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City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
Council Chambers, Room #140
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd
Taylorsville, UT 84129

BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance-

Mayor Kristie Overson

Councilmembers Present-

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Councilmember Daniel Armstrong
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Councilmember Curt Cochran

Excused-

Vice Chair Brad Christopherson

Staff Members Present-

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst. City Administrator/CFO
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Community/Economic Development Director
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director

Others in attendance- None

Chair Harker conducted the briefing session which convened at 6:00pm.

Discussion ensued regarding citizen comments that were received in the past. It was determined that comments submitted electronically for the previous meeting had been taken care of by staff members.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council meeting was reviewed.

Clarification was made that Wayne Harper would present Ordinance No. 20-13 rather than Mark McGrath.

Council Chair Harker asked if there would be discussion once the tentative budget was presented. Council Member Armstrong stated there would be a brief discussion but suggested that those with questions set a meeting with Scott Harrington. He also noted that the Taylorsville Budget Committee would be reviewing the budget on May 14.

Chair Harker asked if any council members had other items for discussion that evening. None were brought forth.

2. Adjourn

Chair Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:07 pm.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance

Mayor Kristie Overson

Councilmembers Present-

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Council Member Ernest Burgess
Council Member Dan Armstrong
Council Member Curt Cochran

Excused-

Vice Chair Brad Christopherson

Staff Members Present

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Assistant City Administrator/Chief Financial Officer
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Tracy Wyant, Unified Police Precinct Chief

Others in attendance- None

1. WELCOME, ROLL CALL AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She explained to those on Facebook that due to technical difficulties, the audio of the meeting would be broadcast but there would be

no video available. A roll call was then conducted, wherein all councilmembers were present except for Vice Chair Christopherson who was excused.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge and Reverence – *Mayor Overson*

Mayor Overson directed the Pledge of Allegiance before City Attorney Tracy Cowdell offered a reverence.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Overson stated that the City of Taylorsville had acquired a large number of masks. She explained that they were available to employees, council members and those in the community who were looking to open their businesses soon. Mayor Overson also commented that she had received approximately 120 one-time use masks from the United States Conference of Mayors. She also noted that the City had received some federal funds which were available for minority-owned and women-owned business owners and those that served vulnerable populations in Taylorsville. The City hoped to identify critical and urgent needs to aid in prioritizing the spending of those funds. She asked that any business owners concerned that they might lose their business or need to lay off employees, please reach out to the City. Additionally, if anyone was in danger of losing their home as a result of the virus, please also reach out to the City. There was a place on the City's website where this type of information could be submitted via email and although there was not enough money to help everyone, there was enough to help some, and the City wished to hear from those in need. Information must be submitted to the City by May 15, 2020.

Mayor Overson commented that the City Council would be receiving the tentative budget that evening. She understood that these were very uncertain times and that cuts had already been made to a particularly lean budget.

Granite School District would be utilizing the old Westbrook Elementary school building as a temporary West Lake STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) School for the next couple of years. She reminded those gathered that the original West Lake campus had been damaged in the recent earthquake and therefore needed a new location. The school was preparing to open in the fall, and it was believed that all students would be bused to the school.

Mayor Overson said that although the Senior Center remained closed due to COVID-19, it was still providing meals for seniors who were able to drive to the Center and pick up a sack lunch curbside.

The Food Pantry was benefitting from a food drive which had been organized by the Taylorsville Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. The Mayor expressed appreciation for those who had kept Taylorsville's Food Pantry in mind and particularly the people it served.

Those City employees who had been working remotely would be returning to work at City Hall in the next several weeks. She noted there was a slight increase in people coming in to do business and she wished to ensure staff was prepared to provide assistance.

Mayor Overson recognized a citizen who had written a letter about an employee of the City who had helped a lost child by ensuring he was safely reunited with his family.

1.3 Citizen Comments

Chair Harker asked if any citizen comments that had been submitted electronically. There were none, and no residents were present to comment in person.

2. APPOINTMENTS

2.1 Approval of Bill and Patricia Hardesty being appointed to the Cultural Diversity Committee – Councilmember Cochran.

Councilmember Cochran explained that he was able to meet Bill and Patricia Hardesty and was very excited to have them join the committee. When asked about why they wanted to join the committee, Mr. Hardesty had responded that, “Ignorance breeds misconception, intolerance and discrimination. Our hope for the committee is to replace ignorance with knowledge and shared experiences.” Councilmember Cochran felt that sentiment was the very essence of what the committee was created to do.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the appointment of Bill and Patricia Hardesty to the Cultural Diversity Committee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Armstrong.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

3. REPORTS

There were no reports on the agenda.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – City Council Meeting April 15, 2020 and Special City Council Meeting April 29, 2020

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2020 and April 29, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

5.1 Ordinance 20-13 – Public Comment and consideration of Ordinance 20-13, amending Chapters 13.33 of the Taylorsville City Code regarding appeals of conditional use permits – *Wayne Harper*

Mr. Harper explained that while researching ordinances, it was noted that there were inconsistencies with state and local law regarding appeal authority in the City. He recommended that those inconsistencies be remedied by amending 13.33.100 and 13.33.110. Chair Harker asked for clarification regarding the identity of the appeal authority. Mr. Harper responded that depending on the specific situation, the appeal authority might be an administrative law judge, the administrative hearing officer or the City Council. Using the general term “appeal authority” would fit various situations and was consistent with state code.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve Ordinance 20-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Armstrong.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Absent
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 20-12 – A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville, acknowledging receipt of a Tentative Budget and tentatively adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year – *Scott Harrington*

Mr. Harrington pointed out that he had sent a copy of the tentative budget to each council member right before the meeting. He anticipated that sales tax as well as B and C road funds would each be down approximately 15% but warned that the numbers were still preliminary. He stated that the estimates were a bit conservative and that they reflected a strong effort to retain as many services as possible. Overall, the budget was down approximately 8.8%-- roughly \$2,154,000 from FY19-20.

Mayor Overson stated that she and the rest of Administration were available to discuss the budget one on one with any councilmembers.

Councilmember Cochran stated he was pleasantly surprised by the numbers he saw thus far. Mr. Harrington added that he would send the budget report to the budget committee the next day and that a public hearing would be held during the May 20, 2020 City Council meeting. Mr. Harrington added that neither layoffs nor a tax increase was anticipated.

Chair Harker spoke to citizens who were potentially listening to the meeting via Facebook and let them know that the City Council welcomed input from residents.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution 20-12, acknowledging receipt of the Tentative Budget and tentatively adopting the Tentative Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Absent
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

6.2 Resolution 20-13 – A resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$87,267 for the Corona Virus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program

Mr. Harrington explained that the program would run for two years. Therefore, even though the City would not expend all the funds within a year, they could spend the rest the following year. The plan was to use the funds for overtime, personal protective equipment, and disinfectant for the Taylorsville precinct as well as potentially other equipment for the precinct.

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to approve Resolution 20-13 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Burgess.

Councilmember Burgess	Yes
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Resolution No. 20-11- A Resolution of the City of Taylorsville approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Ground Lease Agreement regarding Fire Station No. 118

Mr. Cowdell explained that this agreement had been in the works for several months. He noted that part of the agreement dictated that the property in question be deeded to the Unified Fire Authority. He added that the City worked closely with UFA and their attorneys to come to the final terms. The result was a 20-year agreement wherein the City would own the ground upon which the fire station stood, and the UFA would own the structure. Mr. Cowdell stated the agreement could be extended up to 50 years if both sides were to agree. Certain nuances within the agreement were mentioned and Mr. Cowdell reminded the Council that the City had some departments using part of the building. He recommended that the Council approve the agreement and operate under the terms and conditions stated within it.

Mr. Cochran asked for clarification regarding approval for upgrades or changes to the building. Mr. Cowdell noted that the UFA would not need the City's permission unless they were planning to add to the building. Mr. Burgess was impressed with the process of reaching an agreement and the way in which it was finalized.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution 20-11, approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Ground Lease Agreement regarding Fire Station No. 118 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

Councilmember Burgess	Absent
Councilmember Armstrong	Yes
Chair Harker	Yes
Councilmember Cochran	Yes

The motion passed 4-0

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Vice-Chair Christopherson – Excused

8.2 Councilmember Burgess – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Member Armstrong – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.5 Council Chair Harker – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 Planning Commission Work Session - Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm

9.2 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm

- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm
- 9.4 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, May 20, 202 at 6:30 pm
- 9.5 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 7:00 pm

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

There were no other upcoming events to discuss.

RECESS FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD MEETING

MOTION: Councilmember Armstrong moved to recess the City Council meeting and convene as the Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cochran.

The City Council meeting recessed at 7:07 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Following RDA Board Meeting)

The City Council meeting reconvened at 7:11 pm.

11. CLOSED SESSION (Conference Room #202) – For the purposes described in UCA §52-4-205.

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Armstrong moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cochran and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Jamie Brooks, CMC
City Recorder

Minutes Approved: May 20, 2020