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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Vice-Chairman Meredith Harker
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Brad Christopherson
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Kevin Takeno, UPD Precinct Officer
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

Excused: Council Chairman Dan Armstrong, City Administrator John Taylor

6:00 BRIEFING SESSION

 6:03 PM Vice Chair Meredith Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:02 p.m. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present, except Council Member Dan Armstrong who was excused.

1. Review Agenda

 6:04 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Chief of Finance Scott Harrington gave clarification on the budgets that will be presented during the regular meeting. It was noted that street issues in the city will be discussed under Other Matters.

 6:08 PM Mayor Kristie Overson referenced the “Give a Kid a Flag Program” that is usually conducted during the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade by the Exchange Club. It was agreed that Youth Council Members will walk along the elected officials’ parade vehicle and hand out the flags this year. Elected officials will also distribute items along the parade route.

 6:11 PM It was confirmed that Council Member Ernest Burgess will submit the Council Corner article for the newsletter by June 10, 2019.

2. Adjourn

Vice Chair Harker declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Mark McGrath, Community Development Director
Kevin Takeno, UPD Precinct Officer
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director
Jay Ziolkowski, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Ronald Wolthuis, Judge

Excused: City Administrator John Taylor

Others: John Gidney, Gordon Wolf, Lynette Wendel, Susan Holman, Kevin Law, Anna Barbieri, Lynn Handy, Marc McElreath, Greg Jensen, Janice Fields

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Vice Chair Meredith Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Cheryl Peacock Cottle conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present. Council Chair Dan Armstrong participated in the meeting via electronic means.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Council Member Burgess* (Opening Ceremonies for June 19, 2019 to be arranged by *Mayor Overson*)

Council Member Ernest Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Law offered the Reverence by sharing a song that will be performed this weekend at the Broadway Jr. Review event.

1.2 Mayor's Report

 6:34 PM Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the status of budget negotiations with the Unified Police Department (UPD). She described a long UPD Board Meeting that was held yesterday. She relayed that a letter from four cities was given to the Sheriff requesting additional wage increases for personnel. The Mayor said she is not satisfied with what the Sheriff has presented in the UPD budget and additional recommendations for cuts were made. She noted that public safety is critical for the city. She reviewed the position being taken by Midvale City regarding UPD and said they have committed not to submit intent to withdraw from UPD at this time.

 6:41 PM The Mayor reported on the successful ICSC Conference she recently attended with Government Relations Specialist John Hiskey and Economic Development Director Wayne Harper. Mayor Overson commended Economic Development Assistant Jean Ashby for her expertise in scheduling many productive appointments at the conference.

 6:44 PM The Mayor referenced invitations that have gone out for the Taylorsville 2020 Summit scheduled for June 20, 2019. She also described several recent ribbon cuttings that have been held recently.

 6:45 PM Mayor Overson discussed two speedbumps that have been implemented on Country Hills Drive. She noted that several residents had requested those speedbumps, but since they were installed, some residents have also expressed objections.

 6:47 PM Mayor Overson described the opportunity to go to Boise, Idaho recently and bike the Boise River Greenbelt. She indicated that this was a chance to observe what Boise and surrounding areas have done to enhance the Boise River. She said this visit was very worthwhile. Council Member Curt Cochran noted that he is from Boise. He shared that residents there really value the river.

 6:50 PM Mayor Overson relayed that city employees are currently very busy and dedicated. She thanked City Attorney Tracy Cowdell and his team for dealing with many legal issues behind the scenes. The Mayor recognized Judge Ronald Wolthuis who is filling in at the Municipal Justice Court during Judge Michael Kwan's leave of absence for the next six months. Judge Wolthuis introduced himself and commented that he is happy to be of assistance in the Taylorsville Court.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 6:56 PM Vice Chair Meredith Harker reviewed the Citizen Comment Procedures for the audience. She then called for any citizen comments.

 6:56 PM Lynette Wendel expressed her gratitude to city officials and staff for their support and willingness to hear residents' concerns over animal services in Taylorsville.

 6:57 PM There were no additional citizen comments, and Vice Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.1 UFA Quarterly Report – Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski

 6:57 PM UFA Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski presented a video regarding a new UFA recruitment campaign called "Are These Your Boots?" He cited the large degree of interest in the UFA Recruit Camp that this program has generated.

 7:03 PM Chief Ziolkowski reported on fire and emergency medical services provided in Taylorsville. He noted that call volumes for the previous quarter are right on track. He reviewed types of medical and fire calls. He referenced station and community activities.

 7:05 PM Chief Ziolkowski made a clarification regarding call volumes and alarm calls for Council Member Burgess.

 7:07 PM Council Member Christopherson asked about results for models conducted in West Jordan on low acuity calls. Chief Ziolkowski confirmed that he does not have knowledge about those results. He made further clarification on the monitoring of different models regarding different apparatuses.

 7:10 PM The Chief relayed that the updated fireworks restrictions map has been uploaded and the sale of fireworks begins on June 24, 2019 and ends July 25, 2019. He outlined new discharge dates and times that are allowed for fireworks.

 7:11 PM Chief Ziolkowski rendered a video regarding UFA training for swift water rescues. He also relayed that he will begin forwarding monthly UFA Liaison Reports to city officials through Council Coordinator Kris Heineman.

3.2 Budget Committee Report – Lynn Handy

 7:19 PM Budget Chair Lynn Handy reported on the Budget Committee's review of the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget. He described duties of the committee, i.e. reviewing monthly financial statements, the city audit, and the city budget. He recognized members of the Budget Committee in attendance.

 7:19 PM Mr. Handy outlined those items that the Budget Committee prioritizes in the budget. He observed that 42% of the budget is for public safety. He noted that the proposed budget for this year does not include a tax increase and said the committee agrees with that. He observed that the committee believes, however, that a tax increase may be needed in the near future. He noted that this year's budget does not include additional police officers.

 7:22 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson commented on the \$650,000 estimated increase for UPD and asked about the committee's previous opinion regarding the need for a tax increase this year. Mr. Handy observed that, depending on the final numbers for the UPD contract, there may be a more immediate need for a tax increase. He said the committee suggests increasing taxes by small increments and believes any increase should be tied to a specific need.

 7:26 PM Chief of Finance Scott Harrington gave clarification for Council Member Cochran regarding potential sales tax revenue to be generated by the new Performing Arts Center.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting: May 15, 2019

 7:28 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 **Resolution No. 19-16** – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving Year-End Final Amendments to the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget – *Scott Harrington*

Chief of Finance Scott Harrington reviewed final amendments to the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. He described two needed adjustments made to the 2018-2019 year-end budget since the last discussion, i.e. adding \$20,000 to the Court; and adding \$25,000 in revenue, with a corresponding expense of \$25,000 for a bridge repair project (cost sharing with West Valley City). He relayed that, other than these items, the budget remains exactly the same as what was presented three weeks ago.

 7:30 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-16, as presented. Council Member Curt Cochran **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 **Resolution No. 19-17** – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting a Final Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020 – *Scott Harrington*

 7:30 PM Chief of Finance Scott Harrington reviewed key points of the final budget proposed for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. He stated that the only change since the public hearing three weeks ago is the \$1000 added by the Council for ongoing maintenance at the Heritage

Center. He clarified that has already placed enough of a cushion in the budget to allow for the final UPD budget once it is determined, with an additional \$100,000.

 7:31 PM Council Member Christopherson asked for the Mayor's opinion on where the wage increases may end up for the UPD Budget. Mayor Overson said there is an appetite for a 10% wage increase. She noted that Precinct Chiefs and hire-ranking UPD personnel have recommended that they not be given wage increases themselves, so that officers and sergeants can receive appropriate increases. Mr. Harrington clarified that cuts to regional services are being recommended in order to get to the 10% wage increase. He said the city budget, as presented, should cover that potential increase and then can be addressed at mid-year for specific amendment on the UPD contract.

 7:36 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess thanked those involved for their efforts to ensure that fair compensation is obtained.

 7:37 PM Mayor Overson noted that the city has 100% control over the UPD Taylorsville Precinct budget and how many officers are placed in Taylorsville. She observed that officers will not be taken out of neighborhoods, but regional services could be cut.

 7:40 PM Discussion was held regarding possibly adopting the 2019-2020 budget tonight or postponing approval of the budget until final UPD numbers are in and it is known whether a tax increase might potentially be needed. The timeline for UPD Board Meetings and receiving a final budget was reviewed. Midvale's position on the UPD budget was discussed further. Mr. Harrington gave additional clarification on the budget cushion included currently for UPD and referenced the truth and taxation timeline required should a tax increase be included.

 7:48 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson commented on the city's history of large tax increases that were needed in the past and also property tax that was decreased as an offset with the city joining the UFA Fire District. He observed that a 5% tax increase would be needed just to bring on one UPD officer. He shared concerns over potential decreases in the future to sales tax revenue. It was agreed that smaller tax increases are better and may be considered for next year.

 7:53 PM Mr. Harrington commented on parameters regarding the city's fund balance and observed that the city is getting close to the triggers that are in place.

 7:54 PM Mr. Handy asked about any predictions from UPD Precinct Chief Wyant for additional officers needed in the future. No additional officers have been requested at this time.

 7:56 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson referenced the Council's previous resolution to ask legislators to correct retirement issues for UPD and increase wages to remain competitive. He thanked city officials, city lobbyists, and legislators for fixing the retirement issue. He cited the importance of public safety and ensuring adequate coverage to deal with crime in the Salt Lake Valley. He asked about the Council's willingness to implement a 7.5 to 10% tax increase now, specifically to address future public safety needs.

 8:02 PM Mayor Overson said she is certain that the UPD Board will not approve a 10.75% wage increase without cuts to regional services. She noted that Taylorsville has been discussing the UPD budget for the last several months. She said that while Taylorsville has initially discussing willingness to do a tax increase for public safety this year if needed, other cities have not indicated willingness to do a tax increase.

 8:05 PM Further discussion ensued regarding potential tax increases to accommodate adequate funding for public safety. The Mayor agreed that if the Council does desire a tax increase, it should be very clearly defined as being used for public safety. It was the consensus of the Council that the city must continue lobbying hard over the next year to take care of law enforcement officers and educate residents on public safety needs in Taylorsville. It was also agreed that smaller incremental tax increases are better than waiting until a larger increase is needed.

 8:13 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell cited current unknowns and things that may be changing over the next few weeks and months. He observed that more will be known about the law enforcement landscape over the next budget year.

 8:16 PM Vice Chair Meredith Harker summarized that the consensus of the Council is that it would not be fair to the public to add a tax increase at this point in the budget process, but public education should be provided regarding a potential tax increase next year for public safety needs.

 8:17 PM Council Member Curt Cochran referenced a proposal to create a special project fund for a feasibility study in District 2 on a potential beautification project along the east side of 1300 West near the canal, from 4800 South to 5400 South. The number of \$5000 has been recommended as adequate for such a study. Mr. Harrington suggested that this could be earmarked in the City Council budget for studies. He confirmed that there is currently already \$10,000 in that Council studies budget.

 8:21 PM Council Member Cochran gave clarification regarding specifics proposed in the project, i.e. curb and gutter to complete the area along the west side of the fence.

 8:23 PM Mayor Overson relayed that this area is on the long-term radar of Salt Lake County and the Wasatch Front Regional Council for studies to be completed. She noted that the study being suggested by Council Member Cochran is a great idea to address immediate concerns if waiting for a study in the long-term is not desired. Community Development Director Mark McGrath also shared that UDOT recently commissioned a bicycle study looking at north-south bicycle traffic on the west side. 1300 West was identified as the most logical route from North Temple to Riverton. Mr. McGrath said this has resulted in the availability of matching-fund grant monies for bike lanes. It was clarified that the city will apply for this money and the county will help with the city's local match. It was confirmed that the UDOT study is strictly looking at bicycle lanes on that stretch. The study proposed by Council Member Cochran is to see if beautification makes sense in that area. It was acknowledged that residents want improvement there because weeds are really getting out of control.

 8:30 PM Council Member Cochran confirmed that the weeds in the area are the responsibility of the Canal Company. The consensus of the majority of the Council was to earmark \$5,000 from the Council Studies budget for studies dedicated to that area.

 8:31 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-17, as presented and with no tax increase. Council Member Curt Cochran **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

6.3 Resolution No. 19-19 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Declaring Real Property Located at Approximately 5705 South Easton Street, Taylorsville, Utah, as Surplus Property – *Scott Harrington*

 8:32 PM Chief of Finance Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution to consider the surplus of city-owned property at 5705 South East Street in Taylorsville. He noted that the house on the property was torn down because of its poor condition after the city purchased the property several months ago, and the proposed resolution is to allow surplus of the vacant lot.

 8:33 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-19, as presented. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 **Resolution No. 19-14 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Updated Storm Water Management Plan – *Scott Harrington***

 8:34 PM Assistant City Manager Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution regarding the approval of an updated storm water management plan for the city. He explained that this document is required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and was part of the 2018 EPA audit recommendations. He relayed that the plan will likely be brought back every year or two with updates for Council approval.

 8:36 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-14, as presented. Council Member Meredith Harker **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 **Resolution No. 19-18 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving the Ground Lease and Parking Agreement as Exhibits to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City and Salt Lake County to Construct, Operate and Maintain a Performing Arts Center – *Tracy Cowdell***

 8:36 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented the subject resolution for consideration of an interlocal agreement with Salt Lake County. He explained that this deals with approval of the ground lease and parking agreement in conjunction with the Performing Arts Center (PAC). He described negotiations with Salt Lake County and the city's participation through provision of the city campus property through a 50-year lease. He outlined specifics of the lease. He noted that the city will maintain all of the landscaping around the building and the county will maintain the actual building.

 8:42 PM Council Members commended the deal structured with the county that has set a good precedent.

 8:42 PM Council Member Ernest Burgess **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-14, as presented. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

- 8.1 Council Chair Armstrong** – He confirmed that he will have a truck arranged for elected officials to ride on in the Taylorsville Dayzz Parade. He asked about the status of the 5400 South Construction Project. It was relayed that UDOT has committed to be finished with construction in time for the parade. The Mayor noted that UDOT is working furiously to be completely finished but, if not, is aware of the needs for the parade and will be out of the way.
- 8.2 Council Vice Chair Harker** – She called for discussion on street parking issues. She cited issues on 2200 West in front of the Taylorsville baseball fields. She suggested repainting the curbs there to clearly prohibit parking. Council Member Harker also invited Mayor Overson and Council Member Cochran to participate with her in the 5K Race during Taylorsville Dayzz.
- 8.3 Council Member Burgess** – He cited additional parking problems, as follows: on 2200 West in front of the condos; north of Eisenhower Jr. High; and off of 4200 South on Atherton by the YMCA. He indicated he will email City Administrator John Taylor regarding these k, /5specific concerns.
- 8.4 Council Member Christopherson** – No items for subsequent consideration.
- 8.5 Council Member Cochran** – He cited parking issues that were resolved at the Islamic Center on 4800 South and 1200 West. He shared a thank you letter received from a resident stating appreciation for the work that was done there to resolve safety concerns. Council Member Cochran called for discussion on the July Council Meeting schedule. It was decided to cancel the July 3rd meeting and hold the regular Council Meeting on July 17th. The Let’s Talk Taylorsville Town Meeting will also be held on July 31st at 6:00 p.m.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, June 11, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 Planning Commission Field Trip/Discussion – Tuesday, June 13, 2019 – 4:00- 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, June 19, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.6 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, July 3, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.7 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 3, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS
(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)

10.1 Taylorsville Dayzz – June 27-29, 2019

11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)
- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205

 8:54 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to convene a Closed Session to discuss the sale or purchase of real property at 8:54 p.m. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All members of the City Council present voted and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was closed at 8:54 p.m. for the purposes listed below, wherein no other matters were discussed.

- **Strategy Session Concerning the Sale or Purchase of Real Property**

Those in attendance at the Closed Session were: Mayor Kristie Overson, Council Members Burgess, Christopherson, Cochran, Armstrong (via electronic means), and Harker; City Attorney Tracy Cowdell; City Administrator John Taylor; Economic Development Director Wayne Harper; 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.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the Closed Session and the City Council Meeting. Council Member Meredith Harker **SECONDED** the motion. Vice Chair Meredith Harker called for discussion on the motion. There being none, she called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Burgess-yes, Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Cochran-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 06-19-19

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder