

City of Taylorsville
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes

Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Council Chambers
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140
Taylorsville, Utah 84129

6:00 P.M. BRIEFING SESSION

Attendance:

Mayor Kristie Overson

Council Members:

Council Chair Meredith Harker
Councilmember Dan Armstrong
Councilmember Ernest Burgess
Council Vice Chair Brad Christopherson

City Staff:

John Taylor, City Administrator
Scott Harrington, Asst City Admin/CFO
Jamie Brooks, City Recorder
Tracy Cowdell, City Attorney
Wayne Harper, Economic/Comm. Dev. Director
Kristy Heineman, Council Coordinator
Kim Horiuchi, Communications Director
Richard Rich, UFA Captain
Ben White, City Engineer
Tracy Wyant, UPD Precinct Chief

Chair Meredith Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:01p.m. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present except for Vice Chair Christopherson who arrived shortly thereafter.

1. Review Agenda

The agenda for the City Council Meeting was reviewed.

Councilmember Armstrong wished to address the fact that the parks might need to be watered more often as there were “dead spots” at Valley Regional Park, Jordan Trail, etc. Councilmember Burgess also mentioned Millrace Park. Councilmember Cochran pointed out that the entire valley was dealing with record high temperatures.

2. Adjourn

Chair Meredith Harker declared the briefing session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance:

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Council Member Curt Cochran

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Others: Anna Barbieri, Lt. Brady Cottam, Jim Dunnigan, Janice Fields, Officer Steven Ivan, John E. Gidney, Officer Anthony Martinez, Pam Roberts and Jared Smith

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Chair Meredith Harker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. A roll call was conducted wherein all councilmembers were present.

1.1 Opening Ceremonies – Pledge/Reverence – *Vice Chair Christopherson* (Opening Ceremonies for September 2, 2020 to be arranged by Councilmember Burgess)

Vice Chair Christopherson directed the Pledge of Allegiance before taking a moment to say how confident he was that he was leaving the City in good hands. He believed Taylorsville was moving forward with amazing leaders and staff in place and he had enjoyed being associated with good people who had good hearts.

1.2 Mayor's Report

Mayor Kristie Overson reported that the working group formed to prepare the City to have its own police department had already been very productive. Under the guidance of Jay Ziolkowski, a timeline and fact sheet had been prepared and both would soon be published on the City's website and on social media. Mr. Ziolkowski had a good meeting with Unified Police and would work with that entity to negotiate a fair and amicable departure from UPD.

As Chair of the Unified Fire Service Area, Mayor Overson had met with the rest of the board earlier in the week. At the meeting, the board adopted a policy regarding member cities who wished to withdraw from the organization. The timing was perfect as Riverton and Herriman were both leaving the UFSA. They would still be part of the Unified Fire Authority but would simply have a different funding mechanism.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints had recently released a rendering of the future Taylorsville temple. The Mayor felt it was a good representation of the City's pioneer heritage. A small ground-breaking would take place in October.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony had been held the previous week for the new 7-11 located across from Taylorsville High School. It was owned by Taylorsville residents Cliff and Chelsea Anderson.

Mayor Overson reported that dirt would be turning in front of City Hall the following week as the new City Center expanded beyond city hall and the performing arts center currently under construction. Speaking of city hall, the east end of the 2nd floor would be undergoing some renovations in order to ensure that employees could maintain safe social distancing. City administration was also examining how city business was being conducted, ensuring it was safe and appropriate for residents who came to city hall. The reception area on the west side of the 2nd floor would be made safer and touchless doors would be installed to the exterior of the building as well. The Mayor hoped the work would be completed by the end of the year.

The first Youth Council meeting of the new school year had taken place earlier in the day. Mayor Overson stated that she and Youth Council Coordinator Kris Heineman were excited to recruit for the Youth Council. It was unclear what activities the group would be involved in since COVID was still an issue, but she looked forward to exploring the possibilities. She also asked that anyone who knew of high schoolers who were interested in government and leadership please share the word about this opportunity.

Since the pandemic began, Taylorsville had distributed 8,000 face masks to underserved community members and small businesses in the city. Fifty gallons of sanitizer had also been given out. Mayor Overson was grateful the city had those supplies and that it was able to share them with those in need.

The following day would mark the beginning of the sixth special legislative session of the year. John Hiskey was keeping a close eye on the CARES Act and other COVID related issues including Salt Lake County's Small Business Impact grant. The County had received 23 applications for financial assistance from Taylorsville businesses which totaled \$432,000. Twelve of those applications were approved, the total of which was \$254,000. Mayor Overson mentioned that there were still some avenues for small business assistance.

In closing, the Mayor expressed her very best wishes to Vice Chair Christopherson as he and his family began their new adventure outside Taylorsville. She described him as a fierce advocate for not only District No. 3 but for economic development throughout the City. She also pointed out that he had been a champion of public safety and that it was under his leadership that the council

voted to support a resolution advocating for improving public safety in Taylorsville, including increased officer wages. It was in great part due to his efforts that the City was now in the process of forming its own police department. She greatly valued both his professionalism and his friendship.

Chair Harker stated that Vice Chair Christopherson had been an incredible mentor to her and that whomever replaced him as the District No. 3 representative would have big shoes to fill.

1.3 Citizen Comments

Chair Meredith Harker invited any individuals interested in making public comment about any topic to fill out a form and step forward to be heard. Although there was no one physically present who wished to comment, two emailed comments had been received and were read into the record. The first was submitted by Corey Tenney who wrote, *"I would like to officially request that the council engage UTOPIA for a new cost study and present it to the public. I know that this was done many years ago, but things have changed, and we need better options. Many other cities are now doing UTOPIA fiber and depending on cost, I believe it makes sense."*

Christopher Lloyd submitted the following comment: *"We have few options for high speed internet here in Taylorsville. My only choices are Xfinity or Xfinity which leads to major price gouging since there's no real competition. Xfinity also imposes data limits on their service unless you're willing to pay an egregious amount of money monthly. We are tired of being limited to one service provider here in Taylorsville and need more options. Utopia is our gateway to better connectivity, better services, and prices providing more competition to benefit our citizens. Utopia has also proven time and again that it can provide high quality fiber to other cities here in Utah. We should take the lead and allow them to build their infrastructure here in Taylorsville."*

There were no additional citizen comments, and Chair Harker closed the citizen comment period.

2. APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

3. REPORTS

3.2 Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling Report – Pam Roberts

Ms. Roberts stepped to the podium and expressed her appreciation to Vice Chair Christopherson for his leadership as the Chair for the WFWR Board. She stated he had done a great job of representing Taylorsville and also the District as a whole and in understanding efficiencies of scale. She thanked him on behalf of WFWR and presented him with a token of the agency's appreciation.

Ms. Roberts then provided a brief overview of the modifications made to the year's Area Clean Up program and some data comparing this year to the previous year.

Vice Chair Christopherson asked Ms. Roberts to explain the correlation between the cost savings realized as a result of these program changes and the ability to defer a rate increase for waste removal services. She responded that further information would be provided at a September 9th meeting but that \$268,000 had been saved thus far that year because of changes in this program as well as other cost saving measures such as reduced labor hours, reduced fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

3.1 Unified Police Department Officer Awards – Chief Tracy Wyant

Chief Wyant asked Lt. Brady Cottam to join him at the podium as he presented three awards.

The Precinct Chief's Award for July 2020 was presented to Anthony Martinez for the professionalism, patience and problem-solving skills he displayed in his handling of a domestic aggravated assault case. Officer Martinez' effort resulted in charges being filed against the suspect with no additional investigation needed on the part of detectives.

Steven Ivan was given the Officer of the Month award for July. Chief Wyant stated that Officer Ivan's sergeant described him as was one of the most selfless officers he had worked with in a long time. He performed excellent investigations, wrote comprehensive reports and often stepped up to fill in wherever needed. The way Officer Ivan handled himself on extremely difficult calls was a testament to his character.

Det. Scott Lloyd stepped forward to help Chief Wyant recognize Vice Chair Christopherson for his steadfast service and support of law enforcement from 2013-2020. Chief Wyant stated that the Vice Chair's proven leadership and resolve would pay dividends for generations to come. Chief Wyant and Det. Lloyd stressed how indebted the UPD officers assigned to the Taylorsville precinct were to Brad Christopherson.

3.3 Parks and Recreation Committee Report – Jared Smith

Mr. Smith explained that he was currently the chair for the Parks and Recreation committee and listed the other committee members for the council's benefit. He described some of the activities that the committee had been involved in 2020, some of which had been delayed due to the pandemic. One hundred fifty people participated in a virtual race that had recently been held. Mr. Smith stated that he had seen more people utilizing the parks and trail system during the pandemic than he had previously and he hoped the City would continue to improve those amenities so that residents could recreate in Taylorsville instead of going to other cities to do so.

Councilmember Cochran inquired about the number of residents who participated in the "movie in the park" events. Mr. Smith responded that it appeared to be over 100 people for one such event and about 140 for the evening that included the live band *De Novo*.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes of August 5, 2020 City Council Meeting

Councilmember Burgess mentioned that the August 5 meeting minutes indicated that he was absent for the vote pertaining to Resolution 20-33 although it was Councilmember Armstrong who had been excused from that meeting. City Recorder Jamie Brooks indicated she would make that change.

MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess.

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

The motion passed 5-0

5. PLANNING MATTERS

There were no planning matters to discuss.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

6.1 Resolution No. 20-34 – 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 2020 Fiscal Year in the amount of \$25,261 for law enforcement programs – *Scott Harrington*

Scott Harrington explained that this was a grant that had also been awarded in previous years. The grant funds this time would be used to purchase new hand-held radios for the precinct’s police officers.

MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution 20-34 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

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

The motion passed 5-0

7. OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters for discussion.

8. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)

8.1 Council Chair Harker – reiterated the matters discussed during the briefing session, specifically the need to address the dryness of grass patches in some parks. She also asked about the status of a new sign pointing out the location of the Heritage Museum.

City Engineer Ben White responded that he believed the sign was currently in production. Council and staff also discussed speed enforcement signage.

8.2 Council Vice Chair Christopherson – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.3 Council Member Armstrong – nothing for subsequent consideration.

8.4 Council Member Burgess – Pointed out that the sidewalk approaching the river (which he brought up at the August 5th meeting) was being addressed by Salt Lake County

8.5 Council Member Cochran – nothing for subsequent consideration.

9. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)

9.1 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.2 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.3 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.4 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

9.5 City Council Briefing Session – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.6 City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.7 Planning Commission Work Session – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

9.8 Planning Commission Meeting – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

9.9 Special City Council Meeting – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Chair Harker explained that applicants for the District No. 3 vacancy would be interviewed during the special city council meeting on September 30, 2020.

10. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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

There was no need for a closed session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Vice Chair Christopherson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong and the meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Harker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes approved: September 2, 2020

Minutes Prepared by Jamie Brooks, City Recorder