

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
January 24, 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Absent: Council Member Dwayne Ariola

INVOCATION - Jim Newman gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Isaac and Angela Turner

Mayor Rydell read and presented a proclamation to Isaac Turner thanking him for his service as City Manager to the City of Taylor. Mr. Turner retired after serving the city for four years.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Connie Roalson, 4229 Clear Meadow Place, Round Rock – feels that the basic human need of touch is denied at the T. Don Hutto facility and feels that the women are treated with a lack of care and dignity.

Bethany Carson, 2501 Wickersham, Austin – stated residents of Taylor are counting on the city to find out what can be expected after January when the contract between T. Don Hutto and Williamson County expires and share that information with the community.

Sophia Casini, 2711 E. 22nd St., Austin – wants the city to find out what is happening with the T. Don Hutto facility after their contract with the County expires and to share that information with county and local residents.

Jim Newman, 1515 W. Lake Dr. – noticed more loose dogs around the neighborhood recently and feels it's becoming a severe problem. Mr. Newman feels Animal Control has patrolled the area less in the past year and feels the situation needs to be dealt with.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes for January 10, 2019.**
3. **Concur with preliminary financials for December 2018.**
4. **Consider 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.**
5. **Consider 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).

6. **Consider Ordinance 2019-03, amending Ordinance 2018-01, Fee Schedule, to include Multi-family recycling rates.**
8. **Approve Resolution R19-08 appointing Tom Yantis, Director of Development Services, as Administrator of the HOME program.**
9. **Consider final acceptance of Subdivision Infrastructure from the Trinity Heights Subdivision.**

Mayor Rydell stated that items 7 and 10 were to be pulled for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Consider adopting Resolution R19-02 calling an election on May 4, 2019 to elect one Council Member from District 1 and one Council Member from District 4.**

City Clerk Dianna Barker explained this resolution is to call for a May general election. Williamson County has sent updated early voting hours and added Saturday, April 27th to the early voting schedule.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve Resolution R19-02 as presented with the early voting time changes of April 22-27, 8AM to 6PM, and April 29th and 30th from 7AM to 7PM and adding Saturday, April 27th to the schedule. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Consider final acceptance of Subdivision Infrastructure from the Avery Glen Subdivision, Phase 1.**

Development Services Director Tom Yantis explained that the city's subdivision ordinance requires final acceptance of the infrastructure before the city accepts the infrastructure for maintenance and operation. The developer has provided the city with all required documents and Phase I has passed all of the city's inspections. Staff is asking City Council to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the outstanding construction of the trails and park improvements.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to accept the subdivision infrastructure from the Avery Glen Subdivision, Phase 1, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Memorandum of Agreement. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. **Consider and take action with respect to Resolution R19-05 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 2019.**

Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis stated that this resolution gives official notice of the City's intent to issue Certificates of Obligation, not to exceed \$13,500,000, and allows staff to begin the process to issue debt for the Utility, MDUS, TUF Funds and General Fund. This

issuance will not impact to the tax rate to the citizens. A timetable of events for the issuance of the bonds was provided. Bart Fowler, the City's bond attorney, was present to answer any legal questions on the bond issuances.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R19-05 directing publication of notice of the City's intention to issue Certificate of Obligations and authorizing the financial advisor to prepare offering documents for the Certificate of Obligations. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and consider re-authorizing Neighborhood Empowerment Zones

Development Services Director Tom Yantis stated the city has two empowerment zones and explained the purpose of the zones. The Tax Code stipulates that the zones, for the purposes of tax abatements, must be re-authorized every five years. The two Neighborhood Empowerment Zones are a tool that the City can use to encourage development and redevelopment within the zones. The ability of the City to offer fee waivers and tax abatements is an incentive for development within the zones. Staff recommends that the Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance re-authorizing the zones.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to direct staff to prepare an ordinance re-authorizing the neighborhood empowerment zones. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 6:47p.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

Executive Session II. 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 63350

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 7:44p.m.

No action was taken.


ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk