

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84118

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Russ Wall

Council Members:

Council Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach
Vice-Chairman Larry Johnson
Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Bud Catlin
Council Member Morris Pratt

City Staff:

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator
John Brems, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jean Ashby, Admin. Asst. for Economic Dev.
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director
Donald Adams, Grants Manager
Michael Kwan, Judge
Robin Kishiyama, Human Resource Specialist
Gerry Orr, Finance Clerk

Excused: Deputy Recorder Jessica Springer

Others: Rhetta McIff, Kristie Overson, Gordon Wolf

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:00:51 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach 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 Rechtenbach called for questions on the Administrative Report, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was agreed that Agenda Item 6 will be addressed prior to Agenda Item 5 during the regular Council Meeting. City Attorney John Brems gave explanation on the resolution for receipt of the tentative budget. City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave additional clarification on deadlines for adopting the tentative budget and setting a public hearing on the budget. Council Member Johnson noted that he will have an item for discussion under Agenda Item 7.

18:08:26 Budget Chair Gordon Wolf requested that the Budget Committee be allowed to make a brief presentation at the beginning of the Budget Discussion under Agenda Item 6.2.

3. Closed Session

18:10:43 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn the Briefing Session and convene a Closed Session to discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation at 6:10 p.m. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

a. Strategy Session to Discuss Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation

CLOSED SESSION

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Mayor Russ Wall, City Administrator John Inch Morgan, Council Members Barbour, Catlin, Johnson, Pratt, and Rechtenbach, City Attorney John Brems, and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle. Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adjourn this Closed Session at 6:37 p.m. and convene the regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

b. Strategy Session to Discuss the Professional Competence of an Individual

The Closed Session to discuss the professional competence of an individual was not held.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Dama Barbour
Council Member Bud Catlin
Council Member Morris Pratt

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John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director
Donald Adams, Grants Manager
Michael Kwan, Judge
Robin Kishiyama, Human Resource Manager
Kathy Lemay, Plan Review Specialist
Marsha Thomas, Judge

Excused: Deputy Recorder Jessica Springer

Citizens: Rhetta McIff, Kristie Overson, Gordon Wolf, Tom Blokovitch, Dean Paynter, John Gidney, Aimee Newton, Keith Sorenson, Steve Ashby, Jeff Webster, Members of Boy Scout Troop 843 and their leaders Anthony Christensen and Shawn Milne, Paul Brown, Gary Morrill, Ken Cook, Valerie Meldrum, Janice Auger Rasmussen, Ken Rasmussen, Dean Paynter, Sharon Wall, Ken Acker, Jerry Milne, Lynn Handy, Sharon Wall, Jim Dunnigan, Teresa Rechtenbach, Dave Ballou, John Smith, Jay Ziolkowski, Roi Ring, Mary Beth Lauritzen, John Lauritzen, Paul Jackson, Sheryl Broomhead, Randy Broomhead, Patsy Gustin, Nadine Bandle, Troy Facer, Annette Facer, Kelsey Rowley, Erin Penrose, Stan Snarr, Linda Snarr, Heather Nehring, Amber Nehring, Lisa Nehring, Alex Aerts, Gil Morrill, Fred Mason, Maria Magallanes, Reagan Gabbitas, Jacob Bailey, Ken Cook, Michael Nehring, Jeff Webster, Mildred Harrie, Susan Taylor, Dale Longyear, John Vo, Julie Davis, Georgina Martinez, Spencer Braithwaite, Gwen

Smith, John Smith, Aimee Newton, Jon Oliver, Scott Oliver, Susan Oliver, Joel Gardner, Leslie Chapman, Paul Brown

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:41:39 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the meeting to order at 6:41 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 – Youth Council Member Monica Sanchez

18:41:57 Youth Council Gina Martinez directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence – Youth Council Member Joel Gardner (Opening Ceremonies For May 18, 2011 to be arranged by Council Member Catlin)

Youth Council Member Joel Gardner offered the Reverence.

18:43:57 LARP Chair Rhetta McIff presented the Taylorsville Beautification Award to Jeff and Pat Webster. Ms. McIff noted that Jean Paris, along with John and Michelle Peters, also received awards.

18:45:26 On behalf of the City, Ms. McIff presented a plaque and a gift basket from Great Harvest to Jeff Webster.

18:47:17 Council Member Pratt recognized Mr. Webster for flying the American flag in his yard. Chairman Rechtenbach thanked Rhetta McIff for her efforts.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:48:37 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:50:13 Dave Ballou stated that he was perturbed with the Council Meeting held the previous week. He inquired as to what the proposed tax increase will fund. He referenced the City website and stated that it is not user-friendly. He presented his objection to funding new street signs and police vehicle replacement. Mr. Ballou relayed that he has been unable to obtain a copy of last week's Council Meeting minutes on the City website.

18:53:56 Chairman Rechtenbach inquired about the timing for posting Council Meeting minutes on the City website. City Administrator John Inch Morgan clarified that minutes are posted on the website immediately following their adoption by the City Council.

18:54:17 City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle noted that a recording of the Council Meetings is available immediately following the meetings, upon request.

18:54:31 Chairman Rechtenbach acknowledged that the City website is currently being upgraded to be more user-friendly. He clarified that, although recordings are not available on the website, they can be obtained through the City Recorder's Office.

18:55:35 Mr. Ballou made additional inaudible comments regarding the availability of the Council Meeting Minutes away from the microphone. Ms. Cottle confirmed that a written GRAMA Request form must be submitted to obtain a copy of the meeting recordings.

18:56:04 Former Mayor Janice Auger Rasmussen read a statement on behalf of a group in attendance. She relayed concerns regarding action taken by the City Council when, with a three to two vote, it failed to acknowledge receipt of the Tentative 2011-2012 Budget. She referenced a news article published in the Deseret News regarding the action and said that she has received many calls and questions from concerned residents, although she has not been in office for five years and four months. Ms. Rasmussen relayed her commitment to voice those concerns regarding protocol and statutory requirements. She said that the Mayor is required by Utah Statute to present a Tentative/Draft Budget that is balanced by the first week of May. She explained that acknowledging receipt of the tentative budget does not give actual or implied acceptance or support, but merely indicates the draft budget has been received in a timely manner. Ms. Rasmussen presented analogies pertaining to receipt of the budget. She clarified that once the Council acknowledges receipt of the budget, there is opportunity for review and any changes may be made before final adoption. She said that the recent action taken by the City Council is an embarrassment to the City. She noted that, as Mayor, she has prepared eight City budgets and has participated in adopting three additional budgets, but during that time every Council Member voted to acknowledge receipt of the budget every time. She suggested that the action taken may raise some red flags during a future City audit. Ms. Rasmussen encouraged the Council to vote in favor of the resolution on the agenda to acknowledge receipt of the budget, in order to conform with Utah State Statute.

19:01:50 Roi D. Ring seconded the comments in favor of acknowledging receipt of the budget. He said that he has reviewed the budget and asked the Mayor for clarification on the tax increase. Mayor Wall clarified that he has prepared a budget that he believes fits the needs of the City and has asked for a 20% tax increase. Mr. Ring referenced a flyer outlining the average cost to a Taylorsville homeowner in the event of a 20% increase. The Mayor acknowledged that businesses would also be impacted by a tax increase. Mr. Roi suggested that businesses are

choosing to locate in other cities because taxes are less elsewhere. He asked the City Council to consider the impacts of a tax increase. Mr. Ring asserted that the City Council is condoning a tax increase and has voted to approve such. Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that the Council has only recently received the budget and discussions are merely beginning. He stressed that the Council has taken no action on the proposed budget thus far.

19:05:05 Mayor Wall stated that he is happy to personally meet or speak with Mr. Ring at any future time, but gave reasons that it is not feasible for him to leave the meeting for immediate discussion.

19:05:21 Sheryl Broomhead cited her concern over the potential tax increase. She spoke of rising cost of living expenses for citizens, decreased home values in the City, and the negative impact of a tax increase on citizens. She suggested that the Police Department continue repairing vehicles, rather than purchasing new vehicles, until such time that the economy improves.

19:06:38 Susan Oliver stated that she cares for the City of Taylorsville and has lived here for 25 years. She cited concerns about the current economy, rising medical costs, and foreclosed or rented properties in the City that are not being properly maintained. She relayed that she believes residents have come to the City with issues that have not been properly addressed. Ms. Oliver said that she loves the annual fireworks display, but feels the costs for such may not be justified. She asked that the City simplify as families have had to do.

19:10:57 Ken Acker inquired whether the City would consider conducting a recycling project around the Taylorsville Dayzz Event.

19:12:20 Council Member Pratt referred Mr. Acker to the City's new Green Committee to pursue his idea. It was noted that the committee meets on the third Thursday of each month.

19:13:26 Jack Lauritzen agreed that the expense for purchasing new City street signs is unnecessary. He suggested that signs should be repaired or replaced as needed, but new signs should not be purchased. He questioned why the City feels it needs a Public Information Officer at this time and inquired who has filled that role in the past.

19:14:41 Mayor Wall said that the City is focusing on economic development and has examined other successful models with other cities. He stated that Taylorsville currently has a full-time Economic Development Director and one other staff member, but is competing with cities that have teams of economic development professionals, including PIOs, real estate experts, marketing experts, etc. Mayor Wall clarified that he has presented a proposed budget, after discussion of City needs that has taken place over the course of past years. He stressed that the budget has not been finalized. He said he personally feels that the City needs a PIO, but the Council will make the final decision.

19:16:23 The Mayor said that a lot of misinformation has been put out to the public, and a PIO would be helpful in educating citizens and businesses about Taylorsville.

19:18:41 Jack Lauritzen cited difficult times in the City and said he feels this may not be the best time to add a new position without assurance of what the return will be. He also inquired about specific plans for the City Center property and whether bids have been obtained for the landscaping project. Mayor Wall said that bids are required by law, the project has been bid, and the bids are public information. He clarified that the many bids received by the City are too cumbersome to post on the website, but are available through a request for public records.

19:19:05 Aimee Newton acknowledged that increasing taxes is a big deal, but suggested that consideration be given to the worst case scenario if the City is not taken care of properly. She noted that the City's main source of revenue is from businesses and sales tax revenue. She clarified that residential property taxes do not pay for themselves and must be subsidized through other revenue. Ms. Newton said that if roads are not maintained properly, landscaping is not performed, or code and police enforcement is not funded because the City is too cheap, Taylorsville neighborhoods will go downhill and property values will decrease. She suggested that food families are leaving the City because of deteriorating conditions. She asked that the Council please consider the bigger picture and exercise long-term vision. She stated that she is personally willing to pay a little bit more now if, if needed, with the understanding that down the road her property values will improve and Taylorsville will be able to attract good businesses. Ms. Newton noted that a little bit spent now may help with a big amount later.

19:21:34 Council Member Pratt agreed that there is a definite need to look at the big picture, but cited other taxes, in addition to property taxes, that are paid by residents and come back to the City.

19:22:15 Jon Oliver stated that he lost his job in 2009 and said his family has had to find ways to afford life. He expressed concern with government waste. He cited a police officer who drives a 4-wheel drive vehicle in the City. He said that he wants businesses in Taylorsville, but suggested that if taxes are raised it will affect businesses and they won't want to stay. Mr. Oliver said he thinks ways can be found to cut expenses without raising taxes. He noted that ways can be determined to cut within the budget. He relayed that Taylorsville is unique in that citizens can come together to make things work during a recession.

19:24:56 Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that the Council is very aware that businesses pay taxes, but noted that Taylorsville is one of the lowest taxed communities in the entire valley. He observed that businesses are relocating to neighboring communities that actually have higher taxes.

19:26:09 Mayor Wall relayed that citizens are criticizing the City for not looking for ways to cut the budget, but clarified that the City's budget has been cut by 5% for each of the last four budget cycles. He stated that Administration is proposing to bring some service levels up to what they have been previously. He suggested that the cycle of deferred maintenance cannot continue without eventually increasing costs substantially. The Mayor said he wants to make it clear that cuts have been made, as can be verified by police officers, public works service providers, and City employees.

19:27:24 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Rechtenbach closed the citizen comment period.

19:27:36 Chairman Rechtenbach recognized members of Scout Troop 843 in attendance.

19:28:14 Chairman Rechtenbach also recognized many veterans in attendance from Kearns Post 132. A Veterans Representative stated that his group is concerned about the proposed Veterans Memorial. He asked those in attendance to thank acquaintances who are veterans, as they are those who have guaranteed citizens their rights to public process and open meetings. Chairman Rechtenbach recognized World War II Veteran Paul Brown in attendance.

19:30:45 Chairman Rechtenbach noted that there are no additional public hearings scheduled for this meeting. He inquired whether others in attendance are still desirous of addressing the Council and it was conveyed that there are some. Council Member Pratt **MOVED** to re-open the Citizens Comment period. Council Member Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members voted and the motion passed.**

19:31:24 Heather Nehring stated that her husband has been serving in Iraq and has been there for a year. She cited the importance of completing the Veterans Memorial in Taylorsville because of the sacrifices of veterans for those in the community.

19:32:20 Lynn Handy expressed his appreciation to the City Council and to all Veterans for ensuring privileges to citizens. He invited those in attendance to stay, listen to, and participate in the budget process. He said that Taylorsville has already cut all the services it possibly can and now must preserve the City in order to enjoy it in the future.

19:33:54 Chairman Rechtenbach closed citizen comments for the second time.

1.4 Mayor's Report

19:34:11 Mayor Wall recognized Taylorsville Municipal Court Judge Marsha Thomas, who was recently awarded the "Municipal Court Judge of the Year Honor" by her peers. He noted that Judge Thomas is also the published author of a book regarding judicial procedures. The Mayor thanked her for her efforts on behalf of the City.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Youth Council – *Maria Magallanes, Youth Council Chair*

19:35:24 Youth Council Chair Maria Magallanes reported on recent activities and upcoming events for the Taylorsville Youth Council. She relayed that the "Annual Easter Egg Hunt" was a success and was held at two different locations in Taylorsville. Ms. Magallanes introduced Reagan Gabbitas, who is the newly-elected Youth Council Chair. Chairman Rechtenbach thanked Ms. Magallanes for her service.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 03-16-11

19:37:01 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-abstain. **The motion passed.** Council Member Pratt noted that he abstained from voting, as he was not in attendance at the March 16, 2011 City Council meeting.

19:37:49 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to reverse the order of Agenda Item 5 and Agenda Item 6 and proceed to Agenda Item 6 at this time. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Development Code Review and Discussion, Chapter 2 – *Mark McGrath*

Due to the late hour of the meeting, this item was postponed and will be addressed at a later date.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 11-13 – Acknowledge the Receipt of a Balanced Tentative Budget Submitted by the City Administration to the City Council for Consideration for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 – *John Inch Morgan*

19:38:52 City Administrator John Inch Morgan said that he has no additional comments regarding the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. He asked the Council to adopt the subject resolution acknowledging receipt of the Tentative Budget.

19:39:00 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 11-13 – Acknowledge the Receipt of a Balanced Tentative Budget Submitted by the City Administration to the City Council for Consideration for Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Discussion Regarding the Tentative Budget – *John Inch Morgan*

19:39:40 Budget Committee Chair Gordon Wolf said that the Taylorsville Budget Committee has reviewed the tentative budget and has submitted a memorandum containing recommendations from the committee. Mr. Wolf read the observations/recommendations in regards to the 2011-2012 Budget, as submitted by the Budget Committee (a copy of which is attached and incorporated therein as part of this record).

19:44:08 Mr. Wolf confirmed that basically the Budget Committee does support the Mayor's proposed budget, but in the event that cuts must be made, the committee has made some recommendations for such.

19:45:29 Council Member Barbour said she doesn't believe any Council Member would enjoy voting for a tax increase.

19:45:55 Mr. Wolf noted that tax increases have been proposed over the last four years and not approved, so expenses have been held and cuts have been made. He said that there comes a

point when there is no choice but to increase taxes. He cited higher costs to the city for gasoline, etc.

19:46:49 Council Member Bud Catlin said that he is surprised by the Budget Committee's recommendations and agrees with quite a few of them; however, he clarified that he doesn't agree with a 20% tax increase at this time. He asked that a copy of the recommendations be provided to him electronically.

19:48:20 Mr. Wolf relayed that his neighbors know he works closely with the City and often ask him about a potential tax increase. He said that once he explains the need, they understand. He stressed that the recommendations made represent a group of citizens and committee members and are not just coming from him as an individual.

19:49:11 Council Member Johnson relayed that he respects the memorandum from the Budget Committee, but has concern with the phrase "regardless of the economy." He said the Council must regard the economy and conditions of the people. He inquired whether committee members have visited with people who are less fortunate. Council Member Johnson said that he does not agree with the small cuts being recommended and believes those items are important to the City.

19:50:55 Mr. Wolf clarified that he personally would not like to see the line items referenced go away, but noted that some things may have to be given up in order to not have a tax increase.

19:51:05 Mr. Johnson reiterated his issues with the word "regardless" contained in the committee's memorandum. He said that word leads him to believe that the committee is not taking other people's situations into consideration.

19:51:40 Mr. Wolf agreed that the current economy is not the best ever seen. He pointed out that the City and residents are buying from the same market. He noted that costs are going up for both.

19:51:50 Council Member Johnson stated that he has personally been fortunate, but is concerned for his neighbors who are starving to death and are losing their homes.

19:52:44 Council Member Pratt apologized for missing last week's Budget Committee Meeting. He encouraged Budget Committee Members to come to every City Council Meeting. He said that there are several inaccuracies cited in Item 6 of the committee's recommendations and indicated that those should be corrected or explained.

19:53:15 Mayor Wall noted that members of the Taylorsville City Budget Committee are volunteers and are not paid for their extra efforts. He asserted that having a Council Member insinuate that the Budget Committee wants people to starve is totally inappropriate.

19:54:10 Chairman Rechtenbach stated that he appreciates the work of the Budget Committee and the Council understands that the items presented are only suggestions.

6.2.1 Jim Dunnigan/Health Insurance

19:54:34 Insurance Representative Jim Dunnigan spoke regarding City benefits and said he would primarily focus on the health insurance plan. He reminded Council Members that the City's health coverage is through Select Health Insurance. He said that renewal rates effective on July 1, 2011, will be affected by the Loss Ratio of 107%. He confirmed that last year's loss ratio was higher than this year's.

19:56:59 Chairman Rechtenbach referenced the adjustment made last year to the amount paid by employees and asked about any impact on claims. Mr. Dunnigan said he does not attribute the loss to that change, because of the theory that the more employees pay the more determined they may be to get the benefit out of the plan. He noted that the City pays 80% of the cost of the health insurance across the board. He cited the three different networks offered within Select Health.

19:58:40 Council Member Bud Catlin said that health insurance is one of his pet peeves. He inquired whether the City offers several different plans. Mr. Dunnigan clarified that one plan with three network options is offered. He explained that the benchmark the City has chosen for its contribution is the middle plan, Select Med Plus. He clarified that the City pays 80% of that particular plan.

19:59:53 Council Member Catlin asked how healthcare services are directly affecting healthcare prices. Mr. Dunnigan said that comparative analysis data will soon be made available on websites. He cited efforts he has made on a State level to have data published. Mr. Catlin referenced hospitals that currently offer single source billing and asked whether other providers are moving in that direction. Mr. Dunnigan said this is being considered and a pilot program is currently being conducted at University Hospital. He cited a demonstration project that is available.

20:04:20 Council Member Johnson inquired about the yearly deductible required. Mr. Dunnigan said that there is a \$500 calendar year deductible, although there are a variety of benefits that are covered through co-pays and without having to meet that deductible amount. He noted that after July 1, 2011, preventative care will be covered at 100%. He acknowledged that some entities have gone to a \$1000 deductible, but clarified that a recent study has determined that for

employers with more than 50 employees, the state average deductible is \$500; for smaller employers, the state average deductible is \$1000. Mr. Dunnigan relayed that he has options for consideration if desired.

20:07:16 Mr. Dunnigan reported that the health insurance renewal rate has been increased by 16%, except for the Select Care Plus option, which has increased 11%. He mentioned that the market was thoroughly shopped one year ago and it was determined that Select Health was still the best value for the City. He said that medical inflation trends at 11%, which is a significantly greater trend than general inflation. Mr. Dunnigan cited cost drivers for increases, including Federal Health Reform mandates, which have impacted everyone. He relayed that high medical claims last year also affected the rate increase.

20:09:53 Mr. Dunnigan referenced his handout outlining the top 11 claims submitted by City employees last year. He cited confidentiality laws preventing the disclosure of actual names for claimants, but explained that the report illustrates claims that exceeded \$10,000 during the twelve-month period.

20:11:12 Mr. Dunnigan said that Dental Coverage is offered through two different providers and there is no increase to that coverage. He indicated that there will also be no increase to vision or disability insurance, etc., and the only increase is to medical insurance.

20:12:26 Mr. Dunnigan called for any questions from the Council.

20:12:33 Council Member Barbour inquired about any recommendations for other insurance options. Mr. Dunnigan distributed a third handout regarding such options.

20:13:03 Council Member Johnson asked about any statistics regarding fitness/wellness programs to help decrease insurance costs. Mr. Dunnigan relayed that a wellness program to incentivize employees could be designed and has been implemented in the past by the City on a small scale. He gave examples of wellness incentives. He explained that there is no discount for developing programs; however, they may result in fewer claims and lower rates.

20:15:35 City Administrator John Inch clarified that when the 2011-2012 Tentative Budget was first presented, actual insurance costs were not yet available and so an estimated increase was included. He noted that the actual increase is actually less than what was estimated and the budget is therefore reduced across all departments.

20:16:31 Mr. Dunnigan reviewed insurance options, as follows:

1 – Increase annual deductible from \$500 to \$750; saves 2.6% or \$25,804 per year of the city share. Employees would pay \$250 additionally in deductible amount.

2 – Change benchmark from Select Med Plus to Select Value; saves 7% or \$70,438 per year of the city share. Employees would then pay additional difference.

3 – Do both options 1 and 2 saves 9.6%, or \$95,121 per year of the city share.

20:17:54 Mr. Dunnigan cited some modifications made to insurance last year when the supplemental accident benefit was eliminated and the amount of co-pays were increased.

20:18:35 Mr. Dunnigan confirmed for Council Member Johnson that changing the City's benchmark in the plan would cost an employee approximately \$70 additionally each month for a 2-party plan.

20:18:51 There were no additional questions from the Council and Chairman Rechtenbach thanked Mr. Dunnigan for his time.

20:19:14 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to address Agenda Item 6.2.3 at this time. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

6.2.2 Department Heads

20:47:10 City Administrator John Inch Morgan asked Chief Craig to address questions regarding the Police Department budget. Chief Craig referenced the proposed budget from the Police Department.

20:48:38 Chairman Rechtenbach asked about increases to travel and training. Chief Craig explained that budget increases are needed to bring required training back in line. He reviewed supporting documents and said leadership seminars are necessary to bring supervisors up to speed with current challenges and mandatory training, i.e. rapid response to schools, annual legal updates, etc. He confirmed that training is held during shift times and coverage is required. The Chief said that training time, leave time, etc. is reflected in the budgets for FTEs.

20:52:42 Council Member Catlin inquired about budget requests for vehicles and the average cost per car. Chief Craig stated that the average vehicle cost is \$24,388.45, which runs a range for a Ford Fusion at \$18,000 to a GMC Yukon at \$31,000. Mr. Catlin said that he fails to see why a GMC Yukon is needed. Chief Craig clarified that he has allocated \$1,500 for equipment install on each vehicle. He indicated that costs vary depending upon what equipment is included in the vehicle.

20:54:49 Council Member Catlin inquired about requests for firearms acquisition. Chief Craig reviewed the expenses requested under the 460 account, Line 1185. He explained that the six Glock pistols are replacements. He cited excessive use on some firearms and a goal to keep weapons on a regular rotation plans. Chief Craig cited newer technology and said the intent is to update weapons periodically in order to avoid large expense at a later time.

20:56:41 Council Member Catlin relayed that he carried the same weapons for 20-32 years during his career. Chief Craig gave additional detail on guns being requested for replacement. He clarified that offset on used equipment is not included because it is difficult to assess. He outlined some of the vehicles to be retired.

20:59:34 Chief Craig explained that he looks for three issues in relation to replacement of cars, i.e. age, mileage, and cost of maintenance. He noted that once money is budgeted for replacement vehicles, it is about a year before they are received.

21:00:58 Chairman Rechtenbach asked about the need for a Ford F-150 or a Chevy Silverado. Chief Craig explained the purposes for requesting particular types of vehicles for use with loading ammunition for the fire range, carrying traffic cones, barricades, and other equipment, drugs surveillance, etc. He explained that there are various reasons for mixing up the fleet and cited the budget process of gathering expenditure requests from internal leaders, submitting it to Administration, and then for ultimate review by the Council.

21:02:52 Council Member Johnson referenced Murray Mayor Snarr's comments on police vehicles that he is continuing to maintain. Mr. Johnson said that he has a problem with 14 new vehicles and inquired why these requests have not been made previously. Chief Craig clarified that the requests have been brought up before. He said previous vehicle purchases have been made through grants.

21:03:25 Chief Craig mentioned that there has not been a vehicle replacement budget in the past and he has told the Council in previous years that playing "catch up" is difficult. He cited his intent to try and keep the Council from being blindsided next year by the department's expanding needs. He indicated that he feels an obligation to look ahead and request items that the Police Department requires to maintain safety in the community and perform its job.

21:04:28 Council Member Johnson inquired about the blue and white Impalas. Chief Craig clarified that the department does not have anymore of those units. He relayed that there are two marked line units and three unmarked line units that are kept for rotation. He noted that there is also a car kept for use by the Victim Advocate and Bailiffs. The Chief explained that anyone on any type of leave generally parks their car at the Fire Station.

21:06:02 Council Member Johnson said that the Strategic Plan has recommended two new police officers. He noted that the tentative budget includes fourteen replacement police vehicles, but no

new officers. Mayor Wall said that he questioned the need for additional officers and has submitted the budget he thinks appropriate. Mr. Morgan confirmed that the two additional officers are listed as "Add Items" that could be added by the Council.

21:06:37 Council Member Morris Pratt indicated that he is still troubled about the need to purchase a \$31,000 Yukon instead of an Explorer. Chief Craig said that he has used vehicles from the State Contract to come to an average price of a police vehicle, but has not finalized what exact vehicles would finally be purchased. He explained that by the time budgeted vehicles are actually purchased, they are generally more expensive, since new models come out in November. He cited difficulty in pinning down exact prices. Chief Craig reiterated that he has just calculated the average cost of a car that might be employed.

21:07:45 Mr. Morgan explained that the list presented is merely a worksheet and represents an average. It was acknowledged that if a Yukon were not purchased, the average price of a vehicle would go down.

21:08:22 Council Member Pratt noted that police vehicles have been replaced at least once in previous years. He inquired about the approximate resale price of old cars. It was agreed that it would be reasonable to recognize some revenue from old vehicles in the budget.

21:10:12 Council Member Catlin gave input on the types of cars needed for patrol and investigations.

21:10:41 Mayor Wall stated that he feels an obligation to bring up a proposal from the Unified Police Department (UPD) again. He reminded the Council that when he brought it up last year, he had informed the Council that joining would save the City \$375,000. He noted that now that Midvale City has recently joined the Unified Police Department, he believes Taylorsville could join UPD and avoid any kind of tax increase.

21:11:50 Chairman Rechtenbach cited his concerns with promises from the UPD to save the City money and referenced past experience with Salt Lake County.

21:12:22 The Mayor denied that the UPD is similar to the County Sheriff's Department, and said it is the same model as the Unified Fire Authority (UFA). He relayed that the UPD Board is made up of five municipal mayors and three county representatives. He said that all he is asking is for the City Council to consider it.

21:13:26 Council Member Pratt said that he has two concerns: (1) losing the personality of the local police force and losing control of a Police Department that is doing an excellent job; and (2) the potential for being hammered with a big increase down the road. He said that he has a lot of confidence in the Taylorsville Police Department and sees no reason to change.

21:12:49 Council Member Barbour agreed that Taylorsville has a great police department, but said the City needs to be willing to keep funding the department and committing to keeping it up to standard. She suggested that if Midvale is actually saving a million dollars by joining, it is something she would be willing to look at it, although she is far from ready to jump into anything.

21:14:31 Mayor Wall reiterated that he felt an obligation to bring it up. Chief Craig relayed that the employees of the Police Department consider joining UPD a viable option and are anticipating that the City will consider it. He said that he personally feels it would be appropriate to look at the option, as well.

Council Member Barbour said that her first choice is to continue funding the Taylorsville Police Department and keep it great.

21:14:49 Chairman Rechtenbach polled the Council as to whether they would be interested in entertaining a proposal from the UPD. Council Members Pratt and Johnson both indicated "no" by shaking their heads. Council Member Catlin said that he is not interested in seeing a proposal at this time. Council Member Barbour said that her first choice is to keep the police department going but noted that it will probably need to be added upon. Chairman Rechtenbach relayed that the majority vote is "no" to hearing a proposal.

Council Member Catlin indicated that he is not convinced joining the UPD would result in a cut. He cited past issues with the Sheriff's Department and their methods for reporting.

Mayor Wall agreed that the Taylorville Police Department does an excellent job. He cited a huge increase in liability insurance, grievances, and lawsuits as a result of the local department. He stated that he doesn't understand why the Council won't even look at the option of joining. He said that he doesn't understand the hesitancy to even consider the UPD.

21:20:01 Council Member Pratt suggested that the City would have the same costs for liability, grievances, etc. whether it joins UPD or not. He said these things are products of a police department.

21:23:18 Chief Craig cited benefits of a shared partnership with UPD. He said that overhead costs for day-to-day operations would be spread and shared, which results in a cost decrease. He reminded the Council that Police Department employees were told last year that the option would be considered down the road. He indicated that employees feel that this government is locked into a battle that results in employees not being cared about. He said employees are struggling right now and would like to move forward.

Chairman Rechtenbach recalled that when the City contracted with the County it was required to carry a sufficient liability amount to supplement what the County did not carry.

21:22:12 Chief Craig disagreed and said he did not believe that was the case. He cited downward trends in health care costs and liability in a unified model. The Mayor referenced a large jump in the City's liability insurance due to a \$500,000 payout that was made.

Chairman Rechtenbach said he remembers that additional liability insurance was needed under the County contract and Chief Craig stated that when he led the contract, the County paid the City's portion of the liability pool.

Chairman Rechtenbach cited a need to work out these types of issues. He said just because Midvale has joined UPD, doesn't mean it is good for Taylorsville to do so. He relayed that he has had discussions with police officers and employees who are not in favor of joining.

Chief Craig observed that these issues will not be sorted out unless information is presented and considered.

21:23:18 Chairman Rechtenbach agreed and said that he is in favor of at least hearing a presentation, but the Council as a whole is not. He clarified that he doesn't want to be perceived as stonewalling the issues, but added that he has never been told that joining UPD would be a wonderful decision.

Mayor Wall said that he respectfully requests a verbal poll of the Council so that the consensus is on the record.

21:24:24 Chief Craig clarified that he will not be going back and rallying the employees, as he is merely conveying that employees feel the City government is locked in a battle with itself and they are being forgotten about. He said employees are currently polling themselves through their labor organizations regarding UPD. The Chief reiterated that he would never attempt to spread hate and discontent in the Police Department.

21:25:07 Council Member Pratt asked about capital equipment in the Police Department. He noted that the Police Department has been funded by \$7 million and hopes that is not discounted.

21:25:33 Council Member Johnson agreed that the Police Department is doing a good job, but suggested that some of the requested expenses are for another time.

21:26:07 Chairman Rechtenbach recalled that the original budget for the Taylorsville Police Department was \$3 million and it is now over \$7 million. He said the Police Department has always been a top priority and has had very few requests declined. He cited his concern that if the department is let go, Taylorsville citizens will suffer.

21:26:59 Chairman Rechtenbach polled the Council as to whether they are willing to listen to a presentation on UPD. The poll was as follows: Pratt – no; Johnson – no; Rechtenbach – yes; Barbour – yes; Catlin – no. Council Member Catlin stated that he is pleased with the department and will do all he can to support the department, but doesn't want to change. He said if someone thinks there is a better opportunity elsewhere, he would never criticize anyone for bettering themselves.

21:28:58 Mayor Wall informed the Council that he plans to allow a presentation on UPD for the citizens in another venue, probably in a Town Meeting.

21:29:50 Council Member Pratt cited his recommended changes to the Police Budget, i.e. reduce travel and training by \$5,000 and reduce firearms by \$10,000. He said he believes there are definitely cars that need replacement, but believes the vehicle budget increase can be trimmed by 25% in order to save \$90,000. Mr. Pratt also said it would be wise to recognize an average of \$56,000 in revenue for the sale of old vehicles. He relayed that, by his calculations, this would save \$200,000 out of the Police Department Budget and still increases it by over \$300,000, not counting bailiffs that were transferred to the Court.

21:35:36 Council Member Catlin recommended not limiting the number of vehicles, but decreasing the budget amount. He suggested that smaller cars be used for investigators and said he favors in-car cameras. Mr. Pratt noted that there would still be \$40,000 in the capital budget.

21:34:19 Chairman Rechtenbach said he would like to see an average cost clarification on vehicles. Chief Craig suggested removing the Yukon. He stated that the department doesn't use large horse power cars and definitely strives to stay economical. He noted that the police budget has been cut every round.

21:35:47 Council Member Barbour inquired about the capitol line and whether the allotment gives officers adequate tools to do their jobs. Council Member Pratt said it is not his intention to tell Chief Craig what to buy, but it is his intention to give him \$40,000 instead of \$80,000.

21:37:37 Chief Craig cited technology that has improved and increased. He said he will have to go back to the drawing board. Council Member Pratt cautioned against using the word "compliance" and noted that the City is already in compliance. Chief Craig said there are reasons to update the equipment and keep up with modern technology. Council Member Catlin referenced the need to stay up to date.

21:38:39 Mr. Morgan confirmed that he has Council Member Pratt's suggestions noted. Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that no changes are being approved in this meeting, but recommendations are being offered for future discussion. Mr. Morgan said that if the Yukon is

removed, it takes the average car price down by \$600. He indicated that the intent is to obtain more patrol cars rather than replacing trucks on the road.

21:39:13 Chief Craig relayed that there is need for trucks for canine deployments. He confirmed that there are two canine units in the department.

21:40:17 Judge Michael Kwan called for questions regarding the Court Budget. He relayed that the Court Budget is basically flat, other than adding the Bailiffs, with only a .7% increase over last year.

21:42:01 Council Member Catlin observed that the bailiffs are a legitimate expense for the court budget. He inquired whether the Court Budget is still in the red. Judge Kwan indicated that he does not yet know.

21:42:54 Judge Kwan confirmed that the Drug Court is being phased out, but the Domestic Violence Court is not, as it is not a problem-solving court. Council Member Catlin said he believes that without the Drug Court, clerical costs will go down. Judge Kwan disagreed and indicated that removing the Drug Court will actually cause costs to go up.

21:43:47 Council Member Catlin inquired about indigent defense. Judge Kwan relayed that indigent defense in Taylorsville is ruled by the same criteria as other Justice Courts in the State. He clarified that indigent defense is based on poverty guidelines and income standards set by federal statute.

21:45:50 Council Member Catlin recalled that when Judge Kwan took over administration of the Court it was anticipated that a reduction in court employees would follow. Judge Kwan said there is not a budget reduction pertaining to employees, as caseload has increased by 1400 cases per year. He said he does not anticipate hiring any new people, but is just asking current employees to do more.

21:46:24 Council Member Pratt said that somehow the Court must produce more revenue than expenses and cannot continue to operate in the red. Judge Kwan said that the Court is not operating in the red, but acknowledged that as it is budgeted, it appears that way.

21:47:38 Clarification was given on electronic payments services revenue and expenses.

21:48:22 Mr. Harrington reported that the current financials show the Court to be approximately \$236,000 in the red.

21:49:27 Judge Kwan gave additional explanation on actual expenses versus budgeted expenses.

21:50:45 Mayor Wall noted the fact that the Court is doing much better in collecting current fine and forfeitures and back payments. He said that eventually back payments will no longer be collected and the Court will still run in the negative.

21:51:48 Council Member Barbour inquired how the City can afford being \$236,000 in the red. Judge Kwan suggested that a court serves another purpose rather than just making money. Council Member Barbour said that she is only looking for the Court to break even. Judge Kwan cited contingencies that were budgeted.

21:53:17 Council Member Pratt referenced other courts that are operating well. He said the news reports that courts are making good money and the Taylorsville Court is the exception. Judge Kwan noted that busier courts are not doing as well. He clarified that there are 130-140 in Utah and four courts were reported on by the news. He indicated that he can only run his court as efficiently as possible and ask his employees to continually give, but cannot affect what happens in other cities.

21:55:27 Mr. Morgan noted that Court expenditures are less than the budget, and revenues are being estimated conservatively. He cited the addition of the bailiffs and a capital expense for shelving in the Court. He said that the shelving would be more properly accounted for in government buildings.

21:56:44 Judge Kwan explained that the capital expense for shelving is included in the "Add Package." He explained that parts are no longer manufactured for the Courts Electriever file system. He said it is anticipated that it will go down at some point and files will not be accessible.

21:58:09 Council Member Pratt referenced the January financials, but Mr. Harrington indicated that the March financials were e-mailed last week. He confirmed that actual revenues are currently above projections.

22:00:15 Council Member Pratt said that cuts must be made. Council Member Johnson inquired about the possibility of increasing fines. Judge Kwan said that fines generally follow the bail schedule. He presented a concern that indigent defense expenses will probably increase by approximately \$20,000, since the Drug Court has been eliminated.

22:05:19 Council Member Catlin asked questions and gave input on indigent defense services.

22:07:53 Judge Kwan relayed that the Court is being very diligent in collecting fines. He recognized his Financial Compliance Team for doing a good job. He said if defendants cannot pay, community service is an option.

22:09:35 Mr. Morgan called for discussion on the Public Safety budget and asked Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski to address questions. Chief Ziolkowski reported that the UFA budget is anticipated to remain flat with a \$3.7 million contract.

22:11:38 Council Member Johnson questioned whether it is necessary to bring out several fire units on all accidents. Chief Ziolkowski referenced codes that go out to crews for response to different accidents. He said response methods are constantly evaluated and modified. He stated that ultimately the captain is responsible for the safety of the crew.

22:15:54 City Attorney John Brems relayed that the Stantec litigation award to the City will be either \$342,000 or \$352,000. He said additional details should be discussed in a Closed Session. It was determined to schedule a Closed Session during the May 11, 2011 Meeting to discuss pending litigation.

22:18:35 Mr. Morgan agreed to provide a breakdown of professional fees for the Council.

6.2.3 Veterans Memorial – Donations and Funding

20:20:27 City Administrator John Inch Morgan stated that last week Administration was asked to identify the sources of revenue and expenditures for the Veterans Memorial and then make a determination on expenses for the coming year. He asked that Chief of Finance Scott Harrington present the information.

20:20:28 Mr. Harrington outlined expenses versus revenues for the Veterans Memorial. He reported that the original budget for line 10-41-6730 was \$287,500, of which \$250,000 was for the Veterans Memorial as adopted on June 21, 2010. He relayed that at mid-year up to \$200,000 was added for the memorial, for a total in the line item of \$487,500.

20:22:09 Mr. Harrington reviewed the Veterans Memorial expenses projected at \$250,000 and cited donations expected from outside sources. He reviewed the use of the fund balance and noted that adjustments were made at mid-year. He cited actual receipt of donations at \$27,300, with an additional \$50,000 pledged but not yet received. Mr. Harrington noted that \$172,700 is also expected to be collected to bring the total to the \$250,000 that is budgeted. He outlined the current estimated costs for the Veterans Memorial at \$318,000 based on projections for the actual monument, etc. He said that if \$250,000 is received in donations, the remaining \$68,000 would come from the “up to \$200,000” amount that was allocated at mid year.

20:24:36 Council Member Barbour inquired about any in-kind donations. Mayor Wall explained that Labor Unions have offered to do brick work, etc. but said nothing has been fully determined.

20:25:35 Grants Manager Donald Adams said that the estimated cost of \$318,000 is actual dollars and does not include in-kind contributions.

20:26:09 Chairman Recthenbach called for clarification on amounts pledged for the memorial. Mayor Wall affirmed that the State will likely contribute \$100,000, based on his commitment, as received by the City Council, that the City would fill in the balance.

20:27:42 Council Member Johnson questioned why the pledged \$50,000 has not yet been received from Zions Bank. Mayor Wall said he believes the commitment is firm but the donation is still being processed in-house. Mr. Adams confirmed that a written commitment was received, but the process is lengthy to realize the donation.

20:28:15 Chairman Recthenbach confirmed that actual donations received thus far only total \$27,300 and everything else is merely projected. Mr. Adams said that a solid figure has been received from the sculptor and the City is in the last phase of contract negotiation with him. He noted that engineering estimates are a moving target.

20:30:44 Mayor Wall said that the Council previously committed up to \$200,000 for the Memorial.

20:30:35 Mr. Harrington gave additional clarification on actual monies received.

20:31:11 Council Member Catlin asked the Mayor about a timeline for donations that are still forthcoming.

20:31:40 Mayor Wall cited efforts to collect donations and said he is comfortable with the firm commitments received. He relayed that it is anticipated that approximately \$250,000 will be received from the State and from businesses. He cited the concern that not much more will be coming over that amount. He said it will be easier to collect on the commitments once final plans are in place, i.e. recognitions, plaques, scheduling of groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies, etc. The Mayor speculated that once details are firmed up, the City is within 30 days of collecting on committed donations.

20:33:39 Council Member Johnson asked for additional clarification on what was pledged by the City Council. Chairman Recthenbach reminded the Council that Mayor Wall originally asked for a \$100,000 pledge from the Fund Balance, but the Council as a whole was interested in seeing the project completed, so they agreed to pledge up to \$200,000.

20:34:30 The Mayor projected about \$150,000 in contributions from businesses, unions, and other participants, and an additional \$100,000 from State. He said that he is reasonably

comfortable with his original request of up to \$100,000 from the Fund Balance to match the donation from the State. He noted that what doesn't get spent will fall to the bottom line.

20:36:13 Mr. Harrington gave additional clarification on money that is currently allocated in the budget for the memorial. Mayor Wall said that if the Council wants to remove \$100,000 from the allocation that was committed, Administration would be comfortable that the project could still be completed.

20:37:27 Council Member Pratt asked whether the money in this year's budget can be encumbered. He suggested that nothing needs to be in the FY 2011-2012 Budget. Mayor Wall said that there is some confusion on what must be shown as a budget line item in next year's budget.

20:38:53 Mr. Harrington defined encumbered and described some timing issues. He cited some requirements to have the project under contract.

20:39:37 Council Member Pratt gave additional explanation on why there does not need to be any money allocated in the new budget. Mr. Harrington described terms for carrying over funds from this year until next. He said that the budget line item is really a "placeholder."

20:41:14 Council Member Catlin inquired whether the money can fall into the fund balance and then be adjusted at the mid-year.

20:42:13 Mayor Wall noted that the City can't negotiate a contract if the money is not in the budget. He said it is Administration's intention to have the project completed by November 11, 2011, although the sculpture will likely not be finished and there will be multiple unveilings of the monument. He noted that negotiations regarding landscape, infrastructure supplies, etc. must be made.

20:43:26 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested accelerating the project, encumbering the funds and collecting committed donations.

20:44:14 Council Member Johnson said that it would be nice to collect the money now.

20:44:32 Chairman Rechtenbach stated that by committing funds, the City shows good faith and that will help in collecting donations.

20:44:53 Mayor Wall reiterated that setting a date for a groundbreaking of the project will go a long way toward collecting on commitments.

20:45:38 Council Member Pratt asked for the fund balance percentage in the 2010-2011 Budget. Mr. Harrington said that he does not have an exact percentage, but it is close to the maximum. Mr. Morgan clarified that the fund balance is at about 16 ½ %. Council Member Pratt asked about the projected percentage of the fund balance in the new budget. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Harrington agreed to forward the percentages. Mayor Wall noted that the fund balance is dependent on under-spend and will only be a projected estimate.

20:45:55 Chairman Rechtenbach polled the Council regarding the Veterans Memorial regarding setting a groundbreaking date and moving forward with the monument. All Council Members were in favor of doing so.

20:46:36 Veterans in attendance thanked the Council for moving ahead with the Veterans Memorial Project.

6.2.4 Continuation of Budget Discussion Picking up at the Planning Commission

22:18:55 There were no changes recommended to the Planning Commission Budget at Tab 6.

22:19:56 Council Member Pratt said that he would like to discuss overall insurance benefits and salary increases during next week's Work Session. He said he believes salaries and benefits need to be addressed as a whole, rather than by department.

22:19:31 Community Activities were addressed, and the Budget Committee's suggestion to eliminate the Arts Council budget was referenced. Council Chair Rechtenbach said that he has issues with singling out the Little League in its own budget line. City Administrator John Inch Morgan suggested having a general category rather than singling out Little League. Chairman Rechtenbach questioned the need for the category at all. Mr. Morgan noted that if the City decides to "gift" to an organization, it cannot do so unless there is a hearing, etc.

22:24:02 Citizen Committees were discussed. A reduction to the Historic Preservation Committee line was attributed to grants. Council Member Johnson questioned whether the City needs to do a float every year. Council Member Barbour said she views the float as being an important advertisement for the City. Additional discussion was held regarding the City float.

22:26:33 Community Events were addressed. Mr. Morgan agreed to provide a break down of community events. He explained the need to have a separate budget line for the Taylorsville parade and the Taylorsville Dayzz Event in order to provide more detailed accounting during the event.

22:28:03 Jay Ziolkowski clarified that the City donates \$350 to each band who participates in the parade. He noted that Taylorsville contributes less to bands than do other cities. Council Member Catlin commented that the parade is good for the community because it involves a lot of people. He recognized the Exchange Club as an advocate for the community. Mayor Wall confirmed that the golf carts used are donated by Public Works.

22:31:44 Council Member Johnson cited the value of the annual Awards Banquet.

22:32:08 Mr. Morgan agreed to follow up on the VECC passthrough/paramedic for next week.

22:33:53 Mr. Morgan said that discussion of Public Works will take quite some time and will be led by himself and City Engineer John Taylor during next week's meeting.

22:32:46 It was agreed that budget discussions next week will begin with Public Works and also include the Community Development and Economic Development Budgets.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade – *Chairman Rechtenbach*

22:34:26 Chairman Rechtenbach cited a potential issue with vehicles being donated for the Taylorsville Parade. He said that Ken Garff is no longer in the City and will not be making vehicles available. Mayor Wall clarified that vehicles were not donated in the past, but were negotiated to help pay off fines to the City. Chairman Rechtenbach indicated that there has been a suggestion to possibly have elected officials ride in a fire truck or on the wagon used for Tomb Tales. UFA Battalion Chief Jay Ziolkowski clarified that either an antique fire engine or a front-line engine could be made available.

22:39:35 After discussion and direction, Chief Ziolkowski said that he will first request the antique fire truck and if that is not available, a ladder truck will be provided.

22:39:38 City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle called for a point of order and inquired whether Agenda Item 5 still needs to be addressed, as it was earlier skipped.

22:40:07 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to postpone discussion of Item 5.1 regarding the Development Code to next week's Work Session Meeting, following budget discussions. Council Member Dama Barbour **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

22:41:28 Council Member Johnson asked Mr. Morgan to report on follow up regarding an issue presented in the previous meeting concerning impounded dogs. Mr. Morgan said that the impounded dogs are governed by a City ordinance and Administration cannot break an ordinance. Council Member Johnson said he believes the requirement to sterilize loose dogs that have been impounded three times is too stiff. It was noted that the Council may want to consider revising the ordinance. It was clarified that West Valley City does not have this ordinance and even though they provide animal services for Taylorsville, the City is still governed under its own individual ordinances. Mayor Wall noted that the dogs have actually been impounded eight times and cited methods used by the family to try and cheat the system. The Mayor said the history of the ordinance can be provided if desired. He said that if the Council wants to waive the ordinance, it should really be repealed. It was suggested that Mr. Johnson take the ordinance to the Ordinance Review Committee for review. Mayor Wall said that he is willing to consider pardoning the dog owners with an arrangement that the dogs be kept outside of Taylorsville and are no longer licensed in the City. Mr. Morgan relayed that Kelly Davis, of West Valley City Animal Services, will place the issue on hold if the Council is planning to waive the ordinance. City Attorney John Brems gave some additional input. Council Member Johnson asked the Mayor to please pardon the offense. Mayor Wall said that he will still need to discuss the situation further with Council Member Johnson in a separate setting, as some strict conditions will be required.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

22:50:55

- 9.1 City Council Work Session – Wednesday, May 11, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

22:51:02

- 10.1 Ribbon Cutting – Knights Furniture – Friday, May 6, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – 5584 South Redwood Road.
- 10.2 Taylorsville Dayzz – June 23-27, 2011 – See the City website for further details and a schedule of events: www.taylorsvilleut.gov

11. ADJOURNMENT

22:51:20 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.



Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-01-11

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