

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 14, 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 Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Jeff Jenkins, Interim City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION - Chief Pat Ekiss gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Nancy Burgess, 1801 Oaklawn - concerned about the perceived notion that the city is obligated to intercede at the T. Don Hutto facility and that the facility is regulated by Federal government, not local government.

Sela Finau, 2309 Gladnell St. – concerned about water puddling near her house during heavy rains and would like to City to fix the drainage, and feels called to assist those at the T. Don Hutto facility.

Carolyn Donovan, 1321 Solitaire, Round Rock – advocates for closure of the T. Don Hutto facility.

Claudia Munoz, Austin – trying to understand why the city says it does not have authority to intercede at T. Don Hutto, but there is a MOU with the Fire Department.

Heidi Williams – called on the Council to rise up and help the women at the T. Don Hutto facility.

Rev Chuck Freeman, 1001 Zodiac Lane #10 – feels the T. Don Hutto facility is a prison and wants the city to cancel the MOU with the Taylor PD.

Lamora Aquire, Austin – shared a story about a women in the facility and asked for help to close facility.

Elbia Cabrera, Austin – (thru a translator) would like city to close facility and wants an answer if the city will do that.

Jeymi Moncada, 2009 Deer Run Dr. – (thru a translator) detained for 1 year at T. Don Hutto facility and suffered abuse.

Fernando Arista – feels citizens have a disconnect with the Council, feels citizens are being put aside.

Sabina – (thru a translator) released from T. Don Hutto facility and wants the Council to make a change.

Sofa Casini, 2711 E. 22nd St., Austin – spoke against the facility and wants the city to remove itself from the MOU.

Bethany Carson – spoke against the facility and wants the city to end the MOU with T. Don Hutto.

Council took a break at 6:45PM.

Council reconvened at 6:50PM.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. **Update from Planning & Zoning Commission (Don McAlister)**

and is for the public purpose of increasing the public health, safety, and welfare of persons in the municipality.

City Attorney Ted Hejl read the caption of the Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-24 RENEWING NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE # 1 UNDER THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AND TAX ABATEMENT ACT AND THE TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 312; PROVIDING A TERM OF FIVE YEARS WHICH MAY BE RENEWED FOR SUCCESSIVE FIVE YEAR TERMS AS PROVIDED IN THE TEXAS TAX CODE; PERMITTING TAX ABATEMENT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 378 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2003-25 RENEWING NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT ZONE # 2 UNDER THE PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT AND TAX ABATEMENT ACT AND THE TEXAS TAX CODE CHAPTER 312; PROVIDING A TERM OF FIVE YEARS WHICH MAY BE RENEWED FOR SUCCESSIVE FIVE YEAR TERMS AS PROVIDED IN THE TEXAS TAX CODE; PERMITTING TAX ABATEMENT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 378 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND CHAPTER 312 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

No action was taken.

7. Consider introducing Ordinance 19-07, reflecting new residential recycling fees.

Finance Director Rosemarie Dennis introduce Ordinance 2019-07 to amend the current fee schedule for the FY2018-19 to reflect the new residential recycling fee. The program initial cost was \$3.25 per month per resident. Council approved a one-time cost sharing program with the City paying \$.75 a month per resident for one year. This ordinance dissolves the sharing/subsidized program. The increase resulting from this ordinance will appear on the customer's utility bill in March 2019. Steve Shannon with Waste Connection gave a history of recycling products and where they end up.

City Attorney Ted Hejl read the caption of the Ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2019-03 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 28, 2019 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the rankings of the professional architecture firms as follows: #1. Reliance Architecture, #2. Place Designs, #3. Thoughtbarn, and authorize the Interim City Manager to negotiate a contract for professional architecture services with Reliance Architecture. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Receive quarterly investment report for October – December 2018.

David Meserve with Patterson & Associates gave a brief presentation on the city's investment portfolio for the 1st fiscal year quarter of 2019. The City's portfolio book value, excluding operating cash account as of December 31, 2018 is \$22,151,897.

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

13. Receive Taylor Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report for July – September and October – December 2018.

Tia Stone, Chamber President, briefly went over the Chamber's quarterly reports which included a report of activities and budget for the Chamber as it pertains to the administration of the Hotel Occupancy Tax contract with the City.

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

14. Update on Development Services Department.

Development Services Director Tom Yantis gave a presentation on his evaluation on the overall effectiveness of the department in achieving its mission. The presentation went over development policies and processes, customer interface, measures of success, and priorities and cost. Mr. Yantis felt the overall evaluation of the department was poor and feels that is due to a lack of training, staff turnover and written procedures.

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

15. Consider changes to the Boards & Commission Handbook, member term limits and attendance.

City Clerk Dianna Barker recommended two changes to the Handbook, add the newly created Public Arts Advisory Board to the list of boards and change the 72 hour timeframe to get new applications to Council before appointments to 10 business days. Due to the late hour, Council decided to discuss member term limits and attendance requirements at the next Council meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to amend the Boards and Commission Handbook to include adding the Public Arts Advisory Board to the list of boards and change 72 hours to 10 days for application submittal deadline. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.