

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on November 9, 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
Mark Schroeder, 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

Mayor Rydell invited those who signed up in advance to come forward during this time.
No one came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE RENEWAL OF ARBITRAGE CONTRACT.
2. APPROVE INTERLOCAL CONTRACT WITH THE CAPITAL AREA EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (CAECD) FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT MAINTENANCE, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING (PSAP) FOR FY 2017/2018.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2017.
4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 26, 2017.

Mayor Rydell stated for the record that he is a member of the Executive Board of Directors for the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) which is involved with the Capital Area Emergency Communications District (CAECD) mentioned in agenda item number two. 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/PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-22 REGARDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to approve a budget amendment to balance the end of the fiscal year 2016/2017. Council Member Ariola had submitted a list of questions in advance and stated that Ms. Dennis had responded prior to the meeting. Mayor Rydell asked Mr. Schroeder to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-09 ADOPTED ON MAY 25, 2017, 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 THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES
AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT
APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-27 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR AUTO SALES USE LOCATED AT 1400 W. 2ND. STREET.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented a request for a specific use permit for a property located at 1400 W. 2nd Street. Mr. Cameron Hobbs stated that he was interested in adding used auto sales to his business which is not permitted in the current zoning of B-1, Local Business. The Planning and Zoning Commission vote was split, three for and three against, and the request failed. To move forward, the council vote must be a super majority, or four out of five to receive approval.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:27 pm and the property owner, Mr. Hobbs, provided additional details related to the business. Hearing no other comments, the public hearing was closed. Council Member Ariola moved to introduce the ordinance as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE to introduce the ordinance and to bring it back for further discussion and a possible vote at the December 14 council meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM HALFF AND ASSOCIATES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING MDUS PROJECTS.

Mr. Jim Gray, Director of Public Works, introduced Mr. Dan Franz with Halff and Associates who presented recommendations regarding future drainage projects. Funding for the eight projects listed will be from a combination of sources including \$145,000 from existing bond funds, \$175,000 from MDUS (Municipal Drainage Utility System) funds, and approximately \$200,000 from Transportation User Fee funds. Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report and recommendations and to approve moving forward with the projects as presented. Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE AND CONSIDER AMENDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR HOTEL PROJECT.

Mr. Nimesh Patel, project developer, presented an updated timeline for the project with a revised completion date of February 2019. He stated that the final site and construction plans were on schedule to be approved by the end of November with permits issued; tentative groundbreaking is set for January or February of 2018. Council Member Garcia moved to approve the amendment to the agreement as presented with a "friendly amended statement" to include a start date of no more than three months after the permits are issued. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE.
At the direction of the Council, Ms. Lumpkin presented a list of candidates to be considered for appointment to a Historic Preservation Task Force. Candidates presented for consideration include Irene Michna, Suzanne Bice, David Legere, Debbie Kovar, Judy Blundell, Kelly Eddleman, Janetta McCoy, Tia Stone, Nancci Phillips-Burgess, and a staff liaison to be selected from within. Council Member Ariola moved to appoint all nine candidates as presented and Mayor Rydell reiterated the request to include Ms. Frances Sorrow as an ex officio member. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO DESIGN BUILD AGREEMENT FOR SKATEPARK PROJECT.
Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented an update on the skate park project and a request to approve a Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$412,000 to the Design-Build agreement with Evergreen Skateparks. If approved, construction is scheduled to begin shortly after Thanksgiving. Mr. Sledge presented the first look at the design for the park and stated that in order to include all of the desired elements of the park the plan design extended into the street.

Council Member Garcia moved to approve the Guaranteed Maximum Price of \$412,000 as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; one vote NO (Lopez). Ms. Lopez stated she was uncomfortable with the design extending the park and encroaching into the street.

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP EFFORTS.
Ms. Lumpkin provided a report on the most recent community clean up event held on October 21, 2017. Plans are underway to hold the spring event in April 2018 with the neighborhood still to be determined. Council Member Ariola moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Ms. Brock presented a request to appoint someone to replace Ms. Pam Sanford as the Taylor representative on the Williamson County and Cities Health District Board of Directors. Ms. Sanford has served on this board as a council appointee since July 2006. Council Member Ariola moved to appoint Ms. Carol Bachmayer to the Board and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-18 SUBMITTING A VOTE FOR THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT (WCAD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Ms. Brock presented a resolution for council approval indicating how they would like to cast the city's 35 votes in the election of the Williamson Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Council Member Ariola moved to cast 7 votes for each of the 5 candidates

equally and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. 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 Givens Community Center project and Council Member Garcia would like a discussion on a possible lighting study for the City. Mr. Turner agreed to provide information to council regarding the community center project and asked Mr. Garcia to have his topic addressed in the facilities plan discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

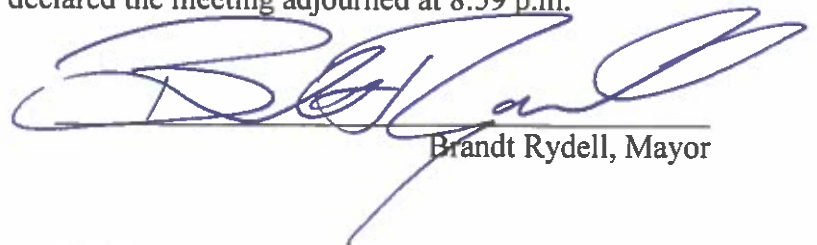
Mayor Rydell and council members retired into closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the following agenda item:

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City 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.
- Wholesale Water Agreements

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION. Mayor Rydell and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 8:59 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk

