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**City of Taylorsville**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
*Minutes*

**Wednesday, September 2, 2020**  
**Council Chambers**  
**2600 West Taylorsville Blvd., Room No. 140**  
**Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

**BRIEFING SESSION**

**Attendance-**

Mayor Kristie Overson

**Council Members:**

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Council Member Curt Cochran

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**6:00 BRIEFING SESSION**

Chair Meredith Harker conducted the Briefing Session, which convened at 6:00 p.m. A roll call was conducted, wherein all councilmembers were present.

**1. Review Agenda**

The agenda for the 6:30 p.m. city council meeting was reviewed.

Councilmember Armstrong asked for a budget update. Staff agreed to provide one at the next city council meeting.

Chair Harker pointed out that work on the 3200 West wall seemed to have stopped. She asked for an update. City Engineer Ben White responded that the contractor had done most of the work and in exchange, had been paid much of the contract. He needed to be reminded to get the project completed.

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 Councilmember Burgess directed the Pledge of Allegiance before turning the time over to Councilmember Armstrong who explained that he had spoken recently with various veterans including tank commanders who served under General Patton as well as those who served during the Korean War. He quoted a screenplay by Tim McCanlies when he said “*sometimes the things that may or may not be true are the things a man needs to believe in the most—that people are basically good; that honor, courage and virtue mean everything; that money and power mean nothing; that good always triumphs over evil; and I want you to remember this: true love never dies.*” Councilmember Armstrong stated that those were the things worth believing in and that he hoped that others would get the opportunity to hear the wisdom of members of a previous generation who had endured so much and who somehow managed to survive. It was his prayer that we as a nation would come together to overcome the current challenges we faced.

## 1.2 Mayor's Report

 Mayor Kristie Overson reported that 14 UFA firefighters from Taylorsville had been sent to battle wildfires in California and a hurricane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Despite this, Taylorsville fire stations remained fully staffed. She pointed out that Unified Fire Authority was a great organization to belong to.

At the most recent meeting of the Unified Police Department's finance committee, she submitted a letter of resignation as committee chair. Although she would continue to represent Taylorsville as a finance committee and UPD board member, she felt the City's decision to withdraw from UPD next July made her position as Chair a conflict. There might be occasions when she would need to abstain from voting but otherwise intended to fully participate through the end of June 2021.

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The Mayor went on to explain to the Council that the Utah League of Cities and Towns would be holding their annual conference on September 23-25. Some portions would be virtual while others would be held in the traditional fashion. Information was available on the ULCT website.

City Hall was currently undergoing some renovations that would take several months to complete. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor would be essentially closed for the duration of the project but upon completion, the result would be improved efficiency for employees as well as citizens doing business at city hall.

Dirt was moving on both sides of Centennial Way as the long-awaited City Center became closer to reality. It had been planned long ago and it was exciting to see those plans finally coming to fruition.

### **1.3 Citizen Comments**

Chair Meredith Harker reviewed the procedure for making public comment before calling for any citizen comments. Although there was no one present who wished to comment, there were two residents who had submitted comments electronically. The following were read into the record.

From Aaron Masover:

*"I agree with Brian Lloyd's citizen comment at the last city council meeting about Utopia fiber. I am on the board of an HOA and we are currently looking at bulk internet packages for our residents. Currently our choices are between Comcast and Century Link and we lack the ability to compare rates with local ISPs because they are on the Utopia network and Utopia cannot get permits/franchise agreements from the city to build out to us. I have spoken in depth with Utopia over the last several weeks and Brian is correct that it is structured much differently today. My understanding is that the City could get residents on the Utopia network with very little risk and at no extra cost to taxpayers. If the City did this it would increase our property values by 3% on average and provide more choices to residents, businesses and HOAs."*

From Xochiti Ayala:

*"I am a very active member of the community. I love Taylorsville. On one of the Taylorsville pages on Facebook I posted "why don't we have a T-Ville Farmer's Market" and I received a lot of positive feedback and neighbors wanting this. I know it's too late in the year to start one, but could we start one next year in April and get it going? I would be willing to help in any way I can I know that our residents would too as we usually have to drive out to other cities to go to one. I think it would be awesome to have it, local food trucks, local restaurants, local art, live music from local artist I think in these times of uncertainty this would be a great thing for ALL of us to look forward to. I also don't think we should wait to start it until the amphitheater and art center is*

*built, I think we could start it Spring 2021 and once the amphitheater is complete it to move it down there. Again, I would volunteer my time to make this happen for my community.”*

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

### 3. APPOINTMENTS

#### 2.1 Cultural Diversity Committee Appointment of Sarah Niitsuma and Tommy Kelly

 Councilmember Cochran invited Sarah Niitsuma to approach the podium and address the council about her application. (Mr. Kelly had not been able to attend that evening.) Ms. Niitsuma expressed an interest in helping bring the community together to appreciate one another’s cultural backgrounds and diversity. She believed that acknowledging and sharing what made each of us unique would build and strengthen the connections we have with one another.

**MOTION:** Councilmember Cochran moved to appoint Sarah Niitsuma and Tommy Kelly to the Cultural Diversity Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.

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

The motion passed 4-0

### 4. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Taylorsville Dayzz Report – *Jim Dunnigan*

 Jim Dunnigan introduced members of the Taylorsville Dayzz committee and explained that various stakeholders had begun communicating in the early days of COVID-19 and begun whittling down the Taylorsville Dayzz events as it became more and more apparent that this year would pose some very unique challenges. Still, the committee wished to ensure that there was *something* to help the community commemorate Taylorsville Dayzz. The City ended up having a larger than usual fireworks presentation which was coordinated with similar events in both Midvale and Bluffdale. As always, the volunteers were numerous and invaluable in preparing for and cleaning up after the event. He then presented a video showing the fireworks presentation along with accompanying patriotic music.

Chair Harker expressed her thanks to Mr. Dunnigan and his team for allowing the community to experience a little piece of normalcy during these crazy times.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**4.1 Minutes –August 19, 2020 City Council Meeting**

**MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to approve the minutes of August 19, 2020 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burgess**

<b>Councilmember Cochran</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Chair Harker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilmember Burgess</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilmember Armstrong</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion passed 4-0**

**6. PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no planning matters on the agenda

**7. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

There were no financial matters on the agenda.

**8. OTHER MATTERS**

**7.1 Resolution No. 20-35 – A Resolution of the city of Taylorsville consenting to a seventh extension of the local state of emergency proclaimed in response to COVID-19 – Tracy Cowdell**

Mr. Cowdell explained the reasoning behind Administration’s recommendation to continue the local state of emergency related to the current pandemic. Both Salt Lake County and the State of Utah continued operating under a local state of emergency and he recommended that the City do so as well out of both medical and economic necessity. Doing so would provide the possibility of receiving government funding to assist in various ways.

**MOTION: Councilmember Burgess moved to approve Resolution 20-35 as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Armstrong.**

Chair Harker stated that she would vote in favor of the motion in order to protect the community economically.

<b>Chair Harker</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilmember Armstrong</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilmember Cochran</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Councilmember Burgess</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**The motion passed 4-0**

**9. NEW ITEMS FOR SUBSEQUENT CONSIDERATION (No Action)**

- 8.1 Councilmember Burgess** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.2 Councilmember Armstrong** - nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.3 Councilmember Cochran** – nothing for subsequent consideration.
- 8.4 Council Chair Harker** – nothing for subsequent consideration.

**10. NOTICE OF FUTURE PUBLIC MEETINGS (NEXT MEETING)**

- 9.1 Planning Commission Work Session** – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.2 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.3 City Council Briefing Session** – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.4 City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- 9.5 Planning Commission Meeting** – Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- 9.6 Special City Council Meeting** – Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**11. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Councilmember Cochran moved to adjourn, and Chair Harker declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.**

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Jamie Brooks, City Recorder

Minutes approved: September 16, 2020