

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**February 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson  
Mayor Brandt Rydell  
Council Member Mitch Drummond  
Council Member Dwayne Ariola

Brian LaBorde, City Manager  
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

Absent: Council Member Robert Garcia

**INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Janetta McCoy, 600 Lizzie – asked Council to consider creating and implementing a plan for loss of electricity to residents during inclement weather.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approve minutes from the January 26, 2023, regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Ratify existing Disaster Recovery Expenses.**
3. **Award Bid for backstop netting replacement at Taylor Regional Park Sports Complex**
4. **Consider Approving the Purchase of the Police Department's Public Safety Radio Consolettes from Motorola.**
5. **Receive 2022 annual report for the Taylor Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the consent agenda items as presented.  
Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

6. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2023-10 regarding an amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**  
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager – This is the ordinance introduction of the second amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the amendments.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:07pm.

Bill Albert – doesn't feel that limited growth sector is understandable and feels it should be removed.

Mark DeLoach – concerned about clarity of encouraged development in restricted growth area.

Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing at 6:14pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE**

First reading. No action was taken.

- 7. Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2023-07 annexing a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 60.48 acres, generally located north of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.**

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager - property owner, Taylor Heights, LLC, petitioned the City for voluntary annexation and is looking to develop the subject property in addition to adjacent acreage already incorporated into the city limits. The city limit boundary arbitrarily divides the subject property.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:26pm. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 6:26pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-07**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARY LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO INCLUDE SAID HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY WITHIN SAID CITY LIMITS AND GRANTING TO ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SAID PROPERTY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OTHER CITIZENS AND BINDING SAID INHABITANTS BY ALL OF THE ACTS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS OF SAID CITY; AND ADOPTING A SERVICE PLAN OR AGREEMENT.**

First reading. No action was taken.

- 8. Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2023-08 regarding PZ-2022-1544 a request to change the zoning designation from the zoning upon annexation of R-1 (Single Family) and existing B-1 (Local Business) to Planned Development (PD) with residential and commercial base zones on property described as approximately 78.53 acres of land general located North of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.**

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager - The applicant has requested to rezone the subject property to a Planned Development (PD) that incorporates a variety of residential types and commercial zones with a range of uses. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommend approval of the requests to change approximately 78.53 acres of land from the zoning upon annexation of R-1 (Single Family) and existing B-1 (Local Business) to

Planned Development (PD) with residential and commercial base zones on property generally located North of the intersection of County Road 398 and Justin Lane.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:39pm.

Terry Burris – concerned about what the evaluations will do to downtown Taylor.

Brian Winkler – feels the City is strangle holding ETJ properties.

Bill Albert – feels the City is granting annexation for new property but isn't taking care of what it has.

Mayor Rydell closed the public hearing at 6:45pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-08**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 78.53 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 398 AND JUSTIN LANE, FROM THE ZONING UPON ANNEXATION OF R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) AND B-1 (LOCAL BUSINESS) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), PART OF AND OUT OF THE SAMUEL PHARRAS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 496, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

**9. Hold a public hearing on the adoption of updated water and wastewater impact fees.**

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager – introduced Grady Reed with HDR Engineering who gave a presentation on the update of water and wastewater impact fees. Council appointed a capital improvements advisory committee to review and advise the City Council on the proposed capital improvements to be funded by the impact fees. The committee has completed its review of the water and sewer impact fees and has recommended that City Council begin the adoption process of the updated fees.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 7:02pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

No action was taken.

**10. Consider introducing Ordinance 2023-09 granting ATMOS Energy a non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Taylor.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - Atmos is the primary natural gas retail provider in the city and their existing Franchise Agreement is ending. This ordinance would grant a franchise to construct, maintain, and operate pipelines and equipment in the City of Taylor for the transportation, delivery, sale, and distribution of gas in, out of, and through the city for all purposes.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO: 2023-09**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, A TEXAS AND VIRGINIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE PIPELINES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DELIVERY, SALE, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS IN, OUT OF, AND THROUGH SAID CITY FOR ALL PURPOSES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH FEE SHALL BE IN LIEU OF OTHER FEES AND CHARGES, EXCEPTING AD VALOREM TAXES; AND REPEALING ALL PREVIOUS GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCES.**

First reading. No action was taken.

**REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION**

**11. Consider and approve changes to Personnel Policy Manual.**

LaShon Gros, Human Resources Director – gave a presentation on proposed changes to the City of Taylor Personnel Policy Manual. With Council approval, changes will become effective March 1, 2023.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the Personnel Policy Manual changes as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Request to condense the footprint for the May 6, 2023 Blackland Prairie Days Festival by closing only 2 City-controlled streets and allowing for the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in Heritage Square**

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager - The Main Street Advisory Board (MSAB) requests permission to condense the footprint of the 2023 Blackland Prairie Days Festival with the goal of injecting greater vitality into this ongoing special event. Staff requests permission to close East 5<sup>th</sup> Street between North Main Street and Washburn Street and East 4<sup>th</sup> Street (HWY 79) between Porter Street and North Main Street starting at 6 am on Saturday, May 6, 2023 and reopening the streets by 6 pm on that same day. Staff also requested Council allow the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in Heritage Square and throughout the festival's footprint during the event.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to condense the footprint for the May 6, 2023 Blackland Prairie Days Festival by closing only 2 City controlled streets, and allowing for the Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in Heritage Square during the event. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 7:32pm.

**Executive Session I.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive session under 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee.

- a. Municipal Court Judge evaluation

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**Executive Session II** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. ETJ release petition from Avula Holdings. LLC (Tom Yantis)

**13. Reconvene into open session and take any action.**

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:28pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:28p.m.

  
Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

