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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

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

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor:

Kristie Overson

Council Members:

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

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Angela Price, Principal Planner
Scott VanWagoner, UPD Precinct Sergeant

 6:02 PM Chairman Daniel Armstrong 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.

1. Review Agenda

 6:03 PM The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed. It was noted that Kevyn Smeltzer has asked to be excused and a Public Works Report will not be presented during the regular meeting.

3. Adjourn

 6:04 PM Chair Armstrong declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

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Mark McGrath, Community Dev. Planner
Scott VanWagoner, UPD Precinct Sergeant
Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Angela Price, Principal Planner
Richard Rich, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Jeff Gallegos, Clerk of the Court

Excused: Economic Development Director Wayne Harper

Others: Lynette Wendel, Marc McElreath, Maranda Weatherman, Melanie Bennett, Kathy Schuster, Gordon Willardson, Jackie Willardson, Mike Harker, Mason Harker, John Gidney, Jerry Milne, Lynn Handy, Carl Fauver, David Young, Shaun Haslam, Michael Welch

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.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – *Council Member Harker (Opening Ceremonies for January 8, 2020 to be arranged by Council Member Cochran)*

 6:30 PM Council Member Meredith Harker directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Member Meredith Harker offered the Reverence. She spoke of the need to do little things that help create “peace on earth.” Council Member Harker introduced her son Mason Harker, who rendered a Christmas musical number.

1.2 Mayor’s Report

 6:36 PM Mayor Kristie Overson reported on the Granite District School Board’s decision to close Westbrook Elementary next year. She relayed that the city will work to ensure student safety for students who will be moving over to Bennion Elementary. She noted that the city will have the first right of refusal on the Westbrook school property if the District should decide to sell.

 6:39 PM Mayor Overson described the City’s successful *Holiday Open House* event that was held yesterday. She relayed that some attendees brought Christmas donations for the Golden Living Center.

 6:40 PM The Mayor reported that the tentative city survey results (from 937 responses received) are now available and will be officially presented to the Council during the first meeting in January.

 6:41 PM Mayor Overson cited plans for any mid-year budget adjustments that will be discussed in January. She thanked the City’s facilities maintenance crew and county contract providers who helped with snow removal over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

 6:43 PM The Mayor referenced the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), who is preparing an article commending Taylorsville for its efforts to seek grant opportunities. She thanked the Taylorsville Team for working hard to secure additional funds for city use.

 6:45 PM Mayor Overson cited the new 2020 logos that will appear on precinct police cars soon. She reviewed service opportunities supported by the Taylorsville Youth Council, the Taylorsville Exchange Club, the Taylorsville Arts Council, etc. She thanked city committee members and volunteers for providing wonderful events and opportunities in the city.

 6:47 PM Mayor Overson relayed that Mark McGrath is prepared to present next year's plans for the City Center property design at the end of this meeting.

**1.2.1 Presentation – Coldwell Banker Community Foundation
- Linda Hardman and Dave Coleman**

 6:47 PM Linda Hardman, with the Coldwell Banker Community Foundation, presented a \$3,000 donation in support of the Taylorsville Food Pantry.

1.3 Citizen Comments

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

 6:51 PM Jerry Milne shared his ideas for changes to the city's landscape ordinance.

 6:59 PM Marc McElreath commented on the proposed UFA Interlocal Agreement and gave his opinion that this is a good agreement for the city to implement. He suggested that this may also be an agreement for law enforcement providers to emulate.

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

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Appointment to the Taylorsville Planning Commission: Gordon Willardson (District 5) and Don Russell (Alternate) – Mayor Overson

 7:00 PM Mayor Kristie Overson nominated Gordon Willardson (District 5) and Don Russell (Alternate) for appointment to the Taylorsville Planning Commission.

 7:01 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to appoint Gordon Willardson (District 5) and Don Russell (Alternate) as members of the Taylorsville Planning Commission. 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: Harker-yes, Armstrong-yes, Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. REPORTS

3.1 UFA Quarterly Report – *Captain Richard Rich*

 7:02 PM Unified Fire Authority (UFA) Captain Richard Rich reported on fire services provided by UFA in Taylorsville during the previous quarter. He reviewed statistics on responses, types and locations of calls, etc.

 7:08 PM Captain Rich described recent UFA activities and training exercises conducted in the community. He spoke of positions being changed and filled within the UFA. He reported on events that illustrate the high caliber of fire personnel serving in Taylorsville.

3.2 Salt Lake County Public Works Report – *Kevyn Smeltzer*

Kevyn Smeltzer was excused and the Public Works Report was not rendered.

3.3 West Valley Animal Services Report – *Maranda Weatherman, Melanie Bennett, and Kathy Schuster*

 7:21 PM Maranda Weatherman reported on animal services provided in Taylorsville by West Valley City. She reviewed team goals for 2019-2020. She discussed community education efforts, along with statistics for shelter and field operations. She reviewed the number of Millrace Park tags sold and violation types during the first quarter. She also outlined types of calls and response times. She cited a current staffing shortage. Ms. Weatherman ended her presentation by discussing benchmarks for success.

 7:35 PM Ms. Weatherman addressed questions regarding the staffing shortages within the Animal Services organization and the process for using animal drop boxes. She cited animal rescue organizations who partner with West Valley City Animal Services to assist with needs.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Board of Municipal Canvassers Meeting: November 19, 2019 Minutes – City council Meeting: November 20, 2019

 7:39 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt the Consent Agenda. Council Member Curt Cochran **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: Harker-yes, Armstrong-yes, Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 **Ordinance No. 19-17 – Public Comment and Consideration of Ordinance 19-17 for a Text Amendment to the Taylorsville Municipal Code Section 13.08.020(E) Permitted Land Use Matrix by the Commercial, Office, Industrial, Mixed Use, Transit Corridor, and Research and Development Districts, and Chapter 13.36 (T) Definitions – *Angela Price***

 7:39 PM Principal Planner Angela Price presented the subject ordinance for a text amendment to Taylorsville Code Section 13.08.020(E) regarding the Permitted Land Use Matrix and Chapter 13.36 (T) regarding Definitions. She reviewed background on the application submitted by Shaun Haslam for property at 4774 S. Redwood Road. She outlined specific text amendments being proposed to the land use table and to the definitions section of the code. Ms. Price discussed findings by city staff and reasons behind the unanimous negative recommendation given to the City Council by the Planning Commission. She noted that the staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments.

 7:57 PM Ms. Price addressed questions regarding the property.

 8:02 PM Ms. Price gave explanation on why staff is in favor of granting the text amendment.

 8:03 PM Chair Armstrong invited the applicant to speak. Michael Welch, landlord and long-term owner of the subject property, gave background on uses on the property and improvements made there over the years. He said he is in support of finding a way for the Traffic Safety Rentals (TSR) Company to stay at the site in Taylorsville.

 8:08 PM Shaun Haslam, Vice-President of TSR, distributed illustrations to the City Council. He gave a history on bringing the property into compliance once the violation was discovered. He described specific equipment storage needs. He stressed that no equipment on the property would be visible from Redwood Road.

 8:11 PM It was confirmed that there have been no complaints from neighbors nor any accidents related to the property.

 8:12 PM Chairman Armstrong opened the public comment period on this matter and called for citizen comments.

There were no citizen comments and Chairman Armstrong declared the public comment period closed.

 8:13 PM Ms. Price addressed questions about outdoor storage uses on Redwood Road and potential future use. She noted ways that the applicant has worked on this in good faith with the city. She acknowledged precedents that may be set with the ordinance change.

 8:20 PM Mr. Haslam addressed questions regarding the potential consequence to his business if the text amendment is not approved.

Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Ordinance No. 19-17, as presented. Council Member Meredith Harker **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: Harker-yes, Armstrong-no, Cochran-no, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-no. **All City Council members voted and the motion failed with a 3 to 2 vote.**

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters.

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 **Resolution No. 19-36 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Requesting the Recertification of the Taylorsville Justice Court – Tracy Cowdell**

 8:22 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented the subject resolution to request recertification of the Taylorsville Justice Court.

 8:23 PM Council Member Meredith Harker **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-36, as presented. Council Member Curt Cochran **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: Harker-yes, Armstrong-yes, Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 Resolution No. 19-37 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Taylorsville and Unified Fire Service Area to Create and Govern the Unified Fire Authority – Tracy Cowdell

 8:23 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented the subject resolution to approve an amended agreement with the Unified Fire Service Area /Unified Fire Authority. He explained that the Council will also be seeing a second interlocal with UFA in the next few months regarding the fire station. He cited important issues dealing with weighted voting that are addressed in the interlocal. It was noted that this interlocal agreement may be something the Unified Police Department wishes to model.

 8:28 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-37, as presented. Council Member Curt Cochran **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: Harker-yes, Armstrong-yes, Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.**

7.3 Resolution No. 19-38 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Approving the Exploration of a City-Wide Goal of Net 100% Renewable Energy by the Year 2030 – Tracy Cowdell

 8:28 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell presented the subject resolution to consider approval in support of HB 411 regarding Renewable Energy. He described the options before the council as the policy-making body and outlined pros and cons of the legislation.

 8:38 PM Council Member Christopherson noted that by approving the proposed resolution, the city is not committing anything financially at this point or locking in citizens. He would like this to be on the table to help in determining rates.

 8:41 PM Discussion ensued regarding potential staff time and resources involved in pursuing this. Council Member Harker observed that she is willing to let other cities take the lead in order to evaluate the impact before Taylorsville decides to participate.

 8:49 PM Mr. Cowdell cited options to either table this matter, adopt the resolution, or amend the resolution. He noted that a special meeting may be scheduled this month if more time is needed, but the resolution must be passed by the end of the year if the city wants to be included in the program (as the legislation is currently written). Mr. Cowdell clarified that the legislation does not anticipate this door being opened again; although the legislation could change if it is determined it is working for cities.

 8:51 PM Council Member Christopherson observed that it would not hurt anything to adopt the resolution and be at the table, as no money can actually be committed without Council approval. He said he sees no downside to passing the resolution to show interest, with the understanding that if rates are not practical later, the city can opt out. Further discussion ensued.

 8:59 PM Council Member Brad Christopherson **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 19-38, as presented. Council Member Curt Cochran **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: Harker-no, Armstrong-no, Cochran-yes, Christopherson-yes, and Burgess-no. **All City Council members voted and the motion failed with a 3-2 vote.**

 9:01 PM Planner Mark McGrath gave a presentation regarding City Center open space design plans that have been developed. He illustrated the current master plan for the City Center and the preliminary schematic design.

Discussion took place regarding options. It was noted that this is just a sneak peak of preliminary plans for the design and specific details can be determined later. Available funds in the budget were discussed. The project is targeted to begin the first of April and finish in the fall.

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)

 9:26 PM

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session – Tues., December 10, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, December 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.3 Elected Officials Swearing-In Ceremony – Wed., January 8, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 City Council Briefing Session - Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 6:15 p.m.**
- 9.5 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.**

- 9.6 **Taylorsville Redevelopment Agency Board Meeting, Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 9.7 **Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.8 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, January 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.**

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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



9:26 PM

- 10.1 **Taylorsville Symphony Orchestra Performance: Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. – Bennion Junior High School**

- 10.2 **“Saturday With Santa:” Saturday, December 7, 2019 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center (1488 West 4800 South, Taylorsville)**

Chair Armstrong thanked city employees, public safety officers, and those who regularly attend city council meetings. He expressed that he has enjoyed serving as Council Chair this past year. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

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



9:27 PM Council Member Meredith Harker **MOVED** to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Council Member Curt Cochran **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: Harker-yes, Christopherson-yes, Cochran-yes, Armstrong-yes, and Burgess-yes. **All City Council members voted in favor and the motion passed unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder

Minutes approved: January 8, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Peacock Cottle, City Recorder