

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
January 10, 2019 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 Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

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

Absent: Council Member Robert Garcia

INVOCATION - Shorty Mitchell gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez read the proclamation and presented it to Shorty Mitchell, Chairman, MLK Jr. Committee.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

2. **Update from Main Street Board**
Deborah Parker, Chairman of the Main Street Advisory Board, provided an update on the board's responsibilities and recent activities including a list of new businesses, renovations, and filming projects.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to receive the Main Street Advisory Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approve minutes from December 13, 2018. (Dianna Barker)**
4. **Concur with preliminary financials for November 2018 (Rosemarie Dennis)**
5. **Consider approving Resolution R19-01 approving the city investment and strategic policy. (Rosemarie Dennis)**
6. **Consider Resolution No. R19-03, requesting grant money from TxDOT for the Airport Terminal Apron Design project. (David Cornelius)**

7. **Consider Resolution No. R19-04, requesting grant money from TxDOT for the Airport Terminal Apron Construction project. (David Cornelius)**

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

8. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-01, Strength of Force Ordinance, to increase the staffing of the Police Department by one Police Officer position to serve as an additional School Resource Officer.**

Police Chief Fluck introduced Ordinance 2019-01 which will increase the staffing by one Police Officer position to serve as an additional School Resource Officer (SRO) to be assigned to Taylor Middle School with a start date of August 5, 2019. Staff would hire an unlicensed recruit that would be trained.

The Deputy City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RANK; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

No action was taken.

9. **Conduct Public Hearing and consider introducing Ordinance 2019-02 to rezone approximately 9.46 acres, part of and out of the Parthinia Coursey Survey, Abstract No. 131, generally located east of SH 95 at the end of Southpark Blvd, from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to Light Industrial Zoning District (M-1).**

Development Services Director, Tom Yantis, introduced Ordinance 2019-02 to rezone property, which is vacant and undeveloped, for future light industrial development. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the rezoning request.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:21pm. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed.

The Deputy City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-02

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 9.46 ACRES, PART OF AND OUT OF P. COURSEY SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 131, GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF SH 95 AT THE END OF SOUTHPARK BLVD., TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS

ORDINANCE FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-1) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT (M-1); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

No action was taken.

10. Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-03, amending Ordinance 2018-17, Fee Schedule, to include Multi-family recycling rates (Rosemarie Dennis/Jim Gray)

Finance Director, Rosemarie Dennis, introduced Ordinance 2019-03 which would amend the current Fee Schedule under the section of Solid Waste Collection. City Council approved the Multi-Family Recycling Program on September 13, 2018. This amendment simply puts the new fee on the city's fee schedule.

The Deputy City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2018-17 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 25, 2018 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. Discuss debt issuance as it relates to projects and financing timetable.

Jennifer Ritter with Specialized Public Finance, the City's financial advisor, made a presentation showing the different debt issuance and the impact as it relates to each fund. The total debt issuance discussed was \$12,295,000. Ms. Ritter updated the Council on the next steps to move forward with debt issuance. At the July 12th City Council meeting, council directed staff to issue debt rather than pay-as-you-go for the Utility Fund, TUF, MDUS and Tax Supported debt.

No action was taken.

12. Consider studies on Water Master Plan, Wastewater Master Plan and GIS Data organization and development.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director, explained that the current water and wastewater plans were last reviewed in 2001 and need to be updated and reviewed. Tom Yantis explained the function and need for a GIS Data development (mapping software), needed to determine zoning, annexation, water and wastewater geographic locations, etc. Mr. Yantis suggested outsourcing this to HDR. Jacob Walker with HDR Engineering explained the three proposals that were requested by City staff to develop models of City water and

wastewater systems and develop /update /maintain a GIS database for the City of Taylor. Staff recommends approval of the three proposals from HDR Engineering, Inc. for the Wastewater Master Plan, Water Master Plan, and GIS Services and authorization of the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform the work.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the three proposals from HDR Engineering for the Wastewater Master Plan, Water Master Plan, and GIS Services and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering to perform the work. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider board member qualification for the Public Arts Advisory Board.

Development Services Director, Tom Yantis, stated this agenda item is intended to allow the Council to establish qualifications for the board and to direct staff to begin the recruitment process for board members. City Council adopted Ordinance 2018-21 which established the Public Arts Advisory Board on December 13, 2018. Staff recommends that the Council consider including members with a diverse background in the arts to include visual, performing, and literary arts, and list general qualifications for the members. Mr. Yantis also suggested having a student member as well.

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

Lois Duncan - stated that interaction with non-profit groups works well and needs to be part of the process.

Mayor Rydell suggested qualifications not get too specific but have a broad background. Councilmember Drummond would like to see all arts represented.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to have staff advertise for applicants for the Public Arts Board who have the general qualifications of expertise in visual, performing or literary arts, skilled in grant writing, arts education, or marketing, who are supportive of, educated in and/or active in the field of public art or community affairs, and students who are actively studying or pursuing the arts. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider appointments and re-appointments to various Boards & Commissions.

This item was postponed until February 28th due to Councilmember Garcia not in attendance and to allow more time for new applicants to submit their application.

15. Consider creating a Charter Review Committee.

City Manager Isaac Turner recommended postponing this item until the full Council was present. Staff requested the Council consider stating specific items the Council would like to see amended in the Charter.

The Council took a break at 7:20pm.

Reconvened at 7:30pm.

16. Receive and review staffing needs for Public Works (streets & grounds) and Parks & Recreation.

Assistant City Manager, Jeff Jenkins, stated that staff was tasked at looking at staffing and maintenance that would be needed to get to higher (maximum) level of service in these two departments and made a presentation of how current staff is spending their hours on which tasks. Larry Foos, stated Parks would need a total of 8 employees to properly maintain current park system and newly remodeled parks coming on line.

Jim Gray stated Public Works would need 7 new employees but is only requesting 3 for streets at this time.

Councilmember Ariola would like to see a comparison of hiring to do a job vs contracting that service out and would like a presentation showing where employees are spending their time vs employees needed to get the work done.

Staff will put together a comparison presentation of all needs, what was considered last April vs. what is to be considered now and bring back to the Council.

No action was taken.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 8:07p.m.

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. Windy Ridge

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:38p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianna Barker, City Clerk