

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
December 13, 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:

Councilmember Dwayne Ariola
Councilmember Robert Garcia
Councilmember 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 – Father Alberto with Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Roy Miller, 2602 Northlawn Dr. - concerned about spending of city funds for certain items and does not feel that the items spending money on is fair to senior citizens.

Judy Blundell, 311 N. Main St. – Spoke in favor of the proposed Public Arts program and asked Council to consider appointing experienced advisory board members.

Joe Burgess, 1801 Oak Lawn Dr. – urge the Council to support the Public Arts ordinance and create a funding mechanism to encourage private investment.

Nancy Burgess, 1801 Oak Lawn Dr. – stated public arts is very important and asked the Council to encourage citizens to notice and respect the arts downtown.

Tia Stone, Chamber of Commerce president – read a letter from the Chamber to the City that requested to partner with the city to review candidates for the City Manager position.

Susan Komandosky, 2207 Gladnell St., Chairman of the Moody Museum Advisory Board – expressed concern that only one bid that exceeded the budgeted amount came in to build a storage building on the property and requested the Council help them figure out how to come up with the needed additional 10% of the money to build.

Jerome Bump, 600 W. 7th – lives in the old Doaks home and feels that the Doaks would not like the T. Don Hutto detention center in Taylor because of recent reports of human rights violations.

Kelley McRae Castelein, 422 Ferguson St. – very concerned about the T. Don Hutto detention facility and asked the Council to not contract with ICE after and when the Williamson County contract expires on January 1st. Ms. Castelein asked the Council to do everything they can do to shut down the facility.

Bethany Carson, Grassroots Leadership - spoke against the T. Don Hutto facility.

Estefani Garcia, prior detainee at T. Don Hutto. (spoke through an interpreter) – stated her human rights were violated while in the detention center and is seeking support to have other women released from the center. Ms. Garcia also asked for support from the community to stop the violation of human rights at T. Don Hutto.

Sofia Casini, Grassroots Leadership – stated that women at the T. Don Hutto facility would like to speak with the Mayor and/or city officials and urged the Council to do everything they can to help these women.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. Receive update from Library Board

Sharon Pick-Naiver, Chairman of the Library Board, gave a presentation on the makeup of the Board, their recent activities and their future goals. The Board has been reviewing the Library policy in order to make recommendations for revisions of the policy and is planning for Library lounge furniture replacement, ensuring the Library meets the Texas State Library standards of accreditation, and reviewing the Library technology trends.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the Library Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Concur with preliminary financials for October 2018**
- 3. Consider approving Ordinance 2018-15 amending the budget for FY 2017/2018**
- 6. Approve minutes for November 8, 2018 regular meeting and the November 13, 2018 special called meetings.**
- 7. Consider approving Resolution R18-22, authorizing signatures on the City's investment and bank accounts.**
- 8. Approve contract with Ford Audio-Video Systems, LLC for Council Chambers video system.**

Councilmember Garcia requested to pull items 4, 5 and 9 from consent agenda to discuss separately.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider approving Ordinance 2018-21 establishing a Public Arts Commission and Public Arts Fund.

Councilmember Garcia requested that a provision for setting aside maintenance funds for the arts program be stated in the ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Ordinance No. 2018-21 as presented with the addition of adding 'maintenance' to section 4. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider bid proposal for construction project at the Moody Museum property.

One bid proposal was submitted by Hlavinka Construction to build a climate controlled storage building on the Moody Museum property that is \$5,000.00 over the budget of \$50,000.00. Councilmember Garcia asked if any grants were sought for this project as they were for the Givens Center and if hotel occupancy funds could be used to assist with funding the building of a storage building at the museum. City Manager Isaac Turner stated that the museum has two dedicated sources (endowment funds) of funding that can more than pay for the project and that HOT funds cannot be legally used to fund a storage building on the property. One source of funding is in the amount of a little over \$51,000.00 and the other in the amount of \$240,000.00. To avoid the Museum having to dip into the second dedicated funding source for the additional needed \$3,500.00 (roughly), the

Council considered taking the additional needed funds out of the anticipated preliminary surplus from the General Fund.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award the contract for the storage building project at the Moody Museum to Hlavinka Construction in the amount of \$55,000.00 with the City contributing up to \$3,584.44 towards that amount. Motion was seconded by Mayor Rydell. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Consider adopting Ordinance 2018-20, annexation of 86.806 acres of land, more or less, more fully described in a deed recorded under document number 2014073518 of the official records of Williamson County, generally located northwest of the intersection of Windy Ridge Rd. and East Buttercup Rd., Ordinance 2018-20**

Councilmember Garcia requested the Council go into executive session to consult with the City Attorney.

Mayor Rydell allowed those who signed up to speak address the Council at this time.

Daniel Philhower, 2220 Windy Ridge Rd. - asked the Council to take another look at the annexation process and timing and requested the Council discuss this in open session, not executive session.

Courtney Mogonye-McWharter, Attorney for Windy Ridge residents - asked the Council to table this item tonight. Ms. Mogonye-McWharter informed that Council that she believes not all laws pertaining to this annexation have been followed.

The City Council adjourned to go into executive session at 7:17p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 7:55p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-20 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell stated that at this time he will move Executive Session I that is on the agenda up and read the executive session preamble.

Councilmember Drummond provided a Conflict of Interest form to the City Clerk to recuse himself from the executive session.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code in order to (1) 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.

- a. Project 72800

The City Council adjourned to go into executive session at 7:57p.m.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:21p.m. and Councilmember Drummond returned to the dais.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. Discuss Siemens Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) project. (Jim Gray/Deval Allums)

Jim Gray, Public Works Director, stated this is the second phase of the AMR project and introduced Deval Allums with Siemens. Ms. Allums provided a presentation on how water meters work and what Siemens does to conduct the audit and the process of the project. AMR will allow for a more accurate water usage. Staff recommendation is to approve the Letter of Intent and select Siemens for this AMI Project (Phase II) to conduct the audit on the feasibility of an AMI meter reading system.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the letter of intent with Siemens to conduct an audit on the feasibility of an AMI meter reading system. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Receive update on rehabilitating the existing Animal Shelter to serve as a permanent shelter, and consider and take possible action on the various options to improve the Animal Shelter (Larry Connolly/Jacob Walker/Henry Fluck)

Chief Fluck introduced Larry Connolly of Connolly Architects/Consultants. Mr. Connolly has conducted a feasibility study for a Long-Term remodel of the Taylor Animal Shelter facility and provided a presentation of four options for Council to consider, a new facility at a new location, a new facility at the existing location, long-term remodel at the current facility, utilize Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter and remodel existing facility and use it for a holding facility.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizens who signed up to speak to address the Council.

Heidi Price Williams, 1011 Kirk St., Taylor Cares representative - offered a proposal for the city to build a holistic life care center which would offer several types of services for people and animals as well as house an animal shelter.

Gerri Erickson, 1001 Vance St., Taylor Care representative – encouraged the Council to consider a holistic life care center for the care of Taylor’s animals.

Police Chief Fluck gave a presentation on the animal shelter options for consideration and their operating and maintenance costs. The City Council showed an expression of leaning towards option 3, Long-term remodel. This will be brought up during the upcoming budget discussions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update as present and to keep the animal shelter in Taylor and to talk about preliminary discussions on long-term option #3. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

The Council took a break at 9:50p.m.

The Council reconvened at 9:55p.m.

12. Receive monthly update on current Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

Kelly Kaatz, HDR Engineering, gave an update on Heritage Park, Skate Park (Pierce Park), and Street Maintenance Plan. Heritage Park walk-thru for completion is scheduled for next week. Close-out of the project is schedule for January.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Discuss and consider FY 2017-18 year end preliminary fund balance for the Major Funds.

Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided the Council with a presentation on an update of the 2017/2018 year end preliminary fund balances as of September 30, 2018.

Staff recommended that the use of any fund balance wait until the annual audit is complete.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider award of Request for Qualification (RFQ) for the consultant of the Radio System, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), and Records Management System (RMS) (Henry Fluck/Pat Ekiss)

Five vendors submitted RFQs by the deadline. The Evaluation Team made up of the Finance Director, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Beth Wilkes reached a clear consensus on the rankings of the five submittals and determined that Mission Critical Partners attained the highest ranking. The City Attorney recommended removing the indemnification section and remove the arbitration section. Mission Critical Partners has accepted the removal of these two sections. Staff recommended that City Council award and approve the contract for professional services to hire Mission Critical Partners as our Project Consultant for the amount of \$86,686.00. David Jones with Mission Critical Partners was present for questions.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award the contract as amended by the City Attorney for professional services to Mission Critical Partners as Project Consultant in the amount of \$86,686.00. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider approving funds for repairs of Murphy Park Pool

Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager, stated Murphy pool is about 20 years old and is in need of repairs. The 2017 Strategic Facility Plan recommends replacing concrete flatwork around the pools, pool pump repairs and pool foundation and leveling repairs. Parks staff, public works, HDR and area pool experts have viewed the pool and recommend that the focus of repairs be on the pool deck areas to address the safety concerns and in repairing the pump house and mechanical issues. Mr. Jenkins detailed the scope of work for each repair and gave a total estimated cost for repairs of \$194,657.92. Staff is asking Council for approval of \$194,657.92 from left over bond money to make the needed repairs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve funding for improvements and upgrades at Murphy Park Pool as listed in the scope of work for each repair. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Consider appointment of Interim City Manager

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 10:46p.m.

Executive Session II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive session under 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee, Interim City Manager.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 10:55p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to appoint Jeff Jenkins as the Interim City Manager effective January 25, 2019 with a salary of \$129,780.00, a vacation allowance of 120 hours per year, and a car allowance of \$500.00 per month. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianna Barker, City Clerk