

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 25, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Chris Gonzales, Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Caleb Naivar, Boy Scout Troop 167 led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of Boy Scout Troop 167 led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITIONS

1. TAYLOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 167 CELEBRATING THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY.
2. TAYLOR ISD STUDENT RECOGNITION.
3. LEAD TAYLOR GRADUATES.

Mayor Rydell presented certificates of recognition to the Boy Scout Troop 167, Taylor ISD Honor Graduates, and those individuals who successfully completed the local Leadership program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Audrey Teakell, 310 Vernon and a former Animal Shelter technician, provided comments regarding the need for improvements at the shelter and a suggestion that the program be removed from being under the supervision of the Police Department. Mr. Jessie Ramos, 601 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, repeated his continuing concerns regarding traffic issues, speeding, and the general condition of the residences and businesses on his street.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-09 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

ORDINANCE 2017-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

5. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR APRIL 2017.

6. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 11 AND MAY 16, 2017.

Council Member Ariola requested an opportunity to provide comments on what types of information he would like to see contained in these reports as well as during the budget discussions. At the end of his comments, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed. (Council Member Garcia stepped out of the room during the vote.)

PUBLIC HEARING

7. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-11 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE 6.526 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65 FROM THE HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY (MF-2) AND LOCAL BUSINESS (B-1) DISTRICTS TO THE MF-2 HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT (MF-2), GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MALLARD LANE AND DAVIS STREETS.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented information regarding this request to rezone property for a high density multifamily development project. Mayor Rydell declared the Public Hearing open; hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl was asked to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2017-11

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 6.526 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65, LOCATED AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MALLARD LANE AND DAVIS STREETS IN TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY MF-2 AND LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT B-1 TO HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY MF-2; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OFF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. RECEIVE UPDATES ON COUNTY ROAD PLANS INCLUDING CR101, CR366, CR112, AND EDMOND STREET PROJECTS.

Mr. Matthew Rector, Director of Public Works, presented a report on the status of the County Road plans for roads within the city limits as well as the TxDOT Turn Back Program for FM 112. In the spring of 2013 Council voted to support improvements of county roads 101, 366, and 367 and committed a local match of 10% up to \$1,972,664. Reconstruction of CR101 is scheduled to start soon and be completed by summer of 2018 with a city match of \$1,330,000.

The CR366 project is in the process of procuring engineering design services with an estimated city match of \$720,000. Council approved their support of the Turnback Program for FM 112 with TxDOT in February of this year with no cost estimates at this time.

The Edmond Street Phase I project is under design by Halff Associates and scheduled to be completed by March 2018 with a combination of funding from MDUS funds and the TUF funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER CONTRACT AWARD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Rector presented a request to award a contract for the construction of wastewater treatment plant emergency repairs and improvements. Three proposals were received and staff recommends the contract be awarded to Austin Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$730,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to award the contract to Austin Engineering as presented in the amount not to exceed \$730,000 and Council member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. RECEIVE FOLLOW UP REPORT ON COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP EVENT

Ms. Lumpkin presented a report on the results of the two clean up events held April 22, 2017. She reported this spring event gathered more total tons of compacted trash at both Main and Welch Streets than any other clean up event in the past.

Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON DISPOSITION ON WEST END SCHOOL.

Mr. Bernal provided a brief update on the current activity regarding the West End School. He stated that the Lone Star Circle of Care is still interested in pursuing funding to utilize the building and has not presented any new information at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

Mayor Rydell recommended this item be passed on at this time and that Council support the policy previously approved that appointments be made January and July each year unless there is an emergency situation. Council Member Garcia stated that he would like to bring the item back when Council Member Gonzales is present, perhaps at the next meeting in the event he might have additional information he would like to discuss before the July appointments. No action was taken on this item.

13. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Ariola requested a briefing on the public works software called "I-Works"; Council Member Garcia had a request to have more information regarding the possibility of moving the animal shelter out from under the Police Department, he requested a discussion on the TUF budget, and charter amendments.


ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk

