

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 22, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. 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
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities. Mr. Turner introduced Mr. Steve Ramsey as the interim Public Works Director.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Susan Komandosky, President Moody Museum Advisory Board, provided a brief overview of lawn maintenance needs at the museum for consideration during budget planning.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY, 2017.
2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1709 LAKE DRIVE FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO DUPLEX (D).

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented a request to consider rezoning property located at 1709 Lake Drive. Ms. Lumpkin reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed this request and voted to deny the request to rezone this property.

Mayor Rydell declared the Public Hearing open at 6:16 pm. Mr. Regan Rychetsky, 1705 W. Lake Drive, expressed his support to deny this request. No other comments were heard and Mayor Rydell closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to take the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and deny the request and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Rydell recused himself prior to the next item due to a possible conflict of interest.)

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-13 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 410 W. 7TH STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL (R1) AND MULTIFAMILY (MF-2) TO COMMERCIAL-PLANNED DISTRICTS.

Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to consider rezoning property located at 410 W. 7th Street. She stated that an updated development plan was submitted and staff requested additional time to review the material and continue to work on specific concerns with the plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez declared the Public Hearing open at 6:54 pm. Mr. Cliff Olle, property owner, and resident of 1903 Sarah Cove, expressed his concern in not being able to move the project forward; Mr. Ian Davis, 819 Talbot, encouraged council to maintain the park like setting if possible; Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, expressed her support of future development on this property. Hearing no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:07 pm.

Council Member Garcia moved to appoint Council Member Ariola to serve as a liaison between Mr. Olle and city staff and to bring this item back for further consideration at the July 13th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Rydell rejoined the meeting after the vote and resumed his seat to continue to conduct the meeting.)

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. CONSIDER APPROVING AGREEMENTS WITH PATIN CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION, HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT, AND ALLIANCE ENGINEERING GROUP, INC. FOR TESTING SERVICES FOR THE EDMOND STREET PROJECT.

Mr. Bernal presented a request to approve the awards for the Edmond Street projects. Council Member Gonzales moved to award the contracts to Patin Construction for \$1,074,073, Halff Associates for \$14,500, and Alliance Engineering Group for \$35,816 for a total amount not to exceed \$1,124,389. Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP I.

Mr. Turner presented an overview of some of the highlights including the proposed reduction in ad valorem tax by .01, a 3% increase in employee salaries starting January 1, 2018, and approximately a 10% increase in health insurance premiums.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided information on actual and projected revenues for this year and the next fiscal year as well as information regarding staffing levels. She also provided a review of "unfunded items" submitted by staff for council to consider approving if funding becomes available.

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

Mayor Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez requested an update on the lawn maintenance program; Mayor Rydell requested a comparison of other city development fees.

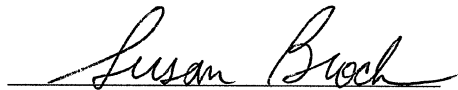
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk