

City of Taylorsville
Work Session
Minutes

Wednesday, October 10, 2012
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

Attendance:

Council Members:

Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach
Vice-Chairman Dama Barbour
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Larry Johnson
Council Member Kristie Overson

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Kris Heineman, Deputy Recorder
Tracy Wyant, Police Chief
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Communications Director

Excused: Mayor Russ Wall

Others: Brett McIff, Rhett McIff, Orleen Novasio, Rob Novasio, Jon Fiddler, Daryl Gudmunsen, Doug Shupe, Sue Shupe, Randy Spears, Riley Gardner, Judy Moore

18:01:53 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the Work Session to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Report from Healthy Taylorsville Committee – *Dr. Brett McIff*

18:02:42 Healthy Taylorsville Committee Chair Dr. Brett McIff reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Healthy Taylorsville Committee. He emphasized the committee's goal to connect with other communities around the Salt Lake Valley. He relayed that the Iditarod event will be held again next year; however, the committee will no longer be hosting the Health Fair, as statistics show it has not been very effective in educating the public. Dr. McIff stated that the committee has joined the State Health Department to sponsor a program called the "Weight of the Nation." He noted that a screening will be held on October 25, 2012 at the Taylorsville Library to focus on obesity and review ways to educate the public. He cited a question and answer period that will follow the program.

Dr. McIff informed the Council that the Healthy Taylorsville Committee has received the "Platinum Award" for 2012, as a result of several activities, i.e. bike lanes and the community questionnaire/evaluation program.

18:08:37 Council Member Dama Barbour thanked Dr. McIff and his family for all they do for the community. Council Member Ernest Burgess also expressed his appreciation. Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach asked Dr. McIff to inform the Council of any needs the Healthy Taylorsville Committee may have. Dr. McIff stated that he appreciates any ideas implemented by the Council in order to keep the community informed and educated about becoming healthier. He cited the recently added bike lanes. He also relayed that he is always looking for new committee members who are excited and interested in promoting a healthy lifestyle in Taylorsville.

18:10:06 Council Member Larry Johnson suggested teaching people the benefits of healthy eating and, specifically, how to plant and care for a garden.

2. Update on Capital Improvement Projects - *John Taylor*

18:11:20 City Engineer John Taylor described recent and ongoing capital improvements. He cited the newly completed overlay project in the area of 1300 West 6235 South. He pointed out that there is space on the side of lanes for people to ride bikes and feel safe outside of traffic. He relayed that bike route signs will be added within the next few weeks. Chairman Rechtenbach asked about the number of vehicles running daily through the area. Mr. Taylor estimated that approximately 15,000 vehicles travel the area daily. Discussion was held regarding traffic congestion. Mr. Taylor noted that the area is reviewed frequently for possible traffic options.

18:16:24 Mr. Taylor also discussed the road construction project at Labrum Park and relayed hope that it will be completed before snowfall. He suggested that it could be completed by Thanksgiving, weather permitting. Mr. Taylor confirmed that the block wall project at 4100

South has the same completion date. He observed that these are life-safety projects with a high priority. Council Member Johnson asked if there would be signs prohibiting large truck travel. Mr. Taylor stated that these will be added. He mentioned that updated plans for park improvements will be presented for review at the next meeting.

18:23:27 Mr. Taylor commented on the Flex Lanes Project. He relayed that UDOT expects to open the flex lanes by early November. Council Member Barbour asked about safety concerns in regard to opening the new lanes during bad weather conditions. Mr. Taylor stated that safety is a top priority and the contractor is doing everything possible to be out of the business corridor before the holiday season. He noted that if bad weather occurs early, contingency plans will be discussed at that time.

18:26:13 Council Member Kristie Overson referenced the education process for drivers using flex lanes. Mr. Taylor explained that two weeks prior to opening the lanes there will be a media blitz covering the Wasatch Front area. He agreed to research and forward details to the Council.

18:25:17 Mr. Taylor referenced the through-turn lanes at 5400 South that are expected to open in early November. He described reasons for using through-turns and noted that left turn lanes will be removed at the intersection west of Bangerter Highway on 5400 South. Concern was expressed regarding through-turns. Mr. Taylor stated his belief that the through-turns will function very well and will add more green-light time at intersections. Chairman Rechtenbach observed that through-turns may have a negative impact on businesses.

18:32:36 Council Member Barbour asked about the possibility of UDOT constructing "simple intersections." Mr. Taylor stated that, due to construction building up to the edge of roadways, constraints are encountered. He explained that in order to facilitate the amount of present and future traffic, traditional intersections would require road widening. He cited expensive right-of-way costs and high impact to residents. Mr. Taylor observed that the non-traditional intersections will serve the City well and are the better option financially, because they are fiscally responsible. He noted that the intersections will meet the demands of congested traffic areas, while maintaining good quality of life for Taylorsville residents.

18:34:47 Chairman Rechtenbach inquired whether the Mountain View Corridor will have a positive impact on traffic congestion through Taylorsville. Mr. Taylor stated that it will be helpful when the road is completed past 2100 South. He noted that Mayor Wall has been very vocal in regard to the Mountain View Corridor project. Mr. Taylor gave additional clarification on options before the City in regard to traffic congestion.

18:37:16 Chairman Rechtenbach questioned whether there are any additional capital projects in progress. Mr. Taylor referenced the demolition project for removal of equipment and structures

in Labrum Park and also the overlay project at Morningside Subdivision, west of Mill Race Park. He confirmed that these projects are both running smoothly.

3. Discussion of Proposed Text Amendments to the Taylorsville Land Development Code – Mark McGrath

18:39:14 Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented four areas of text amendments for review.

18:40:08 Mr. McGrath cited Reiki Massage businesses and stated that there are a number of these types of businesses throughout the Salt Lake Valley. He noted that there have been several applications for this type of business in Taylorsville and some crime issues have occurred in relation to Reiki Massage operations. He explained that the Reiki Massage business is not regulated through the Health Department because they are defined as a “No-Touching” type massage. He commented that, in some instances, several months after a permit has been issued it has come to light that prostitution is occurring on the premises. Mr. McGrath relayed that the City has, therefore, revoked some business licenses. He went on to state that the proposed text amendment will specifically define Reiki Massage. He confirmed that there are no Reiki Massage businesses within Taylorsville at this time.

18:43:18 Council Member Kristie Overson asked how the City plans to regulate these types of businesses, as they are not regulated by the Health Department. Mr. McGrath observed that this is still a legitimate type of massage therapy when illegal activity is not conducted. Council Member Overson asked about the possibility of Reiki Massage businesses being home occupations. Mr. McGrath stated that he will research this issue and follow up with the Council at a later date. He noted that licensed massage therapists can receive a home occupation license, but they must be licensed through the State and adhere to multiple regulations. Council Member Burgess asked about potential action that could be taken by the Health Department. Mr. McGrath stated that since there is no touching involved in this type of business and the Health Department only regulates “touching-type” massage therapy, it will take no action.

Mark McGrath stated that the next text amendment involves temporary businesses being placed on landscaping, which results in landscaped property that is not maintained. He cited a secondary issue regarding handicap accessibility. He explained that the City will be adopting a new element in the locations standards portion of the temporary business application that prohibits temporary businesses on landscaped areas. Council Member Johnson observed that most temporary businesses are a benefit to the land owner.

18:50:21 Mr. McGrath discussed the proposed text amendment regarding Tobacco Specialty Shops. He stated that the wording has been changed to adhere to State legislation and guidelines. He noted that the amended version would have standards very similar to check cashing

establishments, in that it would limit the number of specialty tobacco shops in the City to one per 10,000 residents, for a maximum of six establishments. He noted that there are few places in the City where this type of business can locate because of State imposed restrictions. Council Member Larry Johnson expressed his concern about products being sold for illegal drug use. Mr. McGrath stated that the code will be strictly defined and conditional use permits will be implemented. He explained that applicants will be required to appear before the Planning Commission to state on record that there will be no illegal activity occurring at the business. He noted that if a police report is written involving illegal activity, the City immediately begins the business license revocation process.

Council Member Johnson asked if there is active code enforcement regarding landscape maintenance for businesses. Mr. McGrath stated that Code Enforcement officials periodically perform code enforcement activities on commercial properties. He noted that there are higher landscape standards written into the new development code. He clarified that this is typically geared toward new construction but, if there are blatant violations, citations will be issued.

18:56:17 Mr. McGrath commented on a loophole created by the State regarding alcohol permits being issued to reception center businesses. He relayed that, as it becomes more difficult for businesses to receive tavern licenses from the State, businesses title themselves as reception centers and are then issued a reception center alcohol license thus allowing circumvention of the State's guidelines for taverns. Mr. McGrath stated that the City will be writing very specific definitions to prohibit these types of issues.

4. Strategic Plan Review - *Mark McGrath*

18:58:21 Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented an overview of the 2013 Strategic Planning Timeline. He highlighted key steps and past accomplishments for 2012. Mr. McGrath stated that this year's City Council Retreat will be scheduled after the public Strategic Planning Meeting. He explained that this will allow public opinion to be expressed at the Planning Meeting and then be considered at the City Council Retreat. He emphasized that the goal for the retreat is to create a strong tie between the Strategic Plan and budgeted projects.

19:03:25 Council Chairman Rechtenbach asked about the process used to advertise the Strategic Planning Meeting to the public. City Administrator John Inch Morgan stated that there will be specific invitations issued to committee members, etc., posting will be done on the City website, and regular noticing procedures will be followed. He also agreed to issue a press release and have a banner placed at City Hall. Council Member Larry Johnson suggested posting the invitations in local businesses. John Inch Morgan stated that he would check into that possibility. He also suggested that citizen committee members be asked to spread the word to their neighbors.

19:05:25 Mr. McGrath asked for input regarding meals during the planning meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to serve a light breakfast. LARP Chair Rhetta McIff indicated that she is available to give input on healthy snack ideas.

Mr. Morgan confirmed that the City Council Retreat will be held in the Council Chambers.

19:07:03 Mr. McGrath noted that there are 10 Strategic Planning categories with objectives highlighted in each. He listed them as follows.

1. Customer Service
2. Economic Development
3. Transportation and Infrastructure
4. Quality of the Built Environment
5. Neighborhoods and Housing
6. Parks and Recreation
7. Public Safety
8. Volunteers, Staff and Resources
9. Environmental
10. Arts, Culture and Entertainment

Mr. McGrath cited several objectives within each category. He noted that the year-end report for 2012 was condensed from the planning and initiatives sections. He relayed that the goal for 2013 is to make planning initiatives more informative for the public. He explained that more descriptive text, pictures, and illustrations will be used. He indicated that the Strategic Plan will be added to the City website, so that progress may be charted throughout the year.

19:08:56 Mr. McGrath commented on the City's accomplishments for 2012. He stated that the Dan Jones Survey to residents was completed in April 2012 and was useful in understanding public opinion. He also highlighted improved communication between residents, the business community, and City Hall. He praised Communications Director Aimee Newton for her excellent work in providing information to the general public regarding City activities. He added that the City now has a greater relationship with the media, due to the efforts of Ms. Newton.

Mr. McGrath stated that economic development progress has increased significantly, both in planning and in working with business and property owners. He presented illustrations for six areas in the City that received special emphasis from economic development: 4800 South and Redwood Road; 6200 South Redwood Road, UDOT property located at 6200 South and Bangerter Highway; Family Center area at 5400 South and Redwood Road (Central point CDA); 4100 South Redwood Road (North Point CDA); and 5400 South and Bangerter Highway. Mr. McGrath confirmed that Marcosian Auto received its conditional use permit from the Planning

Commission recently and will soon be located at the North Point CDA. He noted that this will be the first building to meet the City's new design standards adopted a few months ago.

Mr. McGrath commented that the City has taken a major step forward in terms of maintenance on streetscapes, largely due to funding from the City Council. He noted that there were previously a lot of weeds along fenced areas of the City. He praised the Public Works Department for maintaining the community. Mr. McGrath cited grant monies received for a tree inventory which will highlight beautification of the City, as well.

Mr. McGrath stated that Code Enforcement was the topic that received the most votes from the survey taken in April. He defined this as "developing a neighborhood and housing plan that will identify implementable programs to reduce conditions that de-stabilize neighborhoods." He informed the Council that the Community Development Department, in conjunction with interns from the University of Utah Planning Department, are in the process of conducting a pilot project that will look closely at the elements of neighborhoods between the area of Redwood Road/2200 West and 4700 South/5400 South. He explained that the purpose of the project is to identify neighborhoods within the City that need resources. Mr. McGrath observed that this is a progressive approach to addressing some neighborhood issues.

Mr. McGrath pointed out the tremendous amount of volunteer resources in the City. He reported that a large amount of work has been completed by volunteers through Eagle Scout projects, concerned residents, and partnerships with businesses. He cited Adriaan Boogaard and his volunteers, who work diligently throughout the year in maintaining the Jordan River area.

Mark McGrath referenced environmental efforts to develop recycling sites. He cited glass recycling projects at the Taylorsville Senior Center and Taylorsville Park. He relayed that Salt Lake County is initiating another glass recycling facility at the Salt Lake Community College. He indicated that another area of focus has been to have City Hall become paperless. He stated that a lot of progress has been made in this area due to the use of electronic devices.

Mr. McGrath highlighted the completion of the Veteran's Memorial last June. He observed that this is a jewel of the community.

Mark McGrath relayed that his presentation will be sent to elected officials and volunteers and will also be posted on the City website and at public locations over the next few weeks. He called for questions or comments from the Council.

Council Chairman Rechtenbach thanked Mr. McGrath for his presentation and stated that it is good to see accomplishments that have been made throughout the year, along with a list of future plans. Council Member Kristie Overson observed that Mr. McGrath's presentation was excellent. She asked about the possibility of making the presentation available for public view.

Mr. McGrath confirmed that he will place it on the website along with information, illustrations, and explanations.

5. Other Matters

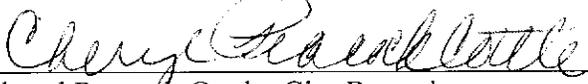
19:28:33 Council Member Larry Johnson stated that he recently received an e-mail from an individual in his area about Proposition 1. He asked for explanation. City Administrator John Inch Morgan explained that Proposition 1 is a bond for Salt Lake County that would be used for a number of parks throughout the county, in cities and in unincorporated park areas. He relayed that the funds will be used to increase the level of park maintenance or to fund development of parks that have been planned. Mr. Morgan explained that a portion of the funds would be used to add grass to Valley Regional Park.

19:30:10 Council Chairman Rechtenbach noted that City Council Work Sessions do not typically facilitate citizen comments; however, he has had a request from Jon Fiddler to make brief comments regarding a petition for the Fire District. Chairman Rechtenbach invited Mr. Fiddler to present his comments.

19:30:52 Jon Fiddler cited State statute regarding the petition process. He noted that a petition has been circulated to protest the annexation of the City into the Fire District. He reported that the petition contains double the amount of signatures required. He recommended that the budget be opened immediately to fund fire contract services and to halt all non-essential services. He stated that opening the budget at this time will help reduce the amount of funds needed to bond. Mr. Fiddler thanked Council Member Kristie Overson for withdrawing her decision to join the Fire District. He then asked for clarification regarding petition submittal. He was instructed to submit the referenced petition to Ryan Perry of the Unified Fire Authority.

6. Adjournment

19:33:31 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Work Session. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Rechtenbach-yes, Barbour-yes, Burgess-yes, Overson-yes, and Johnson-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 11-07-12