

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 27, 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
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Turner led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

1. RECOGNITION OF KERLEY FAMILY FOR OUTSTANDING ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

Mayor Rydell presented a proclamation to relatives and friends who accepted the honor for their family members.

2. RECOGNITION AND COMMENDATION OF POLICE OFFICERS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE.

Chief Fluck presented a number of officers and a list and actions performed by his officers during the last quarter who were recognized for their actions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Ashley Kovar, 1010 Kent, spoke on traffic concerns at the corner of Talbot and W. 3rd Street due to a lack of visibility.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-11 RENEWING THE CITY INVESTMENT POLICY.

4. CONSIDER CONFIRMING CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

5. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-14 REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAY 95.

6. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JUNE, 2017.

7. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2017.

Council Member Garcia requested item number 3 be pulled for discussion. Ms. Dennis provided additional information on current investment opportunities and stated that updated information is provided every month in their financial report. Council Member Garcia moved to approve item number 3 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

With no further discussion on the consent agenda Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve items 4-7 as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

ORDINANCES

8. 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.

Mr. Schroeder provided details on changes outlined in the document provided and suggested the ordinance could be introduced at this meeting and brought back with any changes agreed upon in a final document prior to being considered for a vote and/or adoption. Ms. Lumpkin provided an update on some of the specific areas under discussion and suggested actions that could be taken to meet current requirements. Specific areas addressed included: 1) permitted uses; 2) landscaping for new parking; 3) noise; and 4) parking.

Citizens speaking in support of this project included: Ms. Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, Mr. Joe Burgess, 1801 Oaklawn, Ms. Nancci Burgess, 1801 Oaklawn, Ms. Ginny Ledoux, President of the Blackland Quilt Guild, Mr. Cliff Olle, property owner of 410 W. 7th St., and Ms. Britin Bostick, project planner.

Prior to introducing the ordinance, the following changes were agreed upon: 1) use will be more specifically defined, particularly with respect to the welding facility; 2) landscaping will follow the current regulations for new parking areas and include the perimeter landscaping as indicated; 3) noise levels will not be defined more specifically than the city ordinance; and 4) parking spaces will be added as each phase is completed and prior to receiving a certificate of occupancy. The ordinance was introduced based on these changes for sections 5, 7, 8, 12 and 13 are incorporated into the final document to be considered for its final reading at the next council meeting on August 10, 2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 7.335 ACRES OF LAND, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, OLLE SUBDIVISION, RECORDED UNDER DOCUMENT NO. 2017058242, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT 410 WEST SEVENTH STREET, TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574 ("PROPERTY") FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) AND HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT (MF-2) TO A COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (C-PD) WITH A BASE DISTRICT OF GENERAL BUSINESS (B-2); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-17 AUTHORIZING THE OVER HIRE OF ONE POLICE OFFICER IN FY 2016/2017.

Chief Fluck presented a request to “over hire” one additional police officer from the current Police Eligibility List to be funded in the current fiscal year between August 28, 2017 and September 30, 2017. The proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2017/2018 includes a Traffic Enforcement Program and two officers but the eligibility list expires on August 30 of this year. This request is to allow Chief Fluck to use the current list to make this hire to facilitate starting the program as soon as possible. With no further discussion Mr. Schroeder introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 143 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETINGS AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. CONSIDER MID YEAR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS.

Ms. Brock presented a request for council to consider making appointments to those boards and commissions who have vacancies in need of filling. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to appoint Mr. Scott Dean to the Main Street Advisory Board and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Garcia moved to appoint Mr. Stephen Hoskins to the Main Street Advisory Board and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint Ms. Leslie Hill to the Moody Museum Advisory Board and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Garcia moved to appoint Mr. David Campise to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to appoint Ms. Betty Day to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

In a single motion Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to appoint Ms. Nancci Phillips-Burgess to the Tree Advisory Board and to appoint Mr. Michael Prillaman to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

At the end of these midyear appointments Council Member Garcia made a request to bring back a discussion on expanding the number of members on the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board of Directors. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez reiterated a previous request made by Mr. Mark Thomas, Director, and approved by the Council in January to not make any changes until the next round of appointments in January 2018.

11. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP III.

Mr. Turner and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented an overview of some of the recent adjustments made to the budget since the first meeting. Ms. Dennis stated that with the latest information available from the appraisal district there is an increase in funds available to the council to use at their discretion. Mr. Ed Hile, 106 E. 2nd Street, expressed his concern for using TIF funding for programs that may not be eligible, specifically, the Police Traffic Enforcement program.

Items under consideration for these additional funds included a discussion about the funding of an ombudsman position in the Development Services department, park maintenance needs, a reduction in the TUF fee for seniors, a city program to partially subsidize curbside recycling efforts for a limited time, and a possible reduction in the amount of hotel/motel tax funding allotted to the Chamber of Commerce. Due to the late hour, council agreed to continue this discussion at the next meeting.

12. 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 from the Chamber of Commerce on the Stomp n' Holler event; Council Member Garcia asked for an update on the animal shelter option 4, a discussion on the TEDC Board before January, additional information on investment options, and more progress on his current items already listed.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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.

- Project 72717

- Project 72718

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mr. Turner requested that these items be addressed at the next council meeting and the Mayor did not adjourn with Council into closed session.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk

