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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Mayor: Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Vice-Chair Brad Christopherson
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Admin./CFO
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Sgt. Scott Van Wagoner, Unified Police
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Others: Carl Fauver

Chair Meredith Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. City Recorder Jamie Brooks conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1. Review Agenda

The Agenda was reviewed by the Council and Staff.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the Briefing Session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance-

Mayor: Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Vice-Chair Brad Christopherson
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Curt Cochran

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief
Richard Rich, UFA Assistant Chief
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Scott Harrington, Chief Financial Officer
Donny Gasu, Emergency Response Coordinator

Others: Sgt. Scott Van Wagoner, Carl Fauver, John E. Gidney, Ben White and Lynn Handy.

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. City Recorder Jamie Brooks conducted a Roll Call, wherein all Council Members were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – *Council Member Burgess* (Opening Ceremonies for February 19, 2019 to be arranged by Youth Council

Councilmember Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Burgess expressed appreciation to those gathered before offering the Reverence.

Chair Harker expressed appreciation to the employees who had done an amazing job with snow removal following the large snowstorm earlier in the week.

1.2 Mayor's Report



6:33 PM Mayor Kristie Overson spoke on the following topics:

- Brick was now going up on the new performing arts center which was very exciting to see
- The Taylorsville Youth Council had been chosen to be a part of a podcast presented by the Utah League of Cities and Towns. The youth had done a wonderful job.
- Discussed various ways to be informed on legislative issues
- Provided a brief history of SB 54 and how it stemmed from a single Taylorsville resident who had reached out to civic leaders for help solving a problem
- Expressed appreciation to those citizens who attended the recent “Let’s Talk Taylorsville” meeting. She provided an update on traffic domes in the City which had been discussed
- Mentioned the recent snowstorm which was the largest in the area since 2013. The City’s snow depth had averaged approximately 12 inches. She appreciated Joey Bona, the City’s new Facilities Manager and his staff who worked together to remove snow from City facilities.

1.3 Citizen Comments

 6:42 PM Chair Meredith Harker reviewed the citizen comment procedures and called for any citizen comments.

There were no citizens who wished to comment so Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

3. REPORTS

3.1 Project Empathy Report – *John and Chase Hansen*

 6:43 PM Chair Harker invited Chase Hansen to the podium and asked him to introduce himself and explain what had prompted him to reach out to the City Council.

Mr. Hansen, age 10, explained Project Empathy and why it was important. He stated that he and his father regularly sat down with members of the homeless community, sharing a meal with them and getting to know them as human beings. He felt people should all have hope and that if we as community members could believe in them, perhaps they could begin believing in

themselves again. He mentioned that Applebees' corporate office had joined their cause and recently donated \$4,000 in meals in order to support the homeless community and Project Empathy.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – January 22, 2020 City Council Meetings

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

A roll call vote was taken

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance No. 20-05 – Public Comment and consideration of an Ordinance of the City of Taylorsville Approving Amendments to Taylorsville Municipal Code Chapter 9.61.020: Hours of Off-Leash Area – Tracy Cowdell

 6:51 PM City Attorney Tracy Cowdell explained that there was a need to make the dog park more user friendly which involved changing the hours of operation. The hours were currently outlined in the municipal code and he recommended simplifying the process and setting the hours administratively.

Chair Harker opened the public comment period. As there were no citizen comments, she then declared the public comment period closed.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-05 approving amendments to the City of Taylorsville Municipal Code Chapter 9.61.020 regarding Hours of Use of Off-Leash Area. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

A roll call vote was taken

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

There were no financial matters to discuss

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 20-05 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville Adopting the Updated City Hazard Mitigation Plan – *Donny Gasu*

 6:54 PM Donny Gasu explained that the proposed update to the Salt Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan met the requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to receive certain types of disaster relief. FEMA required that the plan be updated every five years and the document currently before the City Council was an update to the 2015 plan.

MOTION: Vice-Chair Christopherson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 20-05, approving amendments to the City of Taylorsville Municipal Code Chapter 9.61.020: Hours of Use of Off-Leash Area. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

A roll call vote was taken

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

7.2 Open and Public Meetings Act Training – *Tracy Cowdell*

 6:57 PM Mr. Cowdell presented training for elected officials regarding the Open and Public Meetings Act. (A copy of Mr. Cowdell's presentation is attached and incorporated as part of this record).

He pointed out that the most important thing for the councilmembers to remember was that the City Council was charged with doing the public's business and the public had a right to witness that business being conducted. He then presented several scenarios which resulted in a discussion regarding issues addressed in the Open and Public Meetings Act, the Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA), the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Utah Public Officers' and Employees' Ethics Act. The use of social media by elected officials was also addressed in this training.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Council Vice-Chair Christopherson – Expressed concern about poor snow removal of state roads that ran through the City, particularly 5400 South and Redwood Road.

8.2 Council Member Armstrong – Pointed out that he had witnessed plows on Redwood Road at 6:00 a.m.

8.3 Council Member Burgess – Inquired regarding the ordinance which required that sidewalks be cleared of snow within 24 hours of a snowfall.

Mayor Overson reminded those gathered that vehicles should not be parked on the roadway during snowstorms in order to ensure that snow removal could take place. Hundreds of warnings had been issued prior to and during this last storm.

8.4 Council Member Cochran – Wondered if it was required that the police issue a warning prior to issuing a citation.

Mr. Taylor responded that it was not a requirement although several agreed that it was appreciated, despite the additional time involved in doing so.

8.5 Council Chair Harker – Expressed an interest in receiving data regarding whether the warnings were resulting in improved compliance.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

- 9.1 **Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, February 11, 2020 –
CANCELLED**
- 9.2 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 11, 2020 -
CANCELLED**
- 9.3 **City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, February 19, 20 – 6:00 p.m.**
- 9.4 **City Council Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.**
- 9.5 **Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, February 25, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.**

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

There were no upcoming events to discuss

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

MOTION: Vice-Chair Christopherson moved that the Council convene a Closed Session in order to discuss the character or professional competence of an individual. Councilmember Armstrong seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken

Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Vice Chair Christopherson	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes
Councilmember Burgess	Yes

The motion passed 5-0

12. ADJOURNMENT

The open meeting recessed at 7:43 p.m. and a closed session convened at 7:53 p.m.

The closed session adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes approved: February 19, 2020