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City of Taylorsville
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 2020
Council Chambers, Room #140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, UT 84129

Attendance-

Mayor Kristie Overson

Councilmembers Present-

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Vice Chair Brad Christopherson
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Councilmember Curt Cochran

Staff Members Present-

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/C.F.O.
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Others in attendance – *In accordance with Mayor Overson’s 2020 Executive Order No. 1 and with Governor Gary Herbert’s Executive Order 2020-5 suspending the enforcement of provisions of Utah Code §52-4-202 and §52-4-207 due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, there were no others in attendance. However, the public was encouraged to submit any questions or comments to the City Council in advance via electronic means.*

Chair Harker conducted the briefing session which convened at 5:59 pm. The councilmembers were all present apart from Councilmember Armstrong who arrived at 6:27 pm.

1. Welcome – Mayor Overson

Mayor Overson noted the fact that all councilmembers were in attendance except for Councilmember Armstrong who was expected later in the meeting.

2. Let’s Talk Taylorsville- Mayor Overson

Mayor Overson stated that the City remained open during the pandemic and that about 50% of the staff was working in city hall with the other 50% working remotely. She recommended that if

possible, those with business to conduct call ahead to ensure that the staff member they needed to see would be on site. She reminded those listening via Facebook that contact information for all elected officials could be found on the City's website and that she had open office hours every Thursday afternoon and was happy to meet with any resident.

Taylorsville's annual Earth Day had been postponed, and the setting of a new date was dependent upon several factors. An announcement of the new date would be made once arrangements could be made for the event.

Regarding the future of Taylorsville Dayzz in 2020, she explained that a decision whether to move forward with the event was a complex one that involved several different people and governmental agencies. It was still scheduled to take place, but it was possible that would change. A decision would most likely be made within a couple of weeks.

Mayor Overson pointed out that both the State of Utah and Salt Lake County had announced that there would be a shift from the current red "high risk" response level to the orange "moderate risk" level and Taylorsville would shift with them. The City's Communications Director Kim Horiuchi had updated the City website to include all updated guidelines to assist both the residential and business communities in Taylorsville in understanding how to move forward.

Many residents had expressed concern regarding the changes that had been proposed for the dumpster program. Mayor Overson explained that Vice Chair Brad Christopherson who is the Chair of the governing board for Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling would take a few minutes to help everyone understand the reason behind the necessary change to the program this year.

Vice Chair Christopherson stated there were typically 21-22 drivers with valid CDL licenses to staff the annual area clean-up event. Unfortunately, WFWR had been unable to hire that many qualified drivers and had additional staffing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 virus. For these reasons, and in order to follow health guidelines of national refuse collection entities, residents would now need to reserve dumpsters which would need to be placed in a driveway rather than on the street. This change was preferable to cancelling the program this year.

Residents would receive a postcard in the latter end of June letting them know when the dumpsters would be available and they would be provided on a first come, first served basis. This year the City would have a dumpster for every nine and one-half homes and residents were being asked to share the dumpsters with their neighbors.

Chair Harker pointed out that there was no requirement to get a dumpster. One would only be placed in a driveway of a resident who reserved one. She also reminded everyone that each household was entitled to two free landfill vouchers each year. (The vouchers allowed the resident to drop a load of refuse off at the Trans Jordan Landfill free of charge.)

Mayor Overson asked Vice Chair Christopherson to address the concern of having a large, heavy truck on one's driveway. He explained that the WFWR District only employed very experienced, qualified drivers and the trucks would not be on the driveways—only the dumpsters themselves would be. However, there would likely be marks left on the driveways and those interested in

hosting a dumpster would be asked to sign a waiver of liability. Vice Chair Christopherson also pointed out that because the dumpster program was not built into the City's fee structure, residents should not expect a refund of any sort.

Mayor Overson explained that this particular "Let's Talk Taylorsville" meeting was unique because under normal circumstances, on the fifth Wednesday of any month in the year, residents would be invited to be in physical attendance at City Hall to have an informal, open, back-and-forth discussion with the Mayor and City Council on any topic the residents chose. COVID-19 had temporarily changed the way such meetings take place and she wished to read two comments that had been submitted to the City via email.

"Are there any plans to revitalize the area across from the new temple site where the now-closed Ream's is located?"

Chair Harker responded that unfortunately, the City did not own the property in question and could therefore not direct any specific development on the site. Mayor Overson pointed out, however, that the City was certainly willing to facilitate development if the property owner was interested.

Councilmember Cochran pointed out that the City certainly hoped the area would be developed in a meaningful way.

"Our neighbor has recently constructed a pigeon pen. What are the rules, permits, etc. and who administrates—Taylorsville City or Salt Lake County?"

Mayor Overson and Chair Harker both reminded residents that permits were required for keeping certain animals, and that there might also be a permit required to build a structure such as a 'pen.'

Vice Chair Christopherson pointed out that pursuant to Taylorsville Municipal Code 8-12-14, *"Only female chickens may be kept. No ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, crowing hens, or roosters may be kept. No other bird species shall be kept except as provided by this code and birds normally and generally considered household or indoor pets."* Therefore, pigeons were not allowed to be kept in the City.

Mayor Overson explained that if someone wished to pursue a code amendment which would allow for pigeons to be kept, they were invited to contact Karen in the Community Development Department.

Tracy Cowdell pointed out that the City had a very helpful process for one to follow when building any sort of new structure upon one's property.

Councilmember Burgess inquired how many chickens were allowed. Mayor Overson responded that it depended on the size of the yard.

As no other questions had been submitted to the Council, Mayor Overson explained that they would wait for a couple of minutes to see if any more were submitted via either email or Facebook Live.

While waiting, Councilmember Burgess asked the Mayor if she knew how close the Taylorsville Dayzz Committee was to deciding whether the event would go forward. Mayor Overson explained that it would be a collaborative decision to be made in concert with a lot of different entities and people and a decision would likely be made within a couple of weeks.

Councilmember Armstrong arrived at 6:27 p.m.

The “Let’s Talk Taylorsville” portion of the meeting ended informally 6:29 pm.

3. Other Matters

At 6:35 pm, Chair Harker requested a roll call be taken. All councilmembers were present at that point.

4. Closed Session

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to convene a closed session for reasons outlined in UCA §52-4-205 and adjourn from there. (Those reasons were to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, to discuss the character or competence of an individual or the deployment of security devices and/or personnel.) The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Christopherson.

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

The council convened a closed session in Room No. 202 at 6:36 pm.

Jamie Brooks, CMC
City Recorder

Minutes Approved: