

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 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 Morris Pratt
Council Member Morris Pratt

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, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance
Donald Adams, Grants Manager
Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director

Excused: Council Member Bud Catlin

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

18:01:34 Chairman Rechtenbach conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01 p.m.
City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were

present, except Council Member Catlin who was excused. Chairman Rechtenbach called for questions on the Administrative Report for Community Development, and there were none.

2. Review Agenda

18:01:54 The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that Council Member Pratt will conduct the opening ceremonies during the regular meeting in the absence of Council Member Catlin.

18:06:56 Council Member Barbour referenced the many residents who volunteer for the City and encouraged Council Members to consult volunteers in order to garner input from them regarding the budget and the direction the City is going.

18:09:16 Chairman Rechtenbach relayed that a group of police officers have presented a petition and will be making comments regarding the Unified Police Department during the regular meeting. Council Coordinator Jessica Springer distributed copies of the petition submitted to members of the Council.

3. Adjourn

18:10:10 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Wayne Dial, Assistant Chief of Police
John Taylor, City Engineer
Scott Harrington, Chief of Finance

Keith Snarr, Economic Development Director
Donald Adams, Grants Manager
Kathy Lemay, Building Dept.
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official
Denise Ikemyeshiro, Police Officer
Shannon Bennett, Police Officer
Vaughn Allen, Police Sergeant
Doug Barney, Police Officer
Jean Ashby, Admin. Asst. for Economic Dev.
Patricia Kimbrough, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Gober, Police Officer
Robin Bronson, Human Resources Specialist
Shawn Fausett, Police Officer
Jason Richman, Police Officer
Ryan Oyler, Police Officer
Brady Cottam, Police Officer

Excused: Council Member Bud Catlin

Citizens: David Richardson, Kristie Overson, Joan White, Jay Ziolkowski, John Gidney, Bruce Wasden, Connie Taney, Todd Sutton, Gordon Wolf, Dave Ballou, Lynn Handy, Kenneth Acker, Jennifer Bodell, Shari Fullmer, Rita Heagren, Rachel Sanderson, Aimee Newton, Dean Paynter, Kenneth Cook, Suzan Bukovinsky, Steve Ashby, Donald Frame, Jack Lauritzen, Mary Beth Lauritzen, Rita Heagren, Carmen Heagren, Justin Ellis, S. Michael Taylor, Israel Grossman, Jackie Anderson, Margaret Player, Roger Barer, Randall Doyle, Sonia Ballou, Mary Beth Bingham, Joelle Merriman, Brittney Gillespie, Brad Gillespie, Susan Holman, Susan Yadeski, Adam Merriman

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

18:31:11 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Catlin who was excused.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – Opening Ceremonies
– Council Member Catlin

18:31:56 In Council Member Catlin's absence, Council Member Morris Pratt directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.2 Reverence – Council Member Catlin (Opening Ceremonies
For June 1, 2011 to be arranged by Youth Council)**

No reverence was offered.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:32:44 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:34:28 Shannon Bennett, President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge, said he is representing the majority of Taylorsville Police Officers. He cited a petition to be presented from Police Department employees in support of joining the Unified Police Department (UPD). Sergeant Vaughn Allen was introduced as the representative for those police employees who are not members of the FOP Lodge or Union.

18:35:15 Sergeant Allen referenced a petition delivered to the City Council last year urging that the Police Department be staffed at an acceptable minimum level. He said that, at that time, the Police Department was inadequately staffed at .9 per 1000 citizens, or 55 sworn officers. He noted that the average ratio of surrounding jurisdictions was approximately 1.34 officers per 1000 citizens. Sergeant Allen indicated that to attain a similar staffing level, the Police Department would have been required to hire an additional 25 sworn officers, at an increased cost of approximately \$3.5 million annually. He said the only other viable option at that time was to consider joining the UPD; and 31 members of the Police Department, both sworn and civilian, signed the petition presented to the Council.

18:36:08 Sergeant Allen said that over the course of the last year since the petition was rendered, Police Department (PD) staffing has not significantly improved overall. He reported that the current ratio is still below one officer per 1000 citizens and no consideration has been given by the City Council to join UPD.

18:36:23 Sergeant Allen read a petition urging the Council to either raise the revenue necessary to adequately fund the City of Taylorsville Police Department (PD) or to reconsider joining the UPD. The statement cited the inefficiency of having many small and medium size police departments within Salt Lake County and said that the current model unnecessarily creates duplication of services, redundant purchasing of expensive equipment, and competition for a myriad of finite federal and state financial resources. Sergeant Allen relayed that the petition encourages the City Council to demonstrate its fiscal responsibility by providing the best value in police service to its constituents by joining UPD. It was noted that a model similar to UPD has been proven by the Unified Fire Authority, which is supported by the City Council. It was noted that the petition contains 61 signatures, representing the majority of members of the PD.

Sergeant Allen indicated that Chief Craig and Assistant Chief Wayne Dial wish to remain neutral regarding the petition; however, it was noted that their support of the UPD is already on record.

18:38:19 Sergeant Allen referenced a budget from the City of Lakewood, Washington Police Department. He reported that the City of Lakewood began self-providing police services one year prior to the Taylorsville PD and their model was reviewed when Taylorsville made the decision to self-provide. He noted that, although Lakewood's population, demographics, crime rate, and income are very similar to Taylorsville, their police department has 102 sworn officers, which nearly doubles that of the Taylorsville PD. He said this further illustrates reasons for concerns that the Taylorsville PD is grossly understaffed and in need of options besides raising taxes. Sergeant Allen relayed that the entire Taylorsville Police Department believes that joining UPD is the right choice for the citizens and officers of Taylorsville.

18:39:11 Chairman Rechtenbach inquired whether representatives from the PD would still like to be on the June 1, 2011 City Council Meeting Agenda.

18:40:29 Sergeant Allen called for input from the Council on how they would like to proceed and whether they would like to have a formal process to consider UPD. He noted that the last time this issue was raised, three of five Council Members would not consider listening to a presentation. He cited concerns that the democratic process is being shut down in regard to a decision on UPD.

18:39:45 Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that there was not a previous request to place a UPD presentation on an agenda, but rather a question as to whether the Council had interest in hearing a proposal from the UPD. He noted that officers have a right to present in a City Council Meeting.

18:40:27 Sergeant Allen asked that the matter be left on the June 1, 2011 agenda for now, to be solidified at a later time.

18:40:36 Officer Bennett relayed his willingness to provide input as FOP President and clarified that the only intent for this meeting was to bring forth the petition and verify that the vast majority of officers are in support of joining UPD.

18:41:23 Chairman Rechtenbach expressed concerns about the validity of the savings being promised by UPD and cited the need to evaluate details and hear feedback.

18:42:02 Sergeant Allen referenced the past lack of consideration by the Council to consider UPD and said that the only other option to raise the PD to adequate staffing levels is to place the burden on citizens who are already overtaxed. He called the current system of individual police departments scattered throughout the valley fragmented, inefficient, and costly. He stated that

the Council Members who made the decision to self-provide knew that doing so would be extremely expensive and vowed to raise taxes to fund the PD. He observed that the needed tax increases have not happened.

18:42:35 Chairman Rechtenbach noted that taxes were raised a few years back and Sergeant Allen countered that they were not raised to the degree required.

18:42:53 Council Member Pratt asked if the suggestion is being made that Taylorsville have the same police department as Lakewood, Washington. Sergeant Allen clarified that Lakewood's model was referenced when the Taylorsville PD was initiated and said he only wishes to illustrate how far that department has progressed in comparison to Taylorsville.

18:43:30 Council Member Pratt noted that Lakewood has a \$20 million-plus budget for their PD, but Taylorsville is unable to provide that amount. Sergeant Allen said that the Council vowed that kind of support at the outset of the PD.

18:43:50 Officer Bennett cited potential safety issues in having a police department that is staffed below the national average. He acknowledged that Taylorsville circumstances are different than those in Lakewood. He said that officers would be happy to sit down with Council Members and discuss the situation in greater detail.

18:44:51 Chairman Rechtenbach asked that an open discussion on UPD, including facts, reports, etc. be scheduled for the June 1, 2011 City Council Meeting.

18:45:22 Mayor Wall asked for clarification on whether the Council desires to have a representative from UPD participate in the discussion. Chairman Rechtenbach clarified that whatever is needed to facilitate the presentation on the UPD is welcome.

18:45:51 Joan White, representing the Taylorsville Historic Preservation Committee (HPC), presented the Committee's concerns if the budget for the committee should be eliminated, as has been proposed. She cited a desire to clear up any misconceptions about the impact of dropping funding for the committee. Ms. White made the following clarifications: (1) the HPC does receive grants, but they can only be used for specific projects and not for operating expenses for the museum; (2) out of the four grants received during the past year, the City is only eligible for two next year; and (3) without the \$2000 budget, the HPC may not be able to obtain any grants that are available.

18:47:00 Ms. White referenced the statistical fact sheet e-mailed to the City Council and noted that volunteer hours for grants were not included in the fact sheet, except those for school tours. She cited verbal expressions of appreciation the HPC receives from teachers and students who come to tour the museum. Ms. White thanked the Council for its support of the museum as

reflected in the City budget for items such as utilities, internet, caretakers salary, and various supplies. She cited special needs that are not covered in the budget, i.e. silver polish, hardwood floor cleaner, piano tuning and piano cleaner, chandelier cleaning, vacuum cleaner, flag, printer cartridges, paper, sheet protectors, binders, flowers, rug cleaning, picnic tables, and benches. She noted that there are various things that are provided by volunteers at no cost to the City, i.e. cleaning of the museum, planting and maintenance of flowers, flag pole, painting of fence/school house/out buildings, and service projects. Ms. White cited comparisons with other similar museums that are owned by their respective cities, i.e. museums in Murray, Midvale, and South Jordan. She asked that the City continue to fund the HPC and thus the Taylorsville-Bennion Heritage Center in order to preserve the history of the community.

18:52:31 Utah Public Employees Association (UPEA) Employee Representative cited Taylorsville's skilled and competent workforce. He observed that public employees are typically paid below market when compared to similar positions in the private sector and said this has been solidified during the recent economic downturn. He asked that the Council consider the Administration's compensation proposal and/or offset a potential rise in health care premiums. Mr. Sutton addressed the dichotomy between public sector and private sector work in regard to compensation. He noted that Taylorsville employees have been getting by with less and additional cuts to compensation and benefits could counter the City's ability to competitively retain and hire competent employees. He suggested that undercutting the City's workforce will not bring the City of Taylorsville economic gains. Mr. Sutton relayed that counties and municipalities are now recovering from the recession and most are beginning to restore public employees' compensation. He asked that the Council base their decision regarding employee compensation on the merits of their employees' services to the City of Taylorsville and the need to keep the City at the forefront of economic development.

18:56:38 Council Member Pratt asked for data on salaries in other cities. Mr. Sutton agreed to e-mail such data to City Administrator John Inch Morgan to be provided to the Council.

18:56:49 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Rechtenbach closed the citizen comment period.

1.4 Mayor's Report

18:56:53 Mayor Russ Wall recognized Dr. David Richardson, a former administrator at Salt Lake Community College, and invited him to make a presentation on "Sister Cities" to the City Council.

18:57:25 David Richardson presented a Powerpoint Presentation on "Sister Cities," and reviewed the following points:

- Sister City Relationship
- Additional Rationale
- Taoxin Demographics
- Taoxin Economy
- Taoxin 2010 Manufacturing/Investment
- 2012 Expectations
- Benefits to a Sister City Partnership
- Possible Outcomes

1.4.1 Proclamation Recognizing Teachers Jenifer Bodell, Anne Black, Shari Fullmer, and Rita Heagren for Receiving the Excel Outstanding Educator Award for 2011

19:09:01 Mayor Russ Wall presented proclamations to Taylorsville teachers Jenifer Bodell, Shari Fullmer, and Rita Heagren in recognition of receiving the *Excel Outstanding Educator Award* for 2011. He also recognized Anne Black, who was not in attendance, but was also an award recipient. Mayor Wall noted that nearly a third of the students attending Cottonwood High School are from Taylorsville.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Kenneth Acker, Economic Development Committee – *Chairman Rechtenbach*

19:12:26 Chairman Rechtenbach nominated Kenneth Acker to serve on the Economic Development Committee.

19:13:00 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to appoint Kenneth Acker as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Council Member Morris Pratt **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-excused, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

2.2 Rachel Sanderson, Arts Council – Mayor Wall

19:13:49 Mayor Wall nominated Rachel Sanderson to serve as a member of the Taylorsville Arts Council.

19:14:22 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to appoint Rachel Sanderson as a member of the Taylorsville Arts Council. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion.

Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-excused, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

There were no reports.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – RCCM 04-20-11 & RCCM 04-27-11

19:14:47 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. 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-excused, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 ***Resolution No. 11-14 – Appropriation Resolution Adopting the One Year Action Plan for the 37th Year Community Development Grant Funding, Home Investment Partnership Funding (2011-2012) and Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Mayor Wall***

19:15:38 Mayor Wall presented the subject resolution to adjust the budget numbers for the CDBG Grant and reviewed his recommended adjustments to accommodate a 16% decrease in funds across the board.

19:20:59 Council Member Pratt questioned whether unspent funds can be extended for use by individual entities.

19:21:39 The Mayor explained that unspent funds fall to the City's contingency fund. He stated that he will request confirmation from CDBG Consultant Kathy Ricci and bring information

back to the Council. Council Member Pratt indicated that he will forward an e-mail to the Mayor regarding a request received from an entity.

19:22:33 Council Member Johnson inquired about the type of fence planned to go around the Taylorsville Senior Housing Project. Mayor Wall clarified that the fence will be rod iron, with an electronically secured gate. He gave explanation about a change order for the planned fence. Grants Manager Donald Adams confirmed that the contractor is the lowest bidder on the project.

19:24:05 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution 11-14 – Appropriation Adopting the One Year Action Plan for the 37th Year Community Development Block Grant Funding, Home Investment Partnership Funding (2011-2012) and Approving an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. 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-excused, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

19:24:37 Mayor Wall referenced invitations the Council should have received for a special occasion/tour of the Senior Housing Project to be held Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. He noted that this will also be the first Lead Certified HUD Project in the nation. He relayed that the public is also invited for a tour of the facility.

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

City Administrator John Inch Morgan cited questions asked and research requested from the Council regarding the budget. He recognized Police Chief Del Craig.

6.2.1 Police Department Discussion on Suggested Budget Changes and Program Impact

19:26:33 Chief Craig publicly thanked members of the Taylorsville Police Department and recognized them for doing a fine job. He expressed appreciation to the Council for listening to his officers.

19:27:13 Chief Craig cited the four areas relating to the budget for which the City Council has requested his feedback.

19:27:16 The Chief cited the proposed \$5,000 cut to the Police Department (PD) Training Budget. He said that he is nervous about the proposed reduction and noted that deep cuts to training have already been made in previous years. He asked that the training budget not be cut

at all. The Chief said that police departments are being scrutinized in the area of training in relation to litigation and liability issues. He cited the PD's commitment to employee development and said the training budget is low by comparison to other police departments.

19:28:12 The Chief addressed a suggested \$10,000 cut to the budget for PD Firearms and said this cut may be accomplished by deferring the purchase of firearms. He noted that as the PD grows, consideration will need to be given to the purchase of firearms and ammunition for new individuals.

19:28:57 Chief Craig said that the proposed reduction to Capital Equipment causes him concern. He stated that the purchase of handheld radios can be deferred, but indicated that it will still be a necessary expense at some time in the future because of ten existing radios that are not digitally compliant. He asked that the budget for a new police copy machine be allowed. He said that the existing copy machine will be kept and moved to another part of the police department in order to keep up with a need for infrastructure items.

19:29:48 Chief Craig addressed the budget for acquisition of police vehicles. He referenced a Council Member's suggestion to cut \$90,000 from the vehicle allocation with some restoration allowed from surplus of used vehicles. The Chief asked that an ongoing fund be created to purchase vehicles, so that the PD is not found in a deferred mode on vehicles. He also recommended the possible purchase of a type of fleet management program to provide a more up-to-date and accurate view of the Police fleet. He cited the lack of a system that other governmental entities have in place to evaluate fleets. He called for the establishment of a capital fund for vehicles.

19:31:37 Chairman Rechtenbach relayed his impression that the Chief would be discussing the different types of vehicles proposed for purchase at this time. Chief Craig said he was unaware that was the direction. He clarified that the list previously provided was not an indication of vehicles the PD was proposing to buy, but was rather a list of price examples from the State contract. He cited reasons that it is difficult to predict an exact vehicle cost at this time and said there is a very small window for purchasing vehicles during the year and prices cannot be guaranteed now.

19:34:11 Chairman Rechtenbach acknowledged that he misunderstood the intent of the list previously presented.

19:34:32 The Chief cited the potential expense to equip new police cars. He relayed that the majority of cars targeted for purchase this year would be for the investigative side of the Police Department.

19:35:22 Council Member Pratt asked for confirmation that the replacement cars will be for investigations.

19:35:41 Chief Craig affirmed that the majority will be for investigations and also some trucks would be used for Canine. He said that the Patrol Division has received the bulk of new cars purchased with grants over the past two years

19:36:21 Council Member Pratt inquired about the anticipated mileage goal for vehicles and Chief Craig cited three factors to consider in fleet management, i.e. age of the car, cost for maintenance, and mileage. He said that in police service, it is not wise to run cars close to 100,000 when vehicles need to be relied upon in emergency response. He referenced the need to consider the salvage value of a vehicle.

19:37:52 Council Member Pratt said his interest lies in which cars are being replaced and what they are being replaced with. He cited his belief that it is not always necessary to replace a car with 80,000 miles during this economic time.

19:39:04 Chief Craig said his intent is to ensure that adequate and safe front-line equipment is being utilized. He reiterated the need to implement a capitalization of the police fleet.

19:39:45 Council Member Barbour said she believes that Chief Craig is in the very best position to evaluate fleet needs. She inquired whether the City owns all the police vehicles and asked if a fleet rotation lease plan may be feasible.

19:40:07 Chief Craig affirmed that the City does own all its vehicles. He cited the need to evaluate costs for lease options versus purchase.

19:41:10 Council Member Johnson asked if the City has a breakdown of mileage and maintenance for each vehicle.

19:41:46 Chief Craig said that the information can be produced, but the program for tracking is not sophisticated. He relayed that there are 64 vehicles in the fleet and manual tracking is being done by Staff who are tasked with other jobs. He said that he would like to obtain a software program to easily track the fleet.

19:42:40 Council Member Johnson said that he would like to see the data on vehicle maintenance, and Mr. Morgan said that the information can be provided.

19:42:57 Chairman Rechtenbach stated that he personally has no desire to micromanage the police fleet. He inquired about the approximate cost of a fleet management software program.

19:43:27 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington relayed that the projected cost for such a program is \$22,000.

19:43:33 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested that this type of program would ultimately pay for itself with as many vehicles as the City owns. He recommended possibly sacrificing one vehicle this year in order to buy the software.

19:44:07 Chief Craig said that an allocation for the suggested software is not currently in the proposed budget, but reaffirmed the need to have a fund for fleet management.

19:44:27 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested scaling back the list and re-evaluating the types of vehicles for purchase. He recommended that rather than trimming \$90,000, a cut of \$65,000 - \$70,000 be made instead with some funds being used for the fleet management system. He asked that the Chief "sharpen his pencil" somewhat and give the Council something more concrete as to vehicle purchases.

19:45:44 Council Members Johnson and Pratt conducted discussion with each other that was inaudible at this time.

19:46:42 Council Member Barbour stated that the Police Chief is in the best position to evaluate the needs of the Taylorsville Police Department.

19:47:31 Mr. Morgan noted that a list of potential police vehicles was e-mailed to City Council Members from Mr. Harrington. He confirmed that the new list excluded certain vehicles. i.e. the Yukon, per the Council's request.

6.2.2 Public Works and Storm Drain Discussion on Road Maintenance

19:48:06 City Engineer John Taylor relayed that he does not yet have detailed numbers for the subject discussion. He stated that he will give the matter further review and e-mail data to the City Council. He asked that this discussion be tabled.

Council Member Morris Pratt stated that time is running short for this discussion. Mr. Taylor agreed to provide information to the Council before the June 1, 2011 City Council Meeting.

6.2.3 Fund Balance Information

19:49:22 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington referenced an e-mail sent to Council Members regarding the fund balance for the beginning of the year and year-end. Mr. Harrington reviewed the spreadsheet and concluded by saying that, based on his estimate, the fund balance will ultimately be at 16%.

6.2.4 Personnel Issues

20:11:41 City Administrator John Inch Morgan opened discussion on employee benefits and referenced insurance options recently presented by Insurance Representative Jim Dunnigan. Mr. Morgan relayed that Administration is proposing that benefit levels remain as they were last year, with an 80/20 split and the 16% increase being shared by both the City and the employees.

20:12:39 Council Member Pratt inquired about the dollar amount of the increase to health insurance.

20:13:45 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington performed calculations and relayed that the difference over last year is \$139,408.

20:15:36 Council Member Pratt noted that one reason for the insurance premium increase is usage. He suggested that employees should share in that insurance increase.

20:16:23 Council Member Pratt inquired whether Administration is willing to consider other options for insurance. Mr. Morgan and Mayor Wall both clarified that Administration has looked at all options and has included what it believes is most appropriate in the budget submitted to the Council. The Mayor referenced previous cuts to benefits and adjustments that have been made in prior years when employees have been asked to take on more of the premiums with less coverage. He said he does not believe that should be asked again this year.

20:16:59 Mr. Harrington clarified that employees will be sharing in the 16% increase through their 20% contribution.

20:17:48 Council Member Johnson said that his personal employees are sharing in the increased cost of insurance. Mr. Morgan affirmed that City employees are doing the same. He noted that benefits are part of employee compensation and cited approximate costs of the increase covered by employees.

20:18:45 Chairman Rechtenbach referenced the Public Information Officer (PIO) allocation and Mr. Harrington clarified that the PIO position has been moved from the Economic Development Budget to the Non-Departmental Budget.

20:19:17 Mayor Wall said that, in looking at economic development opportunities, other cities have been evaluated. He indicated that Taylorsville is the only city without an actual marketing expert. He relayed that Taylorsville has developed an Economic Development Team and implemented steps to provide incentives; however, having a marketing expert/PIO is a critical part of the City's efforts. The Mayor noted that the Police Department has a Public Information Officer trained to communicate with the media during an incident, but suggested that it is also

important to have an individual with proper marketing and public relations credentials. He said that such a person could give the City much-needed help with new social networking tools. He relayed that he will be sending a presentation to the Council regarding the benefits of social networking. He noted that successes experienced in Herriman City and West Valley City have been the result of great marketing teams and tools.

20:23:34 Chairman Rechtenbach stated that, although he is a proponent of economic development and promoting the City, the question of an additional employee is difficult for him in the current climate. He noted that employees have already taken hits over the past three years with salary freezes and benefit decreases. He suggested that the funds for the PIO allocation might be used instead for existing employees who could use additional recognition. Mayor Wall said he agrees to some degree, but cited the special need to boost advertising during tough economic times. He stated that he believes there will be a return on investment through hiring a PIO.

20:25:14 Council Member Barbour questioned whether this is a service the City could contract for rather than hiring in-house. Mayor Wall said that might seem like an excellent idea, but the City Attorney has indicated that contracting someone to work exclusively for Taylorsville violates federal employment laws.

20:26:22 Mayor Wall outlined the members of the Economic Development (ED) Team for Council Member Johnson. Mr. Johnson said that he believes these individuals can handle the public relations position among themselves. Mayor Wall agreed that members of the team are top-notch employees, but relayed that none are educated in public relations or marketing.

20:27:47 Council Member Barbour agreed that the ED Team Members are sharp people, but observed that they are already fully tasked. She said the PIO is needed for many areas in the City and would even be a benefit to the City Council. She suggested that citizens deserve to have social media tools in place in case of an emergency.

20:28:58 Mayor Wall indicated that some smaller efforts have already been made in-house toward social networking. He recognized volunteer Steve Ashby for his efforts in the marketing and public relations arena and said that Mr. Ashby has saved the City anywhere from \$10,000 to \$100,000 through his donated work. The Mayor said Mr. Ashby cannot be asked to continue to donate his time and must attend to his own job. The Mayor relayed that he has included the PIO position in the budget because he believes it is important to the City.

20:29:41 Council Member Pratt observed that there are other budgets for City promotion and suggested that the Economic Development Director, the Mayor, and City Council Members should be doing such promotion. Mr. Pratt referenced the Mayor's statement that the PIO position is an economic development tool, but said he is confused because the representative for

the ED Team, City Engineer John Taylor, previously stated that the PIO is not for economic development purposes. Council Member Pratt observed that public relations should be covered in other areas and said he is not sure that this is the year to add another high-dollar employee.

20:30:51 The Mayor said he still believes the PIO is an important economic development tool.

20:31:33 Council Member Johnson observed that Grants Manager Donald Adams is quite a promoter, and suggested that with him on the ED Team, the job needed can be done. Mayor Wall acknowledged that Mr. Adams is currently doing some public relations work, but observed that he could be better utilized elsewhere. The Mayor agreed that the choice to add a new employee to the budget is difficult.

20:32:34 Council Member Pratt suggested deleting the PIO position from the budget entirely. Chairman Rechtenbach suggested that an alternative to hiring a new employee would be to first address the need to restore the salaries of three employees who had their salaries unfairly reduced last year. He observed that the salary restoration is a higher priority than the PIO position, and Mayor Wall agreed. Chairman Rechtenbach recommended that the offset from the PIO allocation might go to existing employees who are struggling with lower compensation.

20:34:23 Mayor Wall said he would agree to give up the PIO position in preference to helping current employees, if that is the choice required.

20:34:50 Mayor Wall asked whether the \$90,000 amount should be considered for reallocation to such things as relieving the insurance cost increase in order to keep employees whole. Chairman Rechtenbach said that the current suggestion is to delete the PIO allocation altogether and keep that amount in the balance for possible reallocation.

20:35:41 Council Member Pratt said that each issue should be considered one at a time and items shouldn't be traded within the budget. Mayor Wall confirmed that Chairman Rechtenbach has asked that the PIO allocation be deleted.

20:36:33 Council Member Johnson agreed that the PIO line item be deleted with no strings attached.

20:36:58 Council Member Pratt stated that he personally feels the same way that he did last year on the issue of decreased salaries, so he doesn't support the restoration suggested by Administration. He then called for explanation on a new line item in the Police Department Salaries and Wage Budget regarding holiday payout in the amount of \$25,000.

20:38:01 Police Chief Del Craig clarified that this allocation covers payout for patrol officers who are required to work holidays. He indicated that the practice has occurred in the past, but has not been identified as a separate line item until this year.

20:39:11 Chief Craig gave additional clarification on the benefit allowed for officers who are required to work on a holiday. He confirmed that the amounts have been absorbed in the budget in the past.

20:39:48 Chairman Rechtenbach inquired about the potential use of a floating holiday, and Chief Craig cited efforts to mitigate staff scheduling issues.

20:41:00 Chairman Rechtenbach called for clarification on additional time for bailiffs in Small Claims Court. Mr. Morgan noted that the increase results from the fact that District Courts are no longer handling small claims, and it is anticipated that the Municipal Court will have additional hours to staff. He added that the limit for small claims filings has also gone up to \$10,000.

20:42:06 Mr. Morgan clarified that the Police Department FTEs listed are in the "Add Package" and are not in the current budget. He noted that the cost to add those FTEs would be an increase of \$133,000 to the current budget.

20:42:31 Mr. Morgan noted that the Public Hearing for the budget is scheduled for June 1, 2011. He called for direction on compensation and benefits, so that adjustments might be made prior to the public hearing on the budget. He clarified that a 2% pay-for-performance increase is included in the budget for employees below the Department Director's level. He explained that supervisors would not be receiving the compensation increase, but it would affect those below that level and would be based on performance.

20:44:06 Mr. Morgan referenced the 4 ½ % step increase for sworn police officers who have not reached their maximum level. He clarified that the step increase is not in addition to the pay-for-performance increase; rather, it is either one adjustment or the other.

20:45:33 Chairman Rechtenbach inquired about the percentage of fringe benefits provided and Council Member Pratt said the average is 40%. Mr. Harrington gave additional clarification on the variety of rates for retirement. He acknowledged that the total burden is 40%, but the actual increase to compensation is less than that percentage.

20:47:49 Council Member Johnson commented that he understands that employees haven't had a raise during the last several years, but noted that most individuals haven't. He said that employees in the private sector are not getting raises.

20:48:57 Council Member Pratt cited information from the Social Security Administration stating that there are no automatic social security increases for 2010/2011. He observed that senior citizens on fixed incomes are bearing the burden of the economy. He stated that City employees are not the only ones who have not received increases.

20:49:51 Council Member Barbour noted that she and her husband are both senior citizens on fixed incomes, but said she is willing to see line employees of Taylorsville be compensated and receive raises as proposed. Chairman Rechtenbach said he believes increasing compensation is the right thing to do. He referenced UPEA Representative Todd Sutton's remarks that increases are being given in Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City and said he is aware that the Sanitation District is also awarding raises. He stated that this is something the City needs to do and he supports the increase of \$58,000 in lieu of the allocation for the PIO.

20:51:30 Council Member Pratt mentioned that other cities and the county have had increases, but said it should be remembered that they also previously had across-the-board decreases, while Taylorsville did not.

20:52:12 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested seeing the raises stand, taking the PIO out, and then evaluating if cuts are still needed at the end of budget discussions.

20:53:02 Council Member Barbour called for discussion on personnel in the Justice Court. Mayor Wall noted that the Judge submits his own budget as a separate branch of government. The Mayor said that he believes the Court is overstaffed by approximately three to five clerks and one judge. He clarified that he is not saying judges aren't doing a good job, but relayed opinion he has heard that if social programs are eliminated in the Court, two judges are not needed.

20:53:44 Council Member Barbour concurred.

20:53:58 Mr. Morgan acknowledged that a couple of changes were made to the budget submitted by the Judge in regard to proposed shelving. Mr. Morgan cited significant increases in the budget for interpreters and indigent defense and said that the Judge has anticipated that moving away from a consolidated schedule would result in additional expenses. Mr. Morgan said that those items were cut back with the realization that an adjustment might be made at mid-year if necessary.

20:55:25 Chairman Rechtenbach referenced the judge's promise when he took over administration of the Court a year ago that he would make cuts to personnel. Mr. Rechtenbach inquired whether that has happened to date. The Mayor confirmed that it has not; and in fact, additional court staff has been added.

20:56:17 Council Member Barbour said she feels strongly that the Court staff could be cut by two to three clerks. Chairman Rechtenbach questioned whether Judge Kwan should be in attendance to discuss details of his budget.

20:56:43 Council Member Pratt stated that he believes the Judge should be present to talk about the budget he submitted. He observed that additional employees have been added to the Court staff, even though the Judge previously indicated he could do with less staff. He said there is also a \$5,000 allocation for temporary court employees. Mr. Pratt reiterated his previous recommendation that \$100,000 be cut out of the Court budget. He suggested that the City cannot continue to operate the Court at a \$250,000 to \$800,000 loss each year.

20:57:25 Council Member Johnson questioned whether the Court can become self-sufficient. Mayor Wall observed that other courts are typically run within a range of 90% - 110% of costs; while, the Taylorsville Court is grossly out of line with the average municipal court.

20:58:12 Additional discussion was held regarding the Court Budget. Council Member Pratt reminded the Council that mid-year budget adjustments can always be made based on revenue and expense trends.

20:59:18 Chairman Rechtenbach cited the need to have the Judge in attendance at the June 1, 2011 City Council Meeting.

20:59:30 Council Member Barbour observed that, based on the Judge's budget, even if \$100,000 is cut, the Court Budget is still \$100,000 plus in the red.

20:59:44 Council Member Johnson noted that even if the Court's budget is reduced by \$100,000, the City has still not chopped any clerks. Chairman Rechtenbach said that would be the Judge's decision.

21:00:58 Mayor Wall recommended that if the Council decides to make a cut to the Court Budget, it be done specifically to the salary line.

21:02:14 Chairman Rechtenbach cited the need to re-evaluate the Court Salary line. Discussion ensued regarding the cost of two court clerks.

21:02:03 Mr. Morgan confirmed that the budget allocation for prosecution is based on a fixed contract amount. He clarified that the contract for indigent defense is on a per-case basis, and may fluctuate.

21:02:43 Council Member Pratt suggested that the Judge needs to be in attendance before adjusting the Court Budget. Chairman Rechtenbach recommended making the adjustment

immediately to the Court Budget and then asking the Judge to come and address the Council regarding the changes.

21:03:38 Chairman Rechtenbach said he would like to make cuts to the Court budget, but not necessarily give direction on cuts for particular employees. Council Member Barbour agreed that she does not want to choose who to cut.

21:04:00 Mayor Wall expressed a desire to go back to archived records to review what the Judge originally committed regarding staff reductions.

21:04:30 Mr. Harrington confirmed that the total cost for the two lowest paid Court FTE's is \$79,562 for salaries, including benefits.

21:05:05 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to cut three FTE's from the Court Budget. Council Member Larry Johnson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion. Mr. Harrington relayed that the total cut for the removal of three employees would be \$120,612. Council Member Pratt suggested identifying a number that must be cut from the Court Budget rather than identifying three clerks, with the recommendation that the cut be in the form of clerks. He said the actual item cut can be decided upon at a later time, but he hates to stipulate cutting three clerks.

21:06:11 Chairman Rechtenbach confirmed that the direction is to reduce the Court's salaries and wages by \$120,000. He asked that the Judge be invited to attend the next Council Meeting in order to discuss this budget cut.

21:07:02 Chairman Rechtenbach called for discussion on any other personnel items, and there was none.

6.2.5 Economic Development Fund

a. Revenue, Expenditures and Fund Balance

19:51:22 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington gave an explanation and reviewed history of the Economic Development Fund and Fund Balance, per a digital presentation.

19:56:05 Council Member Pratt observed that his purpose for the Economic Development Fund Balance was to pay interest on the bond payments. Mr. Harrington acknowledged that would be a wise use and can be done at the discretion of the Council. City Administrator John Inch Morgan clarified that for that use an allocation would have to be directed by the Council specifically from the Fund Balance to an expenditure line item, i.e. debt service, etc.

19:56:50 Chairman Rechtenbach noted that the allocation described could be done at mid-year. Mr. Morgan gave additional clarification on interest payments and bond payment.

19:57:31 Mr. Harrington agreed to e-mail the spreadsheet referenced to the Council. He referenced the detailed summary provided on fund balance changes. Council Member Pratt asked for clarification and Mr. Harrington provided additional information on changes provided on the most recent version of the budget.

19:59:52 Council Member Pratt asked for additional summary sheets in a different format. Mr. Harrington agreed to provide whatever is needed.

20:00:35 Chairman Rechtenbach suggested adding an extra column in order to list suggested Council changes.

20:01:07 Mr. Harrington illustrated potential changes that are highlighted in yellow on summary pages. He showed ways that suggestions are being tracked. He agreed to provide a separate summary page of suggested adjustments.

20:04:36 Council Member Barbour confirmed that the Council agreed to delete street signs and inquired whether anything else has been formally agreed upon for deletion. Council Member Pratt noted that a transfer was made from the Economic Development tab to the Economic Development Fund in the amount of \$72,000.

20:06:30 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to address Agenda Item 6.2.5 prior to 6.2.4. Council Member Larry Johnson **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-excused, Barbour-yes, Rechtenbach-yes, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

b. Bonding

20:06:49 City Administrator John Inch Morgan gave an update on bonding issues. He relayed that bids for bonds have been refreshed and there are still major bidders that are interested. He cited the potential need to do taxable bonds and referenced those possible rates. He said when specific draws are ready to be made for specific purposes, those will be brought back before the Council. Mr. Morgan gave additional clarification on the parameters resolution relating to incremental draws and a range for interest rates.

20:10:01 Council Member Pratt confirmed that there are no plans to draw on bonds until a project is ready.

20:10:44 Mayor Wall referenced past projects that have come back into the spotlight and said these will be addressed after appointments are conducted at the upcoming International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference.

6.2.6 Summary of Changes Between 4-27-11 & 5-11-11 Versions

21:07:25 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington said that he has highlighted changes, but would like to review those changes and take a straw poll to determine actual adjustments for implementation. He suggested that this will allow for a more productive meeting on June 1, 2011.

21:08:59 Mr. Harrington reviewed changes and called for clarification, as follows:

21:09:28 Revenue – Sale of Fixed Assets: Direction was to book \$35,000 as a placeholder for the sale of fixed assets (police vehicles).

21:13:00 Court – Salaries/Wages/Benefits: Direction was to delete \$120,000 now.

21:13:41 Non-Departmental – PIO: Direction was to delete the entire PIO allocation for wages and benefits.

21:14:56 Citizens Committees – Float: Direction was to leave in the allocation for the float for now, but to keep it highlighted. Mr. Harrington gave clarification on the City float.

21:16:56 Police – Travel and Training: Direction was to leave this line item whole for now, but to keep it highlighted as a comment.

21:17:59 Firearms: Direction was to reduce this line item by \$10,000.

21:18:52 Police Vehicles: Direction was to reduce this line item by \$90,000 for a total of \$271,325. Additional clarification was given by Mr. Harrington on booking revenue for surplus of police vehicles.

21:21:17 Police Equipment: Direction was to reduce the hand-held radios in the amount of \$25,000.

21:21:53 Public Works: Direction was to reduce \$100,000 for street signs. It was noted that this may be moved to road maintenance upon receiving further information from the City Engineer.

21:23:44 Mr. Harrington relayed that with the changes that have now been booked the amount of revenue over expenses is \$491,791. He agreed to provide a new summary sheet that will show budget changes in detail.

21:24:01 Mr. Harrington indicated that he will also make changes to the CDBG fund to reflect the previously adopted resolution for the CDBG Budget.

6.2.7 General Fund Discussion & Potential Adjustments

21:24:36 Mr. Morgan called for any other direction on suggested changes to the budget.

21:24:49 Council Member Pratt **MOVED** to remove the tax increase from the revenue side of the budget, based on changes made, with the shortfall being made up by the fund balance. Mr. Harrington noted that this will change the fund balance significantly and place it at approximately 8%.

21:27:25 Council Member Barbour suggested that it is too early to take out the tax increase. She stated that the Council still needs to look at the Mayor's "Add-On Packages," including the possibility of adding two Police officers. She cited a need to provide citizens with quality of life and to plan for the future as part of the City's commitment to the Strategic Plan.

21:28:12 Council Member Pratt stated that there is a motion on the table. Council Member Johnson **SECONDED** the motion made. Chairman Rechtenbach called for additional discussion and stated that he may be okay with taking the tax increase out of the budget, but is not ready to commit until he sees firmer numbers on the fund balance. It was noted that another motion for adjustment can always be made. Chairman Rechtenbach called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-excused, Barbour-no, Rechtenbach-no, Johnson-yes, and Pratt-yes. **The motion failed with a tie vote.**

21:30:00 Chairman Rechtenbach gave direction to take the tax increase out of the budget, and then as revenue sources are considered and numbers are crunched, additional consideration may be given. Mr. Harrington noted that, other than taking out the tax increase, the revenue side of the budget will not change much. He clarified that removing the tax increase will decrease the tentative budget by \$826,000.

21:31:19 Council Member Barbour expressed concern over bringing the fund balance so low.

21:32:15 Council Member Pratt called for clarification on reductions to the fund balance. Mr. Harrington gave additional explanation on his calculations and additional discussion was held regarding anticipated revenues and the fund balance.

21:35:44 Mr. Harrington confirmed that with the tax increase removed, revenues are \$20,886,556, and the Fund Balance is left at \$3,166,995. He acknowledged that this is approximately a 15% fund balance, which is very acceptable.

21:36:27 Revised direction was given to remove the tax increase and supplement it with the fund balance. Mr. Harrington confirmed that the tax increase is now out of the budget.

21:37:09 Council Member Barbour confirmed that nothing is being finalized on the budget at this time.

21:37:25 Council Member Pratt noted that some things approved by Ms. Barbour have been left in the budget. He clarified that the salary increase has not been removed yet and the adjustment to the health insurance benefit has not been made yet. It was acknowledged by Council Members Barbour and Pratt that these things are important.

21:38:32 Chairman Rechtenbach cited the difficulty in reviewing the budget and expressed desire to work together toward accomplishing goals.

21:39:39 Mr. Harrington said the only thing he has for future review are the Add-On Packages and the other highlighted items in the budget.

21:39:26 Mr. Harrington cited additional items that were originally requested by Department Directors and within the Strategic Plan, but were cut by Administration for additional review and consideration. He clarified that none of these items are in the current budget and would be additional expense.

21:40:34 Police Chief Craig referenced his requests to update video/audio recording equipment and to provide sound-deadening for a concrete interview room that echoes. He clarified that this is needed for better interviewing of suspects.

21:42:40 Chief Craig described several concepts for a Police Department Reserve Program. Mr. Morgan clarified that monies were requested to equip eight reserve officers.

21:42:52 Mr. Harrington clarified that the cost for the two additional officers suggested by the Strategic Plans is \$133,000, including benefits. Mr. Morgan noted that the amount does not include equipment.

21:44:21 Mr. Harrington cited the City Engineer's request for an additional \$350,000 for road maintenance. City Engineer John Taylor indicated that he will discuss this issue further at the next Council Meeting.

21:45:10 Mr. Taylor gave additional explanation that \$1.4 million is required just to maintain general road maintenance each year. He clarified that the \$350,000 request is to cover deferred maintenance.

21:46:21 Council Member Pratt inquired when the last slurry seal was done on 4800 South. He said that road does not need slurry seal done at the present time. Mr. Taylor agreed to provide details and priorities for road maintenance at the next Council Meeting.

21:47:22 Mr. Morgan cited additional requests from the Court, i.e. rolling doors, shelving, auto dialer, and a security camera and provided background for those requests. Mr. Harrington gave additional clarification on the Court requests. It was noted that Judge Kwan has been concerned with building security in the Court area of the City Center because the building is open after hours for meetings.

21:48:52 Council Member Pratt noted that there has already been discussion about the need to cut the Court Budget and now discussion is being held to increase it. Chairman Rechtenbach stated that the requests from the Court still need to be heard.

21:49:17 Mr. Morgan confirmed that there has not been an incident to date with security in the Court Clerks reception/glass-covered area. He referenced a proposal from the Court to retro-fit the jury room with additional file shelves.

21:49:57 Mr. Morgan noted that the suggestion for additional security cameras is a result of the Strategic Plan. He cited cameras that have been installed and referenced proposed expansion. Mayor Wall noted that some cameras have already been committed, i.e. to Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District's storage facility along the Jordan River Parkway. It was confirmed that this camera is in the current budget but may be on hold due to CDBG funding. Mr. Morgan said that the security cameras in the Add-On Package are not of highest priority.

21:51:48 Mr. Harrington described the City-wide training package, as part of the Strategic Plan, to restore and increase training for City employees to required levels.

21:52:24 Mr. Morgan cited a request in the Strategic Plan to begin upgrades to City Parks.

21:53:03 Mr. Morgan explained that an Add-On for Cleanups/Fixups is designed to address public rights-of-way and main thoroughfares, i.e. 5400 South and Redwood Road. He noted that some work is currently being done through community service.

21:54:30 Mr. Morgan reviewed proposed joint transportation studies, i.e. a \$50,000 contribution from the City toward a \$200,000 BRT Study.

21:55:42 It was confirmed that the Council Studies Budget remains at \$55,000. It was acknowledged that Council Studies could be used to cover the BRT Study contribution.

21:56:19 Mr. Harrington cited a suggestion for efforts to gather citizen input and conduct surveys, per the Strategic Plan.

21:57:05 Assistant Police Chief Wayne Dial cited the need for interview room improvements based on poor conditions and liability issues. Chairman Rechtenbach polled the Council regarding the improvements to the interview room. The poll was, as follows: Pratt-no; Johnson-no; Barbour-yes; Rechtenbach-yes.

21:59:29 Council Member Pratt suggested considering the list as a whole. He said that he views the majority of the Add-On List as wants, rather than needs. He indicated that he would only consider adding at least one police officer, but cannot support anything else.

21:58:17 Council Member Johnson said that he also would support one to two officers, but is not in favor of anything else on the Add-On List.

22:00:57 Council Member Barbour said that she is in favor of the interview room, two police officers, probably additional street maintenance (depending on future information provided by the City Engineer), the cleanup/fix up, and the rolling doors for the Court. She stated that she believes in being proactive instead of reactive.

22:02:19 Chairman Rechtenbach expressed favor for the interview room improvements and the two police officers.

22:03:15 Direction was given to add two additional Police Officers into the budget, place the interview room on hold, and hold off on road maintenance until next week's discussion; everything else on the Add-On list is out.

22:04:09 Chairman Rechtenbach said that he believes fix-up projects are important, but observed that there is already \$25,000 budgeted for neighborhood beautification.

22:04:50 Council Member Johnson stated that he thinks citizens do a great job with cleanup. Mayor Wall noted that funds are available for cleanup and are available at the discretion of City Council Members (\$5,000 per district).

22:06:20 Mr. Morgan noted that this is the last meeting scheduled for budget discussion until June. He inquired whether there is a need for an additional Budget Session. Discussion ensued, but an available date was not found for an additional meeting. Chairman Rechtenbach agreed to follow up with Council Members via e-mail on possible dates for an additional Budget Meeting.

22:08:53 Council Member Pratt asked that the Council be polled on cutting the budget for the Sister City (\$20,000), Channel 17 (\$5,000), and the Police Holiday Payout. Mr. Pratt confirmed that he is requesting that all three items be removed. Council Member Johnson agreed that all three should be removed.

22:09:53 Chairman Rechtenbach said that he is not in favor of Sister City. He voted in favor of leaving \$5,000 in the budget for Channel 17, and said he is in favor of the holiday payout for Police Officers.

22:10:26 Council Member Barbour said she would like to see Channel 17 improved, but is not in favor of removing that budget allocation. Mayor Wall noted that he is in negotiation with a private provider to try and improve Channel 17. He described options that are being considered.

Council Member Barbour voted in favor of the holiday payout and voted against the Sister City Program.

22:12:49 Council Member Johnson observed that Council Member Catlin's presence is needed for tie votes.

22:13:52 It was confirmed that the only additional item to remove from the Budget is the Sister City Program.

7. OTHER MATTERS

22:14:57 Council Member Pratt inquired whether the City's franchise agreement with Comcast requires that wires to homes are at a safe distance to the ground. He reported that this is not the case at his home and Comcast has not responded to his requests for repair. City Administrator John Inch Morgan agreed to follow up with Comcast regarding this matter on May 19, 2011.

22:16:11 Council Member Larry Johnson thanked Mayor Wall for facilitating a discussion regarding loose dogs last week. He relayed that he has recommended that this issue be reviewed by the Ordinance Review Committee. Mayor Wall stated his understanding that this matter was resolved satisfactorily with the parties involved.

22:17:16 Chief of Finance Scott Harrington confirmed that he will send changes to the Budget out to the City Council and the Budget Committee by Friday, May 20, 2011.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

22:17:56 There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

22:18:03

- 9.1 RDA Meeting – Wednesday, May 18, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 1, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Work Session – Wednesday, June 8, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, June 15, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
- 9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 15, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

22:18:29

- 10.1 **Emergency Preparedness Drive-Thru Exercise and Giveaway – Tuesday, May 24, 2011 – 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Bennion Stake Center – 6250 S. 2200 W., SL Valley Health Dept. and Taylorsville City are conducting an exercise to practice mass distribution of emergency supplies in an event of a public health emergency. (Chief Dial gave additional clarification on this event)**
- 10.2 **Open House, Plymouth View Senior Housing – Thursday, May 26, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 4764 S. Plymouth Dr. (1630 W.)**
- 10.3 **Taylorsville Dayzz – June 23-27, 2011 – See the City website for further details and a schedule of events: www.taylorsvilleut.gov**

22:20:16 Council Member Morris Pratt clarified that the public hearing on next year's budget is scheduled for June 1, 2011 and the budget must be adopted by June 22, 2011. It was noted that the last scheduled Council Meeting in June will be June 15, 2011, unless an additional special meeting is planned.

11. ADJOURNMENT

22:20:51 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. 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: Catlin-excused, 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 10:21 p.m.


Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder