

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson  
Council Member Robert Garcia  
Council Member Mitch Drummond  
Council Member Dwayne Ariola  
Mayor Brandt Rydell

Brian LaBorde, City Manager  
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

**INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month**

Councilmember Garcia read the proclamation and presented it to Tori Algieri, Child Advocacy Center, and BACA, Bikes Against Child Abuse.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Scott Dean, 1725 Lexington St. – supports the Mamma Jamma bike ride event.

Stan Oliver, 1941 TH Johnson – concerned about sewer rates and there not being an escalation process. City Manager to contact Mr. Oliver about rates/process.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2. Approve minutes from the March 24, 2022 regular City Council meeting.**
- 3. Concur with preliminary financials for February 2022.**
- 4. Consider purchase of replacement fire department vehicle.**
- 5. Consider Approving Resolution R22-13 approving a Shared Service Arrangement for Participation in the Goodbuy Purchasing Cooperative.**
- 6. Approve Resolution R22-12 regarding temporary street closures for Main Street activities and events in 2022.**
- 7. Approve request from Main Street Advisory Board to have Texas Beer Company sell wine and beer and to allow consumption throughout the festival areas including Heritage Square for Blackland Prairie Days, the Main Street Car Show, and the Music on Main Concert Series.**

Councilmember Garcia asked to pull item #7 for separate consideration.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve consent agenda items 2 through 6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

- #7. Councilmember Garcia asked if anybody/business can apply to sell alcohol at city sponsored events. Jan Harris, Main Street Manager, stated yes, any business could apply.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda item #7 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

**8. Introduce Ordinance 2022-11 updating the Cemetery Rules and Regulations**

Morgan Cook, Cemetery Manager – gave a presentation on the history, maintenance, needs and rules/regulations of the cemetery. Applying the Rules and Regulations in a separate “policy” within the Rules and Regulations Booklet will allow the Ordinance to be maintained with minimal to no updates, while allowing the Rules and Regulations Booklet to be updated and adjusted in a timely manner to adapt to industry and cultural standards and norms.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR TEXAS AMENDING THE TAYLOR CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 6 CEMETERIES ARTICLE I SECTION 6-3 MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMENTERY; SECTION 6-4 CONVEYANCE OF LOTS AND SPACES; SECTION 6-6 INTERNMENTS AND DISINTERNMENTS; SECTION 6-7 CHARGES GENERALLY; DELETING AND RESERVING SECTION 6-9; DELETING AND RESERVING SECTION 6-10; AMENDING ARTICLE II THIRD ADDITION TO CEMETERY BY DELETING AND RESERVING SECTION 6-27; AMENDING ARTICLE III FOURTH ADDITION BY AMENDING SECTION 6-45; DELETING AND RESERVING SECTION 6-46 ; ADOPTING CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS; PROVIDING A REPEALER; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

**9. Hold Public Hearing on designation of Reinvestment Zone No. 9.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - In accordance with CH 312 of the Texas Tax Code, the City is required to hold a public hearing to amend an existing Reinvestment Zone, Zone #8, prior to any consideration of any tax abatements. Samsung has submitted a request to amend the boundaries of the existing Reinvestment Zone # 8, to incorporate more properties purchased after the original ordinance was passed in September. The expansion of this zone does not extend any current abatements to any of the new properties in the expansion.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:41PM. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:42PM.

**10. Introduce Ordinance 2022-12, designating Reinvestment Zone No. 9.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - The new zone will be called Reinvestment Zone # 9 or Technology Expansion Zone that will take the place of the existing Reinvestment Zone # 8.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 9; PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY OF THE ZONE FOR COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT; CONTAINING FINDINGS THAT THE AREA QUALIFIES TO BE DESIGNATED AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE AND THE IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT ARE FEASIBLE AND PRACTICABLE AND OF BENEFIT TO THE LAND AND THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.**

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

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

- 11. Receive presentation from Retail Coach regarding Taylor's trade area analysis and recruitment services.**

Aaron Farmer, Retail Coach – gave a presentation regarding the completed data analysis of Taylor's trade area and an update on the next steps with recruitment services.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Councilmember Garcia to receive the Retail Coach presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 12. Receive update on the CDBG project list and approve modifications to the list.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – presented and explained a proposed update to the approved project list for future CDBG applications. HDR and the City recommends reprioritizing the projects to be able to leave Old Coupland as-is and reconstruct all of Highland Drive's waterline where major maintenance problems persist.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the reprioritizing of the CDBG project list as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 13. Consider options on the 2022 CIP Bull Branch Walking Trail Reconstruction.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – staff has prepared three options for the reconstruction: (1) Reconstruct the trail now with concrete; (2) Reconstruct the trail with concrete at the same time as the Donna Channel project; (3) Reconstruct the trail internally with the Public Works asphalt level-up program this Fall and rebuild fully with Donna Channel project. Staff recommends option 3.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to go with option 2, reconstruct the trail with concrete at the same time as the Donna Channel project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

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Mayor Rydell read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 7:31PM.

**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.

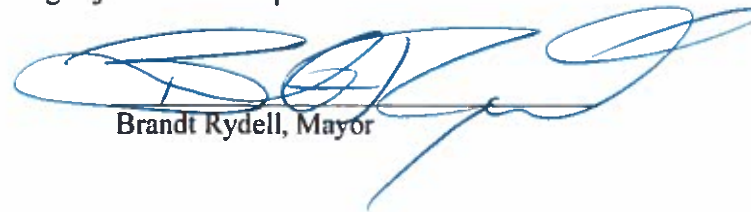
- a. Samsung project

**14. Take any action regarding Executive Session I.**

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:43PM. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna McLean, City Clerk