

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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 Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assist City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION - Chief Ekiss gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Recognition: L.E.A.D. Taylor Graduates.
Lisa Thompson gave brief overview of the LEAD Taylor program. Mayor Rydell presented each graduate with a certificate. The next L.E.A.D. program starts September 2018.
2. Proclamation: Tax Assistance Volunteers.
Councilmember Garcia presented the proclamation to a group from the Tax Assistance Volunteers.
3. Proclamation: National Public Works Week, May 20-26, 2018.
Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez presented the proclamation to the Public Works staff.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jessie Ramos, 601 W. MLK – expressed concern about pot holes and speeding on MLK and requested the Council look into the problem.

Lois Duncan, 114 W. 9th St. – invited the Council and all present to Moody Museum on June 2nd at 10am for opening of a new exhibit in museum.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Approve Ordinance 2018-04 to Abandon a portion of a 15' Drainage and Utility Easement, created via the Hills of Mustang Creek Subdivision Plat, Document 2001033980, that lies within 1804 Tanner Loop.
5. Concur with preliminary financials for April, 2018.
6. Approve minutes for May 10 and May 15, 2018.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

7. Conduct Public Hearing and consider taking action on the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

Staff comments:

Fire Chief Ekiss asked the Council to consider taking action to approve the plan as submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) for review and approval. The plan identifies and gives historical data of losses the city has or may endure.

Mayor Rydell opened the Public Hearing at 6:34p.m. to receive comments from citizens concerning the recently published draft of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan.

With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Action Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Review and Consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 01-03-94 regarding Open Containers in the City of Taylor, Texas

Mr. Turner gave a brief history of the request from Texas Beer Company to amend the current ordinance. The amendment ordinance is strictly dealing with open containers, not an entertainment district at this time.

Staff comments:

Mike Elabarger stated that this amendment addresses a recent request by business owners within the Central Business District area to make it legal and allow purchasers of alcoholic beverages to leave the buildings of those establishments with the beverage and consume the beverage within defined areas immediately adjacent the establishment that are technically within the public streets and right-of-ways.

Mayor Rydell allowed those who signed up to speak address the Council:

Michael Prillaman, 1502 Sherry Dr. – believes proposed amendment is reasonable, fair and enforceable; however, feels Council needs to address a few more points in the amendment.

Judy Blundell, 112 W. End St. – asked Council to consider identifying an appropriate area for establishing an arts district and establish regulations enabling Taylor to encourage development in the downtown area. Ms. Blundell spoke in favor of the amendment.

Cliff Olle, 607 W. 7th – No comment.

JD Gins, 1417 Howard St. - spoke in favor of the amendment.

Jicela Gonzalez, Taylor Station – concerned about liability if accident happens on the street regarding this proposal.

The Council discussed the elements of the proposed ordinance. Some of the discussions points were using plastic or glass containers, logos on the containers, those businesses who use bottle or cans, and who bears the liability after closing time of the business.

Mr. Turner recommended the staff take tonight's feedback from the Council, bring back a new version of the draft ordinance after further discussions with Texas Alcoholic Beverage

Commission (TABC) and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), then introduce the revised ordinance at a special called meeting between now and June 14th with adoption at the June 14th regular Council meeting.

Council took a break at 7:35.

Council reconvened at 7:45.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. Receive monthly update on current Capital Improvement Projects and the Engineering Professional Services agreement.

Staff comments:

Kelly Kaatz with HDR provided updates on ongoing and upcoming capital improvement projects. After discussion of Heritage Park update the Council came to a consensus to have HDR put together additional expense for heavy concrete and an agreement with Mr. Humphreys regarding entry signs and statuary and bring back to the Council at the next meeting. Other projects discussed were Skate Park, South Park Industrial, Givens Community Center, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Street Maintenance Plan, Fourth Street Pavement, Gateway Signage Project.

Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept the update on current Capital Improvement Projects and the Engineering Professional Services agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider approving professional landscaping design proposal for Skate Park.

Staff comments:

Kelly Kaatz with HDR stated representatives from the City, HDR, Project LOOP, Project BLADE met with Word+Carr Design on May 9 to discuss the status of the skate park and to request a proposal from Word+Carr to develop a landscape design plan to complete the Skate Park. This is the next step that is needed to produce a set of construction plans for outstanding items in order to bring the Skate Park to completion and in compliance with grant requirements as soon as possible. Staff recommends approval of the Word+Carr Design proposal and authorization of the City Manager to enter into a contract with Word+Carr Design to perform the work.

Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to approve the professional landscaping design proposal with the understanding that there will be further negotiations with Word+Carr on the terms. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider and take action with respect to Resolution R18-05 authorizing proceeding with issuance of Certificates of Obligations and further directing the publication of notice of intention to issue City of Taylor Texas, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2018.

Staff comments:

Rosemarie Dennis stated this Resolution gives official notice of the City's intent to issue Certificates of Obligation not to exceed \$5,600,000 and allow the city to begin the issuance process. This issuance will include the cost of the Capital Equipment for Police and Fire.

Jennifer Ritter, the City's Financial Advisor, gave Council a brief overview of the logistics of the bond issuance. Chief Fluck expressed a critical need to replace the police mobile in-car radios and CAD and RMS software upgrade. The manufacturer of the current radios will stop supporting the radios at the end of year. Chief Ekiss expressed a need to purchase new dual-band radios and the purchase of a pumper truck. Chief Ekiss suggested the city sell the 1993 unit and maintain the 1996 unit. Staff recommends approval of Resolution R18-05 authorizing the issuance of Certification of Obligations.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve Resolution No. R18-05 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Receive update on creation of Infill/Entertainment District.

Staff comments:

Matthew Lewis with Simple City Design gave a presentation to the Council on standards for creating an Infill/Entertainment District and provided an update on the contracted work. The consultant has completed Task 1.1, and is ready to begin working on Task 1.2, the actual draft of an Ordinance. Council Member Garcia suggested exploring an ACES district (Arts, Culture, Entertainment, and Shopping). Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez suggested pulling the south part of Main Street into this district. Council Member Drummond suggested limiting the number of bars in the district.

Mayor Rydell allowed those who signed up to speak address the Council:

Jicela Gonzalez, Taylor Station – asked Council how the city intends to support all the current businesses in the district, not just a few.

Joe Burgess, 1801 Oak Lawn – encouraged the Council to add 'the Arts' to the district and generally spoke in favor of the district.

JD Gins, 1417 Howard Street – spoke in favor of the district.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to accept the update on the creation of an Infill/Entertainment District as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Receive update on Robinson Park pools and consider repairs.

Staff comments:

Jeffery Jenkins briefly went over the repairs needed at the park and stated the city has received cost estimates to do repairs at Robinson Park swimming pools. The contractor is estimating on the low end \$30,000 in repairs and he believes the repairs could be upward to \$50,000. Staff is to wait for the Health District report on their inspection and bring this item back at the June 14th meeting.

14. Consider approving amendment to the Library Circulation Policy.

Staff comments:

Karen Ellis stated the Library Advisory Board met on April 10th and May 8th to review the Library Circulation policy and the Board approved the proposed changes and revisions to the policy. Staff recommends City Council approve the proposed changes as attached (up circulation number from 10 to 15, \$2 for replacement library card instead of \$1, added clarification on loan restrictions) and that changes be approved prior to the start of the Summer Reading Program, June 4, 2018.

Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to approve the amendment to the Library Circulation policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


The Council adjourned to go into Executive Session at 10:20p.m.

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.
- a) Proposed wholesale water service agreement with the City of Thrall
 - b) Proposed Service Area exchange agreement with the City of Thrall
 - c) Cause No. 12-0200-C26 in the Williamson County District Court (City of Thrall vs Noack WSC).

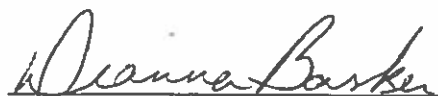
The City Council reconvened into regular session at 10:37p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk