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

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

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**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance:**

**Mayor:**

Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

Council Chairman Daniel Armstrong  
Vice-Chairman Meredith Harker  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Brad Christopherson

**City Staff:**

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer

**Excused:** Council Member Curt Cochran

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

**1. Review Agenda**

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. Chair Armstrong joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

## 2. Adjourn

Vice-Chair Harker declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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### REGULAR MEETING

#### Attendance:

#### Mayor:

Kristie Overson

#### Council Members:

Council Chairman Daniel Armstrong  
Vice-Chairman Meredith Harker  
Council Member Ernest Burgess  
Council Member Brad Christopherson

#### City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator  
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney  
Wayne Harper, Economic Development Director  
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief  
Richard Rich, UFA Captain  
Saul Bailey, UPD Lieutenant  
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder  
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer  
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator  
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

**Excused:** Council Member Curt Cochran

**Others:** Marc McElreath, Lynette Wendel, Jerry Milne, Janice Fields, Lisa Gehrke, Joan White, John Gidney, Carl Fauver, Lynn Handy, Jim Dunnigan, Nancy Henderson, Gary Santy, Detective Ashley Burningham, Sergeant Aaron Lavin, Sergeant Stanton Van Wagoner

## 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

 6:30 PM Chairman Daniel Armstrong 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, except Council Member Curt Cochran who was excused.

### **1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – *Council Chair Armstrong (Opening Ceremonies for September 18, 2019 to be arranged by Mayor Overson)***

Council Chair Dan Armstrong directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

 6:32 PM Council Member Armstrong offered the Reverence. He thanked citizen volunteers, committee members, first responders, and elected officials who serve the City of Taylorsville.

### **1.2 Mayor's Report**

 6:35 PM Mayor Kristie Overson described the *Volunteer Appreciation Picnic* held last week and thanked citizen volunteers for their efforts. She also recognized Council Coordinator Kris Heineman for organizing this event. She cited the *Employee Thank You Party* held on August 30, 2019. She thanked Ms. Heineman and Jen Andrus for their help with that party. She commended city staff for their hard work and described employee training opportunities that have been provided recently to help increase proficiency in various computer applications. She relayed that an employee training regarding IT security was also held. The Mayor announced that the City has just hired Karen Kerdooff as the new GIS Planner.

 6:40 PM Mayor Overson reported on an overview rendered by Salt Lake County on the status of the Performing Arts Center. She discussed “Tanner’s Trees” that will be planted in Bennion Park as a result of donations from Tanner Cowley and Mountain America Credit Union, along with a match from the city.

 6:42 PM The Mayor recognized Captain Rich, of the Unified Fire Authority. She discussed efforts by the Unified Police Department (UPD), in conjunction with school administrators, to ensure student safety during drop-off and pick-up times. She relayed that UPD officers will be taking a strict enforcement approach with violators.

#### **1.2.1 14U All-Star Team Recognition – *Mayor Overson***

 6:43 PM Mayor Overson congratulated members of the Taylorsville “Nightmares” 14U All-Star Team who took State last month in the fast-pitch softball tournament at Valley Regional Park. She relayed that this championship team finished undefeated. The team’s coach paid tribute to the girls on the team for their diligent practice and hard work. Council Members also extended congratulations to the team.

### 1.3 Citizen Comments

 6:51 PM Chairman Daniel Armstrong reviewed citizen comment procedures and called for any citizen comments.

 6:52 PM Jerry Milne referenced resuscitation efforts along the Jordan River and recommended extending that work to 4800 South. He relayed that his suggestion for an off-leash dog park at Little Confluence has been denied by Salt Lake County because the dogs might have a negative impact on the river. He distributed information regarding weed control and encouraged the Council to re-write the city's weed ordinance. He asked about code enforcement in the back yards of properties that could potentially become fire hazards.

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chairman Armstrong closed the citizen comment period.

## 2. APPOINTMENTS

### 2.1 Resolution No. 19-32 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Appointing Wayne Harper to the Position of Economic and Community Development Director – *Mayor Overson*

 6:59 PM Mayor Overson described the city's decision to consolidate the Economic Development and Community Development Departments. She noted that this decision allows current Community Development Director Mark McGrath to focus more fully on long-term planning. She presented the subject resolution to appoint Wayne Harper as the Economic and Community Development Director. She asked the Council to approve her recommended appointment of Mr. Harper.

 7:01 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 19-32, as presented. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Cochran-excused, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Harker-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

### **3. REPORTS**

#### **3.1 Unified Police Department Report – *Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant***

 7:10 PM Unified Police Department (UPD) Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant introduced some newly assigned personnel in the Taylorsville precinct, as follows: Detective Ashley Burningham (Property Crimes Unit), Sergeant Aaron Lavin (former canine officer), and Sergeant Stanton Van Wagoner (Afternoon Patrol Shift Sergeant).

 7:11 PM Chief Wyant reported on law enforcement activity for the fourth quarter. He specifically reviewed crime trends, overall general offenses, response times, traffic accidents, traffic citations, burglaries, burglary alarms, drug cases, the property crimes unit, the street crimes unit, the CAR unit, and S.W.A.T.

 7:23 PM Council Member Harker commended officers for the quick response recently to suspicious activity in her Council District.

#### **3.2 Taylorsville Dayzz Report – *Jim Dunnigan***

 7:06 PM Jim Dunnigan reported on the successful Taylorsville Dayzz event held in June. He commended the 18 members of the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee for their hard work. He thanked elected officials for their tremendous support. He recognized the following committee members in attendance: Nancy Henderson, Gary Santy, and John Gidney. He also listed volunteer groups that assisted with the event.

 7:10 PM Council Member Meredith Harker commended the additional restrooms provided at the event, along with widened areas and improved pedestrian flow this year near the food booths. Council Members expressed appreciation for the tremendous efforts of committee members and volunteers in support of Taylorsville Dayzz.

#### **3.3 Unified Fire Authority Report – *Captain Richard Rich***

 7:28 PM Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Captain Richard Rich introduced himself and described his career in Taylorsville. He relayed that he will be taking over for Chief Jay Ziolkowski as the UFA liaison in Taylorsville. He referenced the report in Council packets regarding fire services provided in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He answered questions regarding impact of the recent fireworks season. He also discussed traffic accidents in the city and said there has not been a significant increase. Captain Rich confirmed that there have been some fires related to weed growth, but swift abatement has taken place. He noted that

extreme temperatures can also contribute to fire danger. He commented that UFA is fully staffed in the city.

 7:37 PM Captain Rich reviewed the hiring process and cited a weekly podcast, entitled “UFA Roll Call,” that is produced by UFA.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

##### 4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting: August 21, 2019 Minutes – Board of Canvassers Meeting: August 27, 2019

 7:38 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Cochran-excused, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Harker-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. 19-30*** – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Grant from the United States Department of Justice’s Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the 2019 Fiscal Year in the Amount of \$27,085 for Law Enforcement Programs – *Scott Harrington*

 7:02 PM Chief of Finance Scott Harrington presented the subject resolution to accept a JAG Grant in the amount of \$27,085 to be used for law enforcement. He explained that the funds will specifically be used for bike patrols along the river, overtime shifts for those patrols, police equipment, and training for staff. He confirmed that this amount is a bit less than previous years.

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-30, as presented. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Cochran-excused, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Harker-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**6.2     Resolution No. 19-31 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Accepting a Zoo, Arts and Parks (ZAP) Grant from Salt Lake County in the Amount of \$4,500 to Fund the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center – *Joan White***

 7:04 PM Joan White presented a resolution for the city to accept a ZAP Grant from Salt Lake in the amount of \$4,500 to go towards bus transportation for students visiting the Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center. She noted that the grant funds will also help support the *Saturday with Santa/Christmas around the World* and *Tombstone Tale* events. She relayed that this amount is more than what was received last year.

 7:05 PM Council Member Meredith Harker **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-31, as presented. Council Member Brad Christopherson **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Cochran-excused, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Harker-yes. **All City Council members present voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

**7.     OTHER MATTERS**

 7:39 PM Mayor Overson relayed Jim Dunnigan’s sincere appreciation to public safety officers for their help with the Taylorsville Dayzz event.

**8.     NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

- 8.1     **Council Chair Armstrong** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.2     **Council Vice Chair Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3     **Council Member Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4     **Council Member Christopherson** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.5     **Council Member Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

**9.     NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**

-  7:40 PM
- 9.1     **Planning Commission Work Session – Tues., September 10, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
  - 9.2     **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**
  - 9.3     **City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**

**9.4 Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.**

**9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 6:35 p.m.**

**10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

*(For more Details on Events, Visit the City's Website)*

**11. CLOSED SESSION (*Conference Room 202*)**

*- For the Purpose(s) Described in Statute U.C.A. 52-4-205*

It was determined that a Closed Session was not needed and no Closed Session was held.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

 7:40 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Ernest Burgess **SECONDED** the motion. Chairman Dan Armstrong called for discussion on the motion. There being none, he called for a roll-call vote. The vote was as follows: Armstrong-yes, Cochran-excused, Christopherson-yes, Burgess-yes, and Harker-yes. **City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: CC 09-18-19

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