

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**August 23, 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  
Ted Hejl, City Attorney  
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

**INVOCATION** - Chief Ekiss gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**1. 9-11 Proclamation.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez read and presented the proclamation to the Taylor First Responders.

**2. September as Library Card Sign-up Month Proclamation.**

Council Member Drummond read and presented the proclamation to Betty Thompson. Mr. Turner recognized and thanked Mrs. Thompson for 23 years of service with the Library.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

John McDonald, 2405 Meadow Lane – spoke on resources, parks & budget. Mr. McDonald stated he feels the parks need more staff to maintain them and that staff needs to do a better job maintaining what the city has.

Mario Carlin, lot #3 Windy Ridge - asked Council to not annex their property at this time. Mr. Carlin stated he feels that the city has nothing to offer them at this time.

Daniel Philhower, 2220 Windy Ridge - asked Council to not annex Windy Ridge property, suggested Council seek resolution of the development agreement soon and asked Council to consider the timing of annexation. Mr. Philhower stated annexing would put constraints on the property owners and owners would get nothing back.

Deedee Yelverton, 1415 Howard St. – spoke on animal shelter. Ms. Yelverton would like Council to invest in Taylor's animal shelter and not contract with Williamson County's animal shelter.

Nicole Melton, 503 Estes Park – spoke on animal shelter. Ms. Melton would like Council to improve Taylor's current shelter.

Melanie Rathke, 5101 FM 619 – spoke on animal shelter. Ms. Rathke would like Council to invest in Taylor's animal shelter.

Dylan Gregory, 711 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street – wants to keep animal shelter in Taylor. Mr. Gregory stated he feels Council should invest in the Taylor community and not contract with Williamson County animal shelter.

**BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION**

**3. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board presentation.**

Gary Gola, chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, gave a brief overview of what the board has been working on. Mr. Gola stated he doesn't feel like the board has the support of the City

Council or city management and wants the city to engage the parks board in their decisions regarding parks. Mr. Turner stated for the record that either he or Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager, attends the parks board meetings. Council Member Ariola would like for the boards to make recommendations instead of just briefing them on what they've been doing and that there is a master plan for parks and it needs to be followed more closely. Council Member Ariola would like to see presentations from the various boards more than once a year.

*Motion was made by Council Member Ariola to accept the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **Concur with preliminary financials for July 2018**
5. **Approve minutes from August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting.**

*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**

#### **6. Continued Budget Discussion**

Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, asked the Council for guidance on budget decision points regarding the allocation of remaining funds and Council-selected projects. A list of projects the Council may want to pursue by utilizing the remaining funds was submitted. Discussion topics on the use of the money Valero has given to the city was expressed. The Council agreed that the city should identify several projects they would like to pursue and then present them to Valero to keep good relations with them.

Ms. Dennis also briefed the Council on the potential impact of the additional ½ cent tax rate reduction discussed in the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting.

The Council took a break at 7:40pm.

The Council reconvened at 7:50pm.

#### **7. Conduct Public Hearing regarding the annual budget for FY 2018/19**

Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, stated that the Texas Local Government Code, Section §102.006, requires the city to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget prior to its adoption.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 7:51pm. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 7:51.

#### **8. Conduct Public Hearing regarding fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2018/2019**

Rosemarie Dennis stated that staff has prepared the revised proposed FY2018-19 budget that includes tax reduction of \$.01 cent for a tax rate of \$0.788 as directed by the City Council on August 9<sup>th</sup> and that since the tax rate is higher than the effective tax rate and will produce more revenue in the budget, the City is required to hold two public hearings. The second public hearing will be held on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 7:53pm. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 7:54pm.

9. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2018-11 adopting the annual budget for FY 2018/2019**  
Rosemarie Dennis introduced Ordinance 2018-11 that will adopt the FY2018-19 budget on September 13, 2018.  
The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-11**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.**

No action was taken on this item.

10. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2018-12 fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2018/2019**  
Rosemarie Dennis introduced Ordinance 2018-12 that will adopt the FY2018-19 ad valorem tax rate on September 13, 2018. Per City Council direction at the August 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, the tax rate has been reduce to \$0.788000.  
The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-12**

**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 2018-19.**

Mayor Rydell announced that no vote will be taken at this meeting. The adoption of the budget and tax rate will be voted on September 13, 2018, at 6:00 pm and the meeting will be held at 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas, in the City Council Chambers.

No action was taken on this item.

11. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2018-13 establishing fees for city services for FY 2018/2019**  
Rosemarie Dennis introduced Ordinance 2018-13 to amend the current fee schedule for FY2018-19. This ordinance amends Ordinance 2018-01 for the new fiscal year of 2018-19 to coincide with the adoption of the budget and tax rate. There are three areas in which changes are made to the current fee schedule; Airport, Cemetery, and Utility Rates for Water and Sewer. All other rates stay the same.  
The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2018 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.**

No action was taken on this item.

Pulled from consideration by requestor.

- 12. Conduct Public Hearing and consider introducing Ordinance 2018-10, to rezone 73.22 acres out of the William J. Baker Survey, Abstract 65, from the Single Family Residential (R-1) District and Local Business (B-1) District to a Residential Planned Development (R-PD) District. (Ray Miller)**

Mayor Rydell stated that the requestor has asked to postpone this item until a future date. Due to this public hearing having already been posted and placed in the newspaper, Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 8:04pm to anyone who was in attendance expecting to speak on this item. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 8:04pm.

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

Mayor Rydell moved item #14, 15, and 16 up on the agenda to accommodate the time constraints of the City Engineer.

- 14. Receive monthly update on current Capital Improvement Projects (CIP).**

Kelly Kaatz, City Engineer, presented a document reflecting the updates on the following ongoing CIP projects: Heritage Park, Pierce Park (Skate Park), Southpark Industrial, Givens Community Center, Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades, Street Maintenance Plan, 4<sup>th</sup> Street pavement warranty, Gateway Signage, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street improvements, Amtrak Station Grant, Justice Center, Animal Shelter, Robinson Park Pool, Downtown Streets Projects, 2018-2019 Road Reconstruction Project, and Development Review.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to receive the update on the current capital improvement projects as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 15. Consider Heritage Square Splash Pad design**

Kelly Kaatz gave a presentation showing design options and stated that Sundek and Kraftsman were both contacted for options/colors. HDR recommends splash pad design #3A. The Council felt the designs presented did not represent a 'heritage' theme and may be too trendy. Council Member Garcia requested HDR acquire 4 or 5 more and different designs and bring back to Council in September. No action was taken on this item.

- 16. Consider extension of City Engineering Services contract with HDR**

Kelly Kaatz gave an overview of actual costs through August 2, 2018 associated with the various assignments given them by the City totaling \$209,069.44. In order to continue work on these various projects, HDR asked for approval and authorization of the City Manager to amend the existing contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for services through August 2, 2018 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a new agreement for an extension of services.

*Motion was made by Council Member Garcia to amend the existing contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$210,000 for services through August 2, 2018 and authorize the City Manager to enter into a new agreement for an extension of services. Motion was seconded by Council Member Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

**13. Review and consider 2018 Strategic Plan goals**

Isaac Turner, City Manager, presented the final draft of the goals derived from the recent Strategic Planning Session and asked the Council to approve the pillars, focus areas and drivers. One of the 3 pillars changed slightly. The word 'Transportation' changed to 'Mobility'. Mr. Turner went over some small word changes to items in the Focus Areas – Drivers. The Communications Manager will create marketing materials with these goals so that there is something to hand out to citizens.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the Strategic Plan goals as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

**17. Discuss Public Arts Program**

Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager, stated that a Public Arts Program and the need for the program was identified in the recent Council strategic planning meetings. Mr. Jenkins gave a brief overview of the program other cities have developed and stated that more research needed to be done for the funding of this program. The Council directed staff to bring forward a policy and ordinance establishing the public arts program for review.

*Motion was made by Council Member Drummond to have staff move forward with drafting a policy and ordinance establishing the public arts program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.*

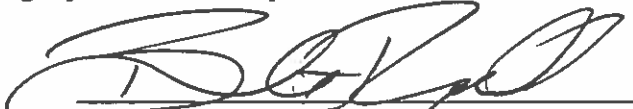
**Executive Session I.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

The Council adjourned into executive session at 9:38pm.  
The Council reconvened into regular session at 10:32pm.

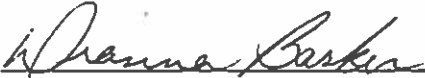
No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

  
Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

