked everyone for being a part of the strategic budget sessions and stated that there has been a lot of great work done.

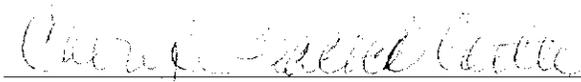
20:30:33 Chairman Barbour relayed that Council Member Overson has requested that there be another strategic budget session to go over the proposed tentative budget after it has been presented. Mayor Rechtenbach suggested that every meeting during the budget season have a

public comment time. He also proposed having two work sessions a month until the budget is worked out. All council members present agreed.

20:39:15 John Inch Morgan explained that the final issue to be talked about is the City potentially putting out a flier to Taylorsville residents providing basic facts and information regarding the budget process this year. Mr. Morgan noted that if this flier is mailed out there will be a budget impact. He polled the council on the expenditure, as follows: Council Member Christopherson - yes; Chairman Barbour - yes; Council Member Johnson - yes; and Council Member Burgess - yes.

Adjournment

20:46:25 The Strategic Planning Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 05-01-13

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