

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 13, 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

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

PROCLAMATION

1. AUGUST IS BREAST FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH.

Mayor Rydell presented a proclamation to Ms. Tena DeLuna with the Williamson County and Cities Health District recognizing August as Breast Feeding Awareness Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jason Hennington, 211 W. Third, expressed his appreciation for all who helped make the 3-On-3 Basketball Tournament a success. Ms. Angela Boehme, 414 E. Rio Grande, requested a review of current utility policies and fees that create a hardship for some residents. Ms. Eva White, 1003 Grand Teton Trail, made a request to keep the animal shelter local and not to move the operations to the Williamson County facility.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2017.

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

ORDINANCES

3. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-14 REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAY 95.

Mr. Steve Ramsey, Interim Public Works Director, presented a request from the Texas Department of Transportation Operations Division to decrease the speed limit on South Hwy 95 between 2nd Street and Pecan Street. Chief Fluck agreed the change would enhance the safety of pedestrians in the downtown area. Council Member Ariola added that the issue needs more attention. With no further discussion, Mayor Rydell asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2017-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TAYLOR, TEXAS, ZONING FOR TRAFFIC AND RATE OF SPEED THEREIN, ON SH 95 IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; DEFINING SPEEDING AND FIXING A PENALTY THEREFORE; DECLARING WHAT MAY BE A SUFFICIENT COMPLAINT IN PROSECUTIONS HEREUNDER; WITH A SAVING CLAUSE.

(Mayor Rydell recused himself from participating in the next agenda item due to a possible conflict of interest.)

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. RECEIVE UPDATE 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 provided an update on a request to consider rezoning property located at 410 W. 7th Street. She stated that both parties have met numerous times with Council Member Ariola serving as a liaison. Much of the discussion included proposed conditions to be placed on the development plan related to three areas of concern: landscaping requirements, sound decibel limits, and parking requirements and solutions with or without “triggers”. Mr. Cliff Olle, property owner, expressed his concern in not being able to move the project forward. Ms. Britin Bostick, consultant for the project, provided comments regarding the latest plan submitted. Mr. Cole Reed, downtown business owner, expressed his support of the project and the need to have city ordinances reviewed and possibly adjusted for restoration projects such as the 7th street facility.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked staff to keep the council updated on this issue and in a continued effort to move the project forward to bring an ordinance for consideration and possible action at the next meeting.

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

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AWARDING TWO INDIVIDUAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO ON-CALL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., AND ONE CONTRACT TO CHAPARRAL CEILING AND WALL, INC. UNDER THE CITY OF TAYLOR AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 1002020.

Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to approve the awards for the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. Staff recommended the award of two individual contracts to On-Call Management Services, Inc. in the amounts of \$19,675 and \$22,675, respectively and one contract to Chaparral Ceiling and Wall, Inc., in the amount of \$28,200 under Program Contract No. 1002020. Council Member Garcia moved to award the contracts as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMPENSATION STUDY.

Ms. Kim Peterson, Human Resources Director, introduced Mr. Sam Hines with Public Sector Personnel Consultants who presented a preliminary findings report on a recently completed compensation study. Mr. Hines conducted a salary survey of sixteen employers for comparison of current pay ranges and pay plans for 69 of the 84 city job titles. The results will provide a new salary schedule and salary ranges to help the city be competitive in job searches as well as increase retention of current employees. Council requested more information regarding a merit pay program.

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

(The next two items were taken out of order.) (Mayor Rydell and Council adjourned to closed session at 8:58 pm.)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in (1) Section 551.072 to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property since such deliberations in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person; and (2) Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; or to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect.

- Project 71317

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its 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.

- Water litigation update

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Rydell and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 9:47 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

Mayor Rydell continued with the Regular Agenda.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMBINED STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN.
Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting engineer, presented a timeline of what elements have been completed and when the draft plan will be available for review. He stressed the importance of the plan as a tool for making future budget decisions and expects a draft to be provided to Council no later than September. Council Member Garcia moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE ON BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.
Ms. Brock presented a brief overview of what boards have vacancies and provided Council with a packet containing applications received. Council will be using this information to make appointments at the July 27th council meeting.

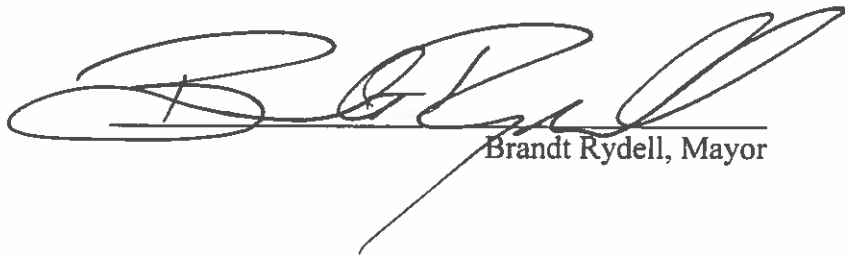
Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP II.
Mr. Turner presented an overview of some of the recent adjustments made to the budget since the first meeting. Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, will provide additional information at the next meeting as it becomes available.

10. 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 rental assistance program; Mayor Rydell requested staff to consider creating a task force to address the historical preservation ordinance; Council Member Garcia asked for a review of utility account fees, the pros and cons of instituting a merit pay based system; and Council Member Ariola asked for information related to what TIF funds can be used for; and requested a formal recognition for the Kerley family.

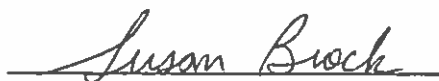
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk