

**City of Taylorsville**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, June 11, 2008**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84118**

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**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Attendance:**

**Council Members:**

Chairman Les Matsumura  
Vice-Chairman Lynn Handy  
Council Member Bud Catlin  
Council Member Morris Pratt

**City Staff:**

John Inch Morgan, City Administrator  
John Brems, City Attorney  
Mark McGrath, Community Development Director  
Delwin Craig, Chief of Police  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Jessica Springer, Council Coordinator  
Kevin Taylor, Court Administrator  
Blake Schroeder, Facilities Manager  
Robin Kishiyama, Human Resources Spec.  
Pat Kimbrough, Executive Assistant  
MarRae Boyer, Receptionist  
Patrick Tomasino, Building Official  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
John Taylor, City Engineer  
Penny Knight, Business License Clerk

**Excused:** Mayor Russ Wall, Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach

**Citizens:** John Gidney, Gordon Wolf, Libby Lowther, Golden Thomas, Steve Hansen, David Church

18:01:54 Chairman Les Matsumura called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present except Council Member Jerry Rechtenbach, who was excused. Chairman Matsumura noted that Mayor Russ Wall was also excused from the meeting.

**1. Closed Session**

18:02:52 Council Member Lynn Handy **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation at 6:02 p.m. Council Member Morris Pratt **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Les Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes Matsumura-yes, and Rechtenbach-excused. **All City Council members present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**CLOSED SESSION**

Those in attendance at this Closed Session were: Council Members Catlin, Handy, Matsumura, and Pratt. Also in attendance were City Administrator John Inch Morgan, City Attorney John Brems, Police Chief Del Craig, Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington, and City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle. Minutes for the Closed Session were taken and are now on file as a Protected Record.

Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:18 p.m. and reconvene the Special City Council Meeting. Council Member Bud Catlin **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Les Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes Matsumura-yes, and Rechtenbach-excused. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

18:20:38 The Special City Council Meeting was reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

**2. Public Hearing – 6:00 p.m. – To Receive Public Comment on the Final Amendment to the Current Year’s Budget for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year**

18:20:49 City Administrator John Inch Morgan cited figures for amendments to the 2007-2008 budget and asked that the Council recognize changes to the budget.

18:22:53 Mr. Morgan provided additional clarification to the Council regarding the budget amendments.

18:23:58 Council Chairman Matsumura opened the public hearing regarding final amendment to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget and called for citizen comments.

18:24:22 There were no citizen comments and Chairman Matsumura declared the public hearing closed.

18:24:34 Questions from the Council were addressed by Chief Financial Officer Scott Harrington regarding online charges, etc.

**3. Ordinance No. 08-19 – Adopting Final Amendment to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget – *John Inch Morgan***

18:26:53 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 08-19 – Adopting Final Amendment to the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Council Member Lynn Handy **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes Matsumura-yes, and Rechtenbach-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Ordinance No. 08-18 – Adopting a Final Budget; Making Appropriations for the Support of the City of Taylorsville for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009; and Determining the Rate of Tax and Levying Taxes Upon all Real and Personal Property Within the City of Taylorsville, Utah – *John Inch Morgan***

18:27:34 City Administrator John Inch Morgan referenced the budget documents, including recent amendments, that have been provided to the Council. He stated that the certified tax rate is .001514%. He reviewed the history of tax rates.

18:29:34 Mr. Morgan cited previous discussion regarding liability insurance costs. He recognized Steve Hansen, Golden Thomas, David Church, and Libby Lowther, as representatives from the Utah Local Governments Trust, and invited them to make a presentation to the Council regarding alternatives for liability coverage.

18:30:50 Mr. Hansen apologized for the confusion regarding meeting times and presented slides illustrating coverage options. Several scenarios were reviewed.

18:37:02 Mr. Hansen and Mr. Thomas addressed questions from the Council regarding premium costs, potential risks, etc.

18:39:50 Mr. Morgan made clarifications on costs and deductibles for the Council.

18:45:54 Additional questions and comments from the Council were addressed by Mr. Hansen and Mr. Thomas.

18:48:19 Mr. Morgan and Mr. Church made clarifications on private insurers.

18:51:37 Chairman Matsumura thanked Mr. Hansen and Mr. Thomas for their presentation.

18:52:06 Mr. Morgan reviewed figures that are currently in the budget for liability insurance.

18:52:56 Council Member Pratt suggested making two separate lines for premiums and deductible reserves. Mr. Morgan agreed to do so.

18:55:08 Options were discussed for building a reserve for insurance claims.

18:55:38 Council Members determined to select Option 3, as presented (\$275,000 Annual Premium/\$50,000 Deductible). Mr. Morgan noted a need to budget an additional \$30,000 with Option 3.

18:57:12 Chairman Matsumura recognized members in attendance from the Budget Committee and called for their input. Gordon Wolf, Chairman of the Budget Committee, commented on the budget process. Mr. Wolf noted the City's difficulty in generating additional revenue and said that the issue of increasing taxes should not be ignored.

18:59:52 Mr. Wolf suggested setting up quarterly Round Table discussions with the Council, Administration, and the Budget Committee to problem solve and determine how to generate revenue and meet ever-growing expenses.

19:01:47 Mr. Wolf observed that each year the City's reserve fund continues to drop.

19:03:20 Mr. Morgan noted Mayor Wall's intention to begin strategic budget planning sessions with the Council and Budget Committee in August.

19:03:52 Mr. Morgan made clarification on when funds are actually received and the importance of building the reserve fund for operating expenses.

19:04:48 Chairman Matsumura noted the need to generate revenue because expenses have already been cut considerably this year. He predicted that property taxes will need to be increased within one or two years.

19:07:18 Options for generating revenue were further discussed.

19:09:06 Mr. Wolf stated his opinion that property taxes might need to be raised now.

19:09:27 Budget Committee Member John Gidney commented on property taxes. He recommended that there be a slight increase in property taxes each year to help alleviate expenses. He suggested that the Council consider increasing taxes to a slight degree each year, so as not to impose a hardship in future years.

19:12:01 Council Member Pratt expressed his concerns with property tax increases. He stated that the majority of the Council is opposed to a tax increase this year.

19:12:39 Mr. Morgan gave explanation on trends for franchise and property taxes.

19:13:53 Mr. Morgan requested that the Council consider passing the budget.

19:14:33 Chairman Matsumura welcomed City employees who were in attendance.

19:14:44 Council Member Lynn Handy **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 08-18 – Adopting a Final Budget; Making Appropriations for the Support of the City of Taylorsville for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2008 and Ending June 30, 2009; and Determining the Rate of Tax and Levying Taxes Upon all Real and Personal Property Within the City of Taylorsville, Utah. Council Member Morris Pratt **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion on the motion. Council Member Pratt clarified that the budget being considered includes changes made during this meeting. Chairman Matsumura cautioned the Council, Budget Committee, and Administration to carefully evaluate future budgets. Council Member Handy stated that he supports Chairman Matsumura's comments and looks forward to input from citizenry during future budget discussions. There being no further discussion, Chairman Matsumura called for a roll call vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes, Matsumura-no, and Rechtenbach-excused. **All City Council members present voted and the motion passed with a three to one vote.**

19:17:14 Mr. Morgan indicated that copies of the budget, including the most recent changes, will be provided to the Council and will also accompany the ordinance.

**5. Other Matters**

19:17:35 There were no other matters.

**6. Adjournment**

19:17:47 Council Member Morris Pratt **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Lynn Handy **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Matsumura called for discussion. There being none, he called for a vote. The vote was as follows: Catlin-yes, Pratt-yes, Handy-yes Matsumura-yes, and Rechtenbach-excused. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-18-08

*Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder*