

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**August 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Pro-tem Christine Lopez 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  
Ted Hejl, City Attorney  
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Brandt Rydell

**INVOCATION** - Isaac Turner gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Cynthia DelleFave, 120 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street – presented a petition with 11 signatures to council strongly opposing the planned exit/entrance for the parking lot for the Marshall's Tavern development.

Louis DelleFave, 120 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street – spoke against the Marshal Tavern development and is concerned that the property line barrier will not be sufficient. Mr. DelleFave would like to see a privacy fence erected to block the parking lot and is also concerned about lighting, security system, and drainage.

Kelly Eddelman, 1005 Talbot – concerned about the site development plan and the impact it will have on the neighborhood. Ms. Eddelman request council review the parking lot plans and redirect the exit/entrance off of Talbot Street and onto another street.

Katy Davis, 1003 Talbot – concerned about traffic on Talbot, noise from the proposed beer garden, and lighting. Ms. Davis suggested Taylor comply with dark skies movement on the lighting and is also concerned about excess trash, security, and landscaping.

Mayor Pro-tem Lopez stated that the executive session is being moved up on the agenda and that item #7 - Consider naming options for the Taylor Skate Park, will be pulled from the regular agenda items and be considered in executive session to confer with the city attorney.

**Executive Session I.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.087. Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations: (1) 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 (2) to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect described by Subdivision I.

7. Consider naming options for the Taylor Skate Park.

The Council adjourned to go into executive session at 6:22pm.

Council reconvened briefly to allow Council Member Drummond to recuse himself from the executive session. Council adjourned into executive session again at 6:24pm.

The Council reconvened into regular session at 7:21pm. No action was taken on Executive Session item # 1. The City Manager request that item #7 be table and a special called Council meeting be set for Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00pm so that a full briefing on the skate park can be compiled and presented to the Council.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to table the naming of the Skate Park and place it on the agenda for a special called Council meeting for Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve minutes for July 12, 2018.
2. Concur with preliminary financials for June 2018.
3. Consider approving Resolution R18-19 authorizing transfer of funds by authorized signatories

Council Member Ariola requested to consider item #2 separately.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to approve the consent agenda items 1 and 3. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

Consent Agenda item #2 - Concur with preliminary financials for June 2018.

Council Member Ariola asked for clarification on the difference between the payments to Heart of Texas Landscaping in May and June. The Finance Director and Public Works Director will look into those expenditures.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to approve the consent agenda item #2. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION**

4. Receive presentation by Connolly Architects/Consultants on the Animal Shelter.

**Staff comments:** Joseph Branson

On the city's request, Larry Connolly with Connolly Architects presented and went over a needs assessment and feasibility study for the Taylor Animal Shelter. Cheryl Schneider, Director for the Williamson County Animal Shelter presented an overview of the County Animal Shelter as an option for the city. The Council spoke positively about utilizing the Williamson County Shelter and asked Mr. Connolly to draft a cost estimate to modify Taylor's current shelter for temporary holding.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept the presentation on the animal shelter and direct staff to do a cost projection for using Williamson County Animal Shelter and modifying the current city shelter for temporary holding. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. Receive and accept update on Heritage Square Park.

**Staff comments:** Kelly Kaatz

Mr. Kaatz gave a presentation updating the progress of Heritage Square Park. There is still a question about whether painting the underside of the ceiling on the Marketplace structure was included in the bid. The contractor's initial bid did not include painting, but Council believed

painting was included. Staff will investigate to see if painting was to be included in initial bid. The Council does want to paint the underside to match the metal structure. This would add \$12,500 to the price. The design for the Splash Pad needs to be decided quickly to keep on schedule. An additional \$6000 for masonry entrance walls and \$13,000 for additional trees needs to be added.

*Motion was made by Council Member Drummond to accept the presentation on the Heritage Square Park progress with the modifications of staff investigating the inclusion of painting the underside of the metal structure, a decision on the Splash Pad design, adding masonry to the entrance walls, and adding additional trees. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. Consider and approve proposed sign design on Heritage Square Park (Kelly Kaatz)

**Staff comments:** Kelly Kaatz

Brent Humphreys with Share Co. gave a brief presentation of proposed gateway sign designs. It was suggested the Marketplace sign be changed to read the name of someone honored in the community instead of just Marketplace. It was also suggested that the city hold a contest and attempt to pick a name from the entries on the contest.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to adopt the proposed gateway sign design as submitted and hold a contest for entries on suggestions of a name to call the Marketplace structure. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

Council took a break at 9:10pm.

Reconvened at 9:17.

7. Consider naming options for the Taylor Skate Park. (Kelly Kaatz)

Moved to executive session.

8. Receive and accept the quarterly investment report by Patterson & Associates

**Staff comments:** Rosemarie Dennis

David Meserve with Patterson & Associates presented the city's investment portfolio quarterly report ending June 2018.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to accept the quarterly report as submitted. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. Receive Taylor Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report for April-June, 2018.

**Staff comments:** Tia Stone

Tia Stone with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce presented the quarterly report of Chamber activities for the quarter ending June 2018 and briefly went over the Stomp N Holler event results.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept the Chamber's quarterly report as submitted. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

10. Discuss and consider awarding two individual construction contracts to On-Call Management Services, Inc., and two contracts to Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization, Inc., under the Combined City of Taylor HPG and Amy Young Barrier Removal Program, Contract No. 1002754.  
**Staff comments:** Robb Stevenson

Robb Stevenson with Equity Community Development Corporation recommended the award of two individual contracts to *On-Call Management Services, Inc.*, in the amounts of \$21,650 and \$22,225, and two contracts to *Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization, Inc.*, in the amounts of \$23,990 and \$23,159, under the Combined City of Taylor HPG and Amy Young Barrier Removal Program, Contract No. 1002754, and provided a summary bid spreadsheet detailing the awards.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to award two individual contracts to On-Call Management Services, Inc., and two contracts to Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization, Inc. as submitted. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

11. Award proposed bid packet and recommendations for street maintenance program.

**Staff comments:** Jacob Walker

Jacob Walker with HDR Engineering stated there were two bids received. The low bid from Texas Materials was \$566,891.70, followed by Lone Star Paving at \$1,060,623.00. HDR's opinion is that Texas Materials' bid prices for mill & overlay, while high, are within reason. HDR recommends approval of awarding the 2018 Street Maintenance Program to Texas Materials and authorization of the City Manager to enter into a contract with Texas Materials to perform the work.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to award the 2018 street maintenance program to Texas Materials. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

12. Consider approving Resolution R18-18 for the financing of capital equipment and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

**Staff comments:** Rosemarie Dennis

An RFP for financing of capital equipment (fleet replacement program) was solicited on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The city received five responses. Staff is recommending that the City accepts Signature Public Funding Inc. proposal for financing with an interest rate of 2.98% by adopting Resolution R18-18.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to approve Resolution R18-18 awarding a contract for financing of capital equipment to Signature Public Funding Inc. Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

13. Conduct Budget Workshop II.

**Staff comments:** Rosemarie Dennis

Mrs. Dennis went over the changes to the proposed budget. Staff is requesting direction from City Council regarding FY 18-19 Budget Decision Points to finalize the FY 18-19 Proposed Budget. Council Member Garcia suggested adding a splash pad to Bull Branch Park under the CIP segment. Minor adjustments have also been made to the budget as new information and budget decisions have been received. A power point presentation was presented showing adjustments in the General Fund, Utility Fund, Airport Fund, Cemetery Fund and Fleet Operating Fund.

*Motion was made by Council Member Drummond to receive the proposed budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

14. Discuss and establish upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate, take a record vote, and set dates for the public hearings.

**Staff comments:** Rosemarie Dennis

Staff presented Council with information on the effective and rollback tax rate and stated Council needs to establish an upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate. Williamson County Tax Assessor's office has calculated the Effective Tax rate at \$0.752537/\$100, the Rollback Tax Rate at \$0.809087/\$100, and the Debt Tax Rate at \$0.192002/\$100. The current tax rate is \$0.798000/\$00 and the proposed tax rate is \$0.793000/\$100. Staff recommends setting the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.793 per \$100 valuation as proposed in the FY2018-19 budget. In an effort to keep taxes down for the citizens, the Council considered reducing the upper limit.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to establish the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.788/\$100 and to set the public hearings on the tax rate and proposed budget on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond.*

The City Clerk called for a record vote:      Council Member Drummond voted YES  
   Mayor Pro-tem Lopez voted YES  
   Council Member Garcia voted YES  
   Council Member Ariola voted YES

*Motion carried unanimously.*

15. Receive Report on Robinson Park Splash Pad.

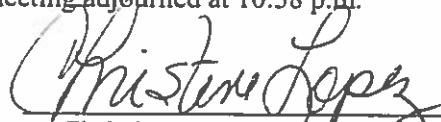
**Staff comments:** Larry Foos

Mr. Foos went over the Splash Pad action plan and gave an update on each item and noted the repairs/replacements recently made. The activation system will be changed from a sensor to a button.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept the Splash Pad update as submitted. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURN**

With no further action Mayor Pro-tem Lopez declared the meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

  
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Christine Lopez, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

  
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Dianna Barker, City Clerk