

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, November 2, 2011
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Russ Wall

Council Members:

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

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
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Public Relations Consultant
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official

Excused: Council Member Morris Pratt

Others: Kristie Overson

BRIEFING SESSION

1. Review Administrative Report

Chairman 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, except Council Member Pratt who was excused. 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.

3. Adjourn

18:01:59 The Briefing Session was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Council Member Bud Catlin

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Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Del Craig, Chief of Police
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator
John Taylor, City Engineer
Donald Adams, Economic Development Director
Aimee Newton, Public Relations Consultant
Jean Ashby, Economic Development Admin. Asst.
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official

Excused: Council Member Morris Pratt

Citizens: Kristie Overson, John Gidney, Rhetta McIff, Erin Penrose, Jacob Bailey, Israel Grossman, Lynn Handy, Dan Fazzini, Charles Christoher, Ashlee Argyle, Lora Argyle, Jacob Bailey, Rebecca Carpenter, Geneva Facemyer, Brenda Miller, Melissa Walkingstick Fryer, Dillon Fryer, Anna Gonce, Melissa Lipani, Ann Wigham, Amy Mena, Gayle Douros, David Jones, Garrett Rinquist, Tanner Jones, Jaden Rinquist, Matt Rawsen, Bob Rinquist, Bob Askerlund, RoxAnn Ball Jeppesen, Spencer Braithwaite, Scott Hinckley, John Vo, Jacob Barnhart, Adrienne Sanders, Angela Murdock, Jayde Allison, Mitch Haycock, Tamara Al-Reshoud, Melissa Lipani, Jessica Almeide

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 Morris Pratt who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge of Allegiance – Erin Penrose, *Youth Council*

Youth Council Chair Erin Penrose directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Reverence –Jacob Bailey, *Youth Council* (Opening Ceremonies For November 16, 2011 to be arranged by Council Member Johnson)

Youth Council Member Jacob Bailey offered the Reverence.

1.3 Citizen Comments

18:33:05 Chairman Jerry Rechtenbach reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. He then called for any citizen comments.

18:34:44 Geneva Facemyer, of Bennion Circle, addressed the Council regarding three recent Pit Bull attacks in the City of Taylorsville. She described the attacks on children and animals and asked the Council to consider a ban on Pit Bulls in Taylorsville.

18:38:42 Tamara Al-Reshoud, of Hazelnut Circle, relayed that her small Yorkie dog was killed several months ago by a Pit Bull. She said she believes there should be restrictions imposed, or even a ban placed, on Pit Bulls in the City.

18:41:18 Melissa Liponi, of Best Friends Animals Society, stated that she was representing a group in attendance. She expressed sympathy to those families who have been affected by

animal attacks. She read a statement opposing laws that focus on dog appearances versus behaviors. She suggested that such legislation is not humane and noted that her group supports very strong dangerous dog ordinances that are breed neutral, rather than breed specific.

18:47:03 Rebecca Carpenter described ways her family has been affected by Pit Bulls in her neighborhood.

18:50:35 Charles Christopher relayed that his Pit Bull previously served as a service dog. He noted that responsible dog owners should not be penalized by the actions of irresponsible dog owners.

18:53:39 Jessica Almeida, Behavior Manager for Humane Society of Utah, stated that she shares the view of Best Friends Animals Society. She relayed success stories of Pit Bulls that have been adopted into the community with no subsequent problems. She offered the assistance of the Humane Society to the City in creating an ordinance.

18:55:51 Scott Hinckley accentuated the importance of responsible dog ownership. He noted that there are numerous breeds that are included in the Pit Bull category. He agreed with the points made by No More Homeless Pets, Best Friends Animal Society, and the Humane Society.

18:58:08 Brenda Miller said that she owns a Pit Bull. She stated that she supports legislation regarding aggressive behavior in dogs, but does not support any legislation that targets a specific breed. She suggested that the City pass ordinance to hold people responsible for the behavior of their pets regardless of the breed. She read a statement regarding specific suggestions to protect the rights of responsible dog owners and also promote a safe community for all residents.

19:00:04 Adrienne Sanders relayed that she owned a Pit Bull for 12 years. She stated her opposition to Breed Specific Legislation.

19:01:12 RoxAnn Ball Jeppesen, a professional dog trainer, explained that she is working in Taylorsville to head a volunteer group regarding animal issues. She offered the City assistance with funding for shelters, animal programs, and education for owners. Ms. Jeppesen stressed the importance of enforcement. She cited the need for assistance for proper dangerous dog laws, but said she cannot support any breed-specific legislation.

19:03:39 Amy Mena stated that she owns Pit Bulls, one of which is a service dog. She relayed that she has never had a problem with her dogs and said she objects to bans on a specific breed. She asked that responsible pet owners not be punished for the actions of irresponsible pet owners.

19:05:34 Gayle Douros described her experience as a long-time Pit Bull owner. She stated that she is very much opposed to a Pit Bull ban. She stressed the importance of being a responsible pet owner, no matter the breed.

19:07:52 Jayde Allison said she has never had issues with Pit Bulls, but has suffered attacks by other dog breeds. She expressed that she is not in favor of breed specific legislation.

19:09:05 Melissa Walkingstick Fryer reviewed facts regarding animal behavior specific to Pit Bulls. She suggested that these facts illustrate that most fears regarding Pit Bulls are unfounded. She noted that the biggest problem is irresponsible dog owners and dogs that are not spayed, neutered or socialized.

19:11:32 There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Rechtenbach closed the citizen comment period.

19:12:00 Chairman Rechtenbach cited review that will be given to the Animal Ordinance in conjunction with West Valley Animal Services and other related parties.

19:12:33 Mayor Wall asked that those who have offered to help with vicious animal ordinances leave their contact information with John Inch Morgan.

19:14:51 Chairman Rechtenbach recognized members of Scout Troop 1349 and Scout Troop 91 in attendance.

1.4 Mayor's Report

19:15:28 Mayor Russ Wall reported that a number of Taylorsville staff members recently attended Emergency Response Training in Maryland. He cited the high quality of the training and commended staff members who participated.

19:16:45 Mayor Wall invited those in attendance to visit the new Jones Heritage Trail that has been completed between the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center and the Taylorsville Senior Center.

19:17:46 The Mayor reported on the status of the Veterans Memorial that is nearing completion. He cited work that has been donated toward the Memorial. He described plans for the installation of military flags and the Veterans Event scheduled for November 11, 2011.

19:19:35 Mayor Wall relayed that Taylorsville Volunteer Event Coordinator Elaine Waegner retired from the City on October 31, 2011 after 13 years of service. He stated that Ms. Waegner will be honored at the City Council Meeting on November 16, 2011.

1.5 Recognition of the Best of Taylorsville Home & Business Beautification Awards – Rhetta McIff, LARP Chair

19:21:18 LARP Chair Rhetta McIff presented the Best of Taylorsville Home & Business Beautification Award to Dave, Mandy and Gracie Bowen.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 Youth Council – Reagan Gabbitas, Youth Council Chair

Youth Council Chair Reagan Gabbitas was excused and no Youth Council Report was given.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – CCWS 09-14-11 & CCWS 10-12-11 & RCCM 10-19-11

19:26:20 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

19:27:12 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to address Agenda Item 6.3 at this time. 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Discussion of the Proposed Land Development Code, Chapters 24, 27 & 28 – Mark McGrath

19:34:51 Community Development Director Mark McGrath presented Chapters 24, 27 and 28 of the proposed Land Development Code for review and discussion.

19:42:08 Mr. McGrath addressed comments and suggestions regarding parking standards, grading and fencing. He agreed to make changes and corrections, as noted.

20:23:58 City Engineer John Taylor gave input on existing faults in Taylorsville.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 **Resolution No. 11-31 – Approving a Sub-Grant Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for the Conduct of a Home Investment Partnerships Program – *John Inch Morgan***

19:36:03 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented the subject resolution to approve a sub-grant agreement between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for a Home Investment Partnership Program. He noted that this is in reference to that which has been known in the past as “Home Funds” for home rehabilitations.

19:38:00 Mayor Wall explained the process for qualifying for and receiving funds. He clarified that there is no defined increment for funds and a revolving fund is used. He noted that the loans are typically deferred with little or no interest.

19:39:27 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 11-31 – Approving a Sub-Grant Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Salt Lake County for the Conduct of a Home Investment Partnership Program. 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 **Resolution No. 11-32 – Accepting a Grant from the State of Utah in the Amount of \$100,000 to Support the City’s Effort to Construct the Taylorsville Veterans Memorial – *John Inch Morgan***

19:39:56 City Administrator John Inch Morgan presented a resolution to accept a grant from the State of Utah in the amount of \$100,000 to support construction of the Taylorsville Veterans Memorial. He asked the Council to recognize the grant revenue received and to authorize expenditure of funds. Mr. Morgan noted that a mid-year budget adjustment will be made related to this grant. He explained that this grant will allow completion of as much of the project as is possible this year.

19:41:10 Council Member Dama Barbour **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 11-32 – Accepting a Grant from the State of Utah in the Amount of \$100,000 to Support the City’s Effort to

Construct the Taylorsville Veterans Memorial. 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.3 Resolution No. 11-33 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Salt Lake Community College for Transfer of Real Property Located at or Near 2200 West 4700 South – *John Inch Morgan*

19:28:13 City Administrator John Inch Morgan referenced City-owned property on 2200 West 4700 South. He noted that this particular property has been difficult to market. He said the proposed transfer to Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) is a good use, as they will improve the property.

19:29:22 Community Development Director Mark McGrath gave input and illustrated an aerial photo of the property. He gave reasons that it has been difficult to market the property and explained that the City has struggled to find a use for the subject site. He exhibited a plan for improvements made by SLCC. Mr. McGrath described the proposal for a substation within enclosed walls. He noted that there will be extensive landscaping and will serve as a gateway for the community.

19:31:40 Mr. McGrath explained that the R-1-8 zoning designation calls for a conditional use permit through the Taylorsville Planning Commission. Council Member Catlin asked about wiring. Mr. McGrath clarified that wiring will be installed underground and no additional overhead wires will be associated with the project.

Council Member Catlin stated that he approves of the use, as proposed. Chairman Rechtenbach inquired about the height of the structures planned. Bob Rinquest explained that by and large the structures will be shielded by an eight-foot wall. He noted that landscaping will also help overcome any height issues.

19:33:25 Mr. Rinquest thanked the Council for considering the proposal.

19:33:54 Council Member Larry Johnson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 11-33 – Approving the Adoption of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Salt Lake Community College for Transfer of Real Property Located at or Near 2200 West 4700 South. 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

19:35:17 Council Member Bud Catlin **MOVED** to address Agenda Items 6.1 and 6.2 at this time. 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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Discussion Regarding Taylorsville Newsletter Options – *Aimee Newton*

20:26:08 Public Relations Consultant Aimee Newton presented options regarding the Taylorsville Newsletter, as follows: (1) Stay with the Valley Journal for a cost of \$1800 per month; (2) Mail the Valley Journal to all residents for an additional \$1600 per month (\$3400 total); or (3) Publish a separate 4-page newsletter (similar to a sample illustrated) with advertising provided at a cost of \$5268, including postage.

20:27:48 Ms. Newton clarified that the quote given by a company for the separate newsletter option includes advertising. She described various additional options given by the company in regard to the size of the newsletter and the amount of advertising included.

20:28:47 Ms. Newton called for direction from the Council.

20:28:55 Council Member Larry Johnson relayed that he would like to be supportive of the Valley Journal, but has not personally received his issues lately. He suggested that the Valley Journey be told that the City may not have to cancel its contract if delivery service is not improved.

20:29:45 Ms. Newton emphasized that if the Valley Journal is given a specific address, they are good about following up on missed delivery.

20:30:24 Ms. Newton reiterated that the cost is \$3400 total to mail to each home in Taylorsville. Council Member Barbour said she is in favor of mailing the Valley Journal directly to homes.

20:33:06 Council Member Johnson suggested that Valley Journal Publisher Boyd Peterson be invited to a Council Meeting to address issues with delivery.

20:33:34 Mayor Wall expressed concerns with bringing a private business owner before the Council and telling him how to run his business,

20:34:23 Council Member Barbour stated her belief that it is the City's responsibility to get its message out to citizens. She noted that there were not many delivery issues when the Journal was previously mailed.

20:35:22 Chairman Rechtenbach said he is in favor of a separate newsletter, as half of the Taylorsville Kearns Valley Journal contains content related to the Kearns community. He suggested that if the City is going to pay extra, it should have material exclusive to Taylorsville and mail it directly to households.

20:36:01 Council Member Dama Barbour noted that the City Council must provide sufficient budget in order to fund an exclusive newsletter.

20:36:18 Mayor Wall gave his opinion that the City's problems started with the change from mailing to home delivery. He observed that the Valley Journal does a good job with content in its publication. He said that he would like to support the Valley Journal, but the City may need to pay for direct mailing.

20:40:55 Council Member Johnson asked Ms. Newton to meet with representatives of the Valley Journal to let them know of circulation problems.

20:41:39 The consensus of the Council was to stay with the Valley Journal, but to impress upon them the need to improve circulation. Ms. Newton agreed to have a discussion with the Circulation Manager of the Valley Journal. It was determined to re-evaluate newsletter options in a year's time.

20:43:53 Ms. Newton gave clarification on the involvement of Kearns in the Valley Journal publication.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

There were no new items for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

20:44:59

- 9.1 City Council Work Session – Wednesday, November 9, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 Board of Canvassers Meeting, General–Tues., November 22, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, November 30, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

20:45:20

- 10.1 **Early Voting – October 25 - November 4 (weekdays only) - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Taylorsville City Hall is an Early Voting Location.**
- 10.2 **Taylorsville’s Got Talent – Friday, November 4, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. – Taylorsville High School – for ticket and entry information visit the City website at: www.taylorsvilleut.gov**
- 10.3 **Community Health Fair – Saturday, November 5, 2011 – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Taylorsville High School – for more information visit the City website at: www.taylorsvilleut.gov**
- 10.4 **General Election – November 8, 2011 – 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Assigned voting precincts. For more information contact Cheryl Cottle at 801-963-5400 or ccottle@taylorsvilleut.gov**
- 10.5 **Customer Service Open House – November 10, 2011 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Taylorsville Library – There will be interactive displays for children, recycling audit film and Salt Lake County will be available to answer any of your questions about garbage, recycling and your integrated collection service package**
- 10.6 **Veterans Day Parade and Event – November 11, 2011 – Parade begins at 11:00 a.m., Event begins at 12:15 p.m. – This is a community event sponsored by the City of Taylorsville and the United Veterans Council of the Greater Salt Lake and County. For more information contact Patricia Kimbrough at 801-963-5400 or pkimbrough@taylorsvilleut.gov or visit the City website at: www.taylorsvilleut.gov**

20:46:32 Mayor Wall extended a special invitation to City Council Members to attend the upcoming “Taylorsville’s Got Talent” event on November 4, 2011.

11. ADJOURNMENT

20:47:35 Council Member Dama Barbour **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: Johnson-yes, Pratt-excused, Catlin-yes, Barbour-yes, and Rechtenbach-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Peacock Cottle". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 11-16-11

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder