

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach

Council Members:

Council Chairman Dama Barbour
Vice-Chairman Kristie Overson
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Larry Johnson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, Community Service Division Director
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief

Others: Royce Larsen, Cliff Burningham, UFA Fire Fighters

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:00:28 Chairman Dama Barbour 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. Chairman Barbour called for questions on the Administrative Report for the Community Development Department.

18:01:22 Vice-Chair Kristie Overson inquired about a Reiki business listed within the business license section of the report. She questioned whether Reiki businesses have been banned. Community Development Director Mark McGrath clarified that Reiki businesses have not been banned, but have better defined. He relayed that Reiki is categorized as a legitimate massage business. He noted that the business referenced will only have licensed massage therapists.

18:02:13 Chair Barbour inquired how legitimate Reiki businesses are monitored. It was noted that monitoring such businesses can be problematic. Mr. McGrath clarified that Reiki is not monitored by the State.

18:03:39 Vice-Chair Kristie Overson questioned building permits issued for manufactured homes, as referenced in the report. Mr. McGrath confirmed that these are in the mobile home category.

2. Review Agenda

18:04:14 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that Cliff Burningham, of the Professional Firefighters Union, will be reporting in Jeremy Robertson's place during the regular meeting.

18:07:29 City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave clarification on the ordinance to re-set the minimum bid on surplus property.

18:07:52 Economic Development Director Donald Adams gave explanation on the need to appoint two representatives to Taylorsville's Taxing Entity Committee.

18:08:49 Council Member Johnson asked for clarification on whether an information packet with pros and cons will be distributed in regard to the Fire District referendum. Mayor Rechtenbach indicated that neither the Lt. Governor's Office nor the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office will be publishing an information packet. He said the only other entity that might consider doing such would be the UFA Fire District. He relayed that he does not believe the District will be distributing a pamphlet, although there will be information provided on their website.

18:12:41 Council Member Christopherson cautioned against any perceived electioneering by the City. City Attorney John Brems agreed that the referendum is not the City's election and electioneering is not allowed. Mr. Brems confirmed that elected officials are free to make their own individual statements on the referendum.

18:14:37 Mayor Rechtenbach agreed to have City Administrator John Inch Morgan contact UFA Legal Counsel to obtain final determination on whether the Fire District will be distributing a publication on the referendum.

It was determined that the RDA Meeting will be held prior to going into Closed Session at the end of the Regular Meeting.

3. Adjourn

18:17:07 Chair Barbour declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Bureau Chief
Economic Development Specialist Wayne Harper

Others: UFA Fire Fighters, Captain Cliff Burningham, John Gidney, Royce Larsen, Walker Christopherson, Scouts from Troop 3972, Pam Manson, Brent Garside, Ken Acker, Detective Louie Muniz, Officer Richard Bullock, Chad Simons, Tim Collins, Eric Staten, Jon Wilde, Reo Castleton, Lori Castleton, Chris Thurman, Steve Quinn, Jeff Osterhout

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:30:35 Chairman Dama Barbour 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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Christopherson

18:31:15 Council Member Brad Christopherson introduced several cub scouts, who directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – Council Member Christopherson (Opening Ceremonies For October 2, 2013 to be arranged by Council Member Johnson)

Walker Christopherson offered the Reverence by reciting a quote from George Washington.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:33:24 Chairman Dama Barbour reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

18:33:49 Royce Larsen commented on the Unified Fire Authority and emergency services in Taylorsville. He cited some concerned citizens who may believe that Taylorsville will lose control of emergency services if the City joins the Fire District. He noted the need to rebuild Fire Station 117 and referenced the ability for Taylorsville to save about \$5 million in joining the Fire District.

18:36:51 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Barbour closed the citizen comment period.

1.4 Mayor's Report

18:36:59 Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach reported on emergency services that were recently provided by firefighters in response to flooding issues. He illustrated slides of recent devastation experienced due to flooding. He noted that Taylorsville is very well prepared for emergencies. The Mayor relayed that the City's fund balance is, unfortunately, a little low at the current time. He said it is important to have a healthy fund balance for immediate emergency needs. He saluted local firefighters for the great work they do. He also underscored the need for the City to fiscally manage its resources.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

3. REPORTS

3.1 UFA Staffing Needs – *Cliff Burningham, SL County Firefighters Local 1696*

18:44:16 UFA Captain Cliff Burningham, representing Salt Lake County Professional Firefighters Local 1696, reported on staffing needs for the Unified Fire Authority (UFA) in Taylorsville. A printed report was distributed to elected officials and staff. Captain Burningham thanked members of the Ad Hoc Committee for the many hours they spent investigating issues surrounding fire services.

18:47:45 Captain Burningham rendered a Power Point presentation regarding local firefighters and fire services. He reviewed the history of fire services in the valley.

18:48:53 Points contained in the Firefighter Presentation were, as follows:

- **We are YOUR Local Firefighters.** Local 1696 represents Firefighters and Paramedics who work for UFA. We are “Your Employees” and we are committed to serving all Taylorsville residents as your professional firefighters.
- **We CARE about Taylorsville City of Taylorsville.**
- **When you Call 911**, we respond to medical emergencies, fires, traffic accidents, flooding, and many other types of responses.
- **What Else Do your Firefighters Do?** Adopt-A-School, Grade School Fire Safety Education, UFA Fire Safety Trailer; CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Courses; Fire Station Tours, Talk and Demos, Ride Along Program; CPR, First Aid and Merit Badge Education.
- **More Duties and Tasks:** Community events such as Taylorsville Dayzz; Fire Hydrant Inspections; Blood Pressure and Wellness Checks for Senior Citizens; Business Fire Safety Inspections; and much more.
- **But Wait There’s More:** Daily Equipment Check Offs; Clean Fire Station Bathrooms; Medical Training; Do the Station Laundry; Fire Training; Mow the Fire Station Lawn and Pull Weeds; Prepare and Clean Up Dinner; Training, Training, and More Training.

- **Taylorsville Calls for Service:** Data Trends – 3,945 Average Calls Annually, or nearly 11 Calls per Day in the City; Average of 400/month or 13 calls per day.
- **Taylorsville is Densely Populated.** Taylorsville is the most densely populated city in Utah, with 5,409 people per square mile; 10.8 square miles with a population of 58,652 (2010 Census).
- **So How Did we Get to this Point?**
- **How Many Firefighters Does it Take to Save a Life?** For a Critical Medical Patient: Paramedic A – Patient Care; Paramedic B – Airway Management; Firefighter – Patient Care Assistant; Engineer – Equipment and Patient Care; and Captain – Safety and Charting.
- **How Many Firefighters Does it Take to Fight a Fire?** For a First Alarm Residential Structure Fire: Fire Engine 1 – Initial Incident Command, Pump Attack Lines; Fire Engine 2 – Water Supply, Fire Attack; Ladder Truck – Ventilation, Access, Utilities, Rescue, Ladders; Fire Engine 3 – Fire Attack and Search; Heavy Rescue – Rapid Intervention Crew; Medic Ambulance – Medical Care; Battalion Chief – Incident Command
- **The Looming Question:** Does Taylorsville City need to increase its Fire and EMS Service to meet its citizens’ needs?
- **The Answer:** Yes. Twice a day, every day other crews respond into Taylorsville City to help its residents.
- **What Improvements are Needed?** One Additional Fire Company is needed to handle “Call Overlap” in Taylorsville City. Neither of the existing fire stations can house an additional fire company, including needed response vehicles or staff. Fire Station #117 on Redwood Road is aging, obsolete, unsafe, and must be replaced.
- **How Can this Increase be Funded?** Two paths to fund these critical public safety needs are, as follows: Option A - Residents vote “yes” to join the District, which increases the number of personnel on duty January 2014, replaces Station #117 immediately, and is the solution to a long-term problem; Option B – No Change, which does not address or fund the need for more staffing now, provides no solution for needed fire station replacement, and leaves an unsatisfied obligation year after year. Captain Burningham cited a cost of \$3.81 per month to taxpayers for Option A.

- **UFA Innovations:** Local 1696 is involved in UFA Staffing discussions, working with UFA to modify response models for better efficiency. Like other Community Medic Programs, which are being developed across the nation as a result of the Affordable Health Care Act, UFA is exploring opportunities to provide a better service. UFA in itself is an amazing example of innovation.
- **Fire Stations:** Let's talk about District Fire Station Construction. Have you visited any of UFA's newer fire stations in Millcreek, Riverton, or Magna? Are you just "judging a book by its cover?" Captain Burningham invited any interested citizens to come and visit his fire station in Millcreek for a personally facilitated tour.
- **Thank you.** Please remember that Firefighters still make house calls. We need your help.

19:20:49 Captain Burningham confirmed that, within UFA, Taylorsville is receiving six times the amount of help than what is provided by Taylorsville to other areas. Bureau Chief Jay Ziolkowski clarified that the exact data from Metro is not presently available, but Taylorsville is receiving far more service from outside entities than what it provides to other communities.

19:23:22 Council Member Burgess requested additional clarification on services provided to Taylorsville. Captain Burningham said that the six to one ratio is a best-case scenario. He cited multiple calls to Taylorsville that are received at his station in Mill Creek.

19:25:48 Captain Burningham stated that Taylorsville City is a net importer of services, contributing 8% of UFA's total budget, while consuming approximately 15% in services. He addressed concerns of fire fighters over the possible depletion of services to other areas due to the import of services to Taylorsville. He questioned whether this is a fair scenario long-term.

19:27:58 Vice-Chair Kristie Overson asked for clarification on the meaning of one additional fire company. Captain Burningham described staffing numbers per company and said it is being proposed that three more fighters per day be provided in Taylorsville, for a total of 12 fire fighters per day, along with additional part-time ambulance service. It was noted that current personnel can only handle two simultaneous medical calls.

19:31:50 Vice-Chair Overson asked where additional fire personnel would be housed if funded on January 1, 2014. Captain Burningham cited interim plans to fit personnel until a new station is constructed. He noted that housing equipment may be a problem. He said specific questions may be directed to either Chief Michael Jensen or Chief Jay Ziolkowski.

19:33:27 Chief Ziolkowski gave clarification on interim plans for housing additional fire staff in Taylorsville beginning January 1, 2014.

19:36:16 Captain Burningham said that, with permission, he would like to relay the position of Cottonwood Heights Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore in that he is not anti-district but, rather, is pro-district with some concerns. Mayor Cullimore has expressed that he feels it is in Taylorsville's best interest to partner with the District.

19:37:53 Mayor Rechtenbach noted that each entity's decision is an individual one. He noted that if the desire is to increase staffing, then joining the District is obviously the best economical choice for the City. If Taylorsville chooses not to increase staffing, Option B is cheaper; although, cheaper is not always better.

19:39:18 Chair Barbour observed that since Fire Station 117 is aging and must be replaced, Option B makes no sense because the City would then have to self-fund. She suggested that having the City stay status quo is not responsible.

19:48:46 Vice-Chair Kristie Overson thanked Captain Burningham for his concise and informative presentation. Chair Barbour added her personal thanks for all that fire fighters do.

3.2 Taylorsville Precinct Awards Presentation - *Deputy Chief Tracy Wyant*

19:49:27 Unified Police Department (UPD) Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant presented awards to the following officers: Richard Bullock for the Month of June and Louie Muniz for the Month of July.

19:52:08 Chief Wyant relayed that Lead Motor Officer Bullock has been instrumental in implementing speed-monitoring trailers and responding to major accident call-outs. The Chief cited Officer Bullock's positive attitude and the admirable way he deals with traffic stops.

19:54:21 Chief Wyant commended Detective Louie Muniz for lending his vast experience in helping to solve several serial robberies in Taylorsville.

3.3 Quarterly Report, UPD - *Deputy Chief Tracy Wyant*

19:57:40 Unified Police Department (UPD) Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant reported on law enforcement services in Taylorsville for the previous quarter. He also gave a year-end statistical presentation.

19:58:09 Chief Wyant reviewed general offenses for the fourth quarter. He summarized statistics for response times, traffic accidents, burglaries/burglary alarms, and drug cases. He referenced recent activities of the Street Crimes Unit and Pooled Services. He described the Officer Bicycle Program.

20:09:01 The Chief reviewed year-end data for calls for service, general offenses, etc.

20:04:20 Council Member Johnson inquired whether jaywalking is a violation. Chief Wyant said that it is technically a violation, but citations are not normally issued. Council Member Johnson relayed dangerous situations with jaywalking that he has observed. The Chief asked that specific time periods and areas be provided so that enforcement resources can be directed accordingly.

20:11:20 Council Member Johnson inquired about statistics for kidnapping. Chief Wyant clarified that the referenced data for kidnapping is not a typical abduction, but rather represents custody-related scenarios. He confirmed that there have been no actual abductions in the City during the past year.

20:13:20 Council Member Johnson inquired about any Spice problems in Taylorsville. Chief Wyant reported that issues with Spice distribution have decreased significantly.

20:14:03 Vice-Chair Overson expressed her appreciation to Detective Scott Lloyd for her recent positive experience when participating in a “ride-along” with him.

20:14:51 Chair Barbour added her thanks to Detective Valencia for her similar positive experience. Council Member Johnson mentioned his experience with a recent ride-along and thanked Detective Lloyd.

20:16:04 Council Member Christopherson thanked UPD Officers for their significant enforcement efforts in District 3. Mayor Rechtenbach recommended the experience of accompanying the Metro Gangs Unit.

20:16:36 Chief Wyant issued an invitation for elected officials to participate in law enforcement experiences, i.e. patrol ride-alongs, pooled services, etc.

20:17:09 Council Ernest Burgess relayed his appreciation for the professional protection he was given during an arrest on a ride-along with Detective Lloyd.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 08-21-13 & RCCM 09-04-13

20:17:54 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 ***Ordinance No. 13-23* Resetting the Minimum Bid with Respect to a Parcel of Real Property Located at Near 6216 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake County, Utah, that was Previously Declared as Surplus and for Which the Minimum Bid and Method to Determine the Highest and Best Economic Return to the City was Previously Established – *John Inch Morgan***

20:18:59 City Administrator John Inch Morgan referenced previously surplussed real property located near 6216 South Redwood Road (the Seraphine Clinic) and called for the need to re-set the minimum bid on the property.

20:19:57 Council Member Johnson inquired about the suggested minimum bid. Mr. Morgan suggested that the minimum bid be dropped from \$800,000 to \$650,000. He clarified that the change is contained in the proposed resolution. He noted that the property was procured with State funds for the CFI Project on Redwood Road and 6200 South and has been on the market for approximately two years. He cited some access problems associated with the property that have contributed to its decrease in value.

20:21:11 Council Member Burgess inquired about any funding participation from the City and Mr. Morgan confirmed that all funding came from the State. He suggested that any proceeds from the property go back into use within the 6200 South Corridor Area. He cited an impact to residents at 6020 South and the alternative access provided in the Labrum Park area.

20:22:13 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance 13-23 - Resetting the Minimum Bid with Respect to a Parcel of Real Property Located at Near 6216 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake County, Utah, that was Previously Declared as Surplus and for Which the Minimum Bid and Method to Determine the Highest and Best Economic Return to the City was Previously Established. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. **OTHER MATTERS**

7.1 **Resolution 13-21 - Appointing Two Representatives to Serve on the Taxing Entity Committee for All Urban Renewal and Economic Development Project Areas in the City of Taylorsville, Utah - *Donald Adams***

20:23:08 Economic Development Director Donald Adams described a house-keeping need to appoint two representatives from the City Council to serve on the Taxing Entity Committee (TEC) for urban renewal and economic development projects in Taylorsville. He noted that Council Members Rechtenbach and Johnson were previously appointed.

20:24:29 Mr. Adams discussed the makeup and role of the TEC. Council Member Christopherson expressed his willingness to serve on the TEC.

20:25:59 Chair Barbour cited her desire to serve on the TEC Committee and referenced the possibility of Council Member Christopherson serving, as well. Mr. Adams agreed that, as several Council Members are up for re-election, changes to the appointments may be made at a later date if necessary.

20:26:47 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 13-21 - Appointing Two Representatives to Serve on the Taxing Entity Committee for All Urban Renewal and Economic Development Project Areas in the City of Taylorsville, Utah, with the name of Council Member Dama Barbour inserted in the first blank and the name of Council Member Brad Christopherson inserted in the second blank. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

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

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

20:28:09

- 9.1 **RDA Meeting - Wednesday, September 18, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 **City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, October 2, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 **City Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 2, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 **Planning Commission Meeting - Tuesday, October 8, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 **City Council Work Session - Wednesday, October 9, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.6 **City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.7 **City Council Meeting - Wednesday, October 16, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

20:28:20

- 10.1 ***Smithsonian's Annual Museum Day - Saturday, September 28, 2013 - 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.*** The Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center will be participating in the Smithsonian's annual Museum Day. There is no charge to visit the museum. The address is 1488 W. 4800 S. Come see what it was like to live in the 1800's in this restored home/museum.

- 10.2 ***Taylorsville Open Streets - Saturday, September 28, 2013 - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*** - Open Streets events temporarily close streets to cars, allowing residents to walk, bike, skate, dance, and utilize the roadways in countless creative and active ways. The international initiative reconnects residents to their communities. For more information visit: www.taylorsvilleut.gov

20:28:54 City Administrator John Inch Morgan confirmed that access to the Canal Road will be opened at 3200 West during the upcoming Open Streets Event.

20:29:17 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting and convene the RDA Meeting. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** It was determined to take a five-minute break before convening the RDA Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

20:53:13 The Regular City Council Meeting was reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

11. CLOSED SESSION

11.1 Strategy Session to Discuss the Sale or Purchase of Real Property

20:53:26 Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property. Council Member Kristie Overson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

CLOSED SESSION - Sale or Purchase of Real Property

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Jerry Rechtenbach; City Administrator John Inch Morgan; Council Members Barbour, Burgess, Christopherson, Johnson, and Overson; City Attorney John Brems; Economic Development Director Donald Adams; Economic Development Specialist Wayne Harper; Community Services Division Director 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 Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dama Barbour called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, Barbour-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 10-02-13

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder