

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 14, 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
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-20 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT PAY FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20

AN ORDINANCE CREATING "ASSIGNMENT PAY" FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; SENIORITY PAY" IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

2. CONSIDER AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY.
3. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-14 AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN SIGNATORIES FOR BANK ACCOUNTS AND INVESTMENT POOLS.
4. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-15 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD 2018 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF)
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24 AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez asked to have agenda item 4 pulled for further discussion. Council Member Ariola moved to approve the consent agenda for all items but number 4 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mr. Turner provided additional clarification on the application to the Texas Water Development Board and stated that the funding, if approved, would be for current projects already included in the MDUS plan and this request is only to submit the application. With no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve agenda item no. 4 as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TAYLOR HOUSING AUTHORITY.

Ms. Ebby Green, Executive Director, presented an update on recent activities at the Taylor Housing Authority. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-17 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE.

Ms. Dennis presented the ordinance to adopt the budget. Additional items approved at the meeting on August 24 were included as well as the position of the Waste Water Plant Operator. Discussion includes a request to consider developing a standard operating procedures document, revisit the streets and grounds contract services, and to consider redirecting hotel occupancy tax funds to possibly cover expenses in the parks and recreation department.

Hearing no further comment or discussion Council Member Ariola moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-17 and stated that this budget includes the Waste Water Plant Operator position and will raise more property taxes than last year's budget by \$473,755 or 6.3% and of that amount \$150,911 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion and Ms. Brock proceeded with the roll call vote: Council Members Garcia, Lopez, Ariola, and Mayor Rydell voted AYE; Council Member Gonzales was absent. Four voted AYE; one in absentia. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

8. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-18 FIXING AND LEVYING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2017/2018 AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE.

Ms. Dennis presented the ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.798. There was no additional comment or discussion on this item and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to adopt Ordinance 2017-18 and the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.798 of which Maintenance and Operation is \$0.601784 and Interest and Sinking is \$0.196216 for the fiscal year 2017/218. Council Member Ariola seconded the motion and Ms. Brock proceeded with the roll call vote: Council Members Garcia, Lopez, Ariola, and Mayor Rydell voted AYE; Council Member Gonzales was absent. Four voted AYE; one in absentia. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2017-18

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-18.

9. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-19 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018.

Ms. Dennis presented a request for council to consider approve an ordinance that will establish fees for city services for the upcoming fiscal year. She had previously highlighted the changes in fees which included an increase in the airport hangar rental rate, a PayPal fee for patrons to use the service to pay library fines; an increase for water and wastewater rates based on the wastewater rate study, and the proposed increase in the MDUS fee by \$1.00. Hearing no comments or discussion Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve the ordinance as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-17 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 FOR TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Council received the proposed budget for the Chamber for fiscal year 2017/2018 at the previous meeting. A portion of the Hotel /Motel Occupancy Tax received annually by the city is transferred to the Chamber to provide visitor and tourism services. The amount anticipated for the upcoming fiscal year is estimated to be \$50,000. Council Member Garcia had some concerns regarding the financial loss of the recent Stomp N Holler festival. Council Member Ariola moved to approve the budget as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four Voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING BUDGET FOR TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDC) FOR 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR.

Council received the proposed budget for the TEDC at the previous meeting. Hearing no further comment or discussion Council Member Garcia moved to receive the budget as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez requested additional information on closed session guidelines; Council Member Garcia requested a discussion on an employee satisfaction survey.


(Council Member Gonzales joined the meeting at 6:46 p.m.)

(Mayor Rydell presented the certified agenda and entered into closed session at 6:47 p.m. to discuss the agenda item number 14 only.)

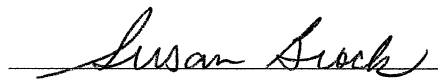
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property since deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
14. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas and with the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.
- Project X
15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Rydell returned to open session at 7:31 p.m. and stated that no action or vote was taken in closed session. Turner asked the Mayor to bring some of these items back for discussion at a future council meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Brock, City Clerk

