

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeffery Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

A. Recognition of Geumcheon-Gu Korea delegation.

Mayor Rydell informed the audience that the proclamation was presented earlier that day to the Geumcheon-gu Korean delegation, as they would not be able to stay for the meeting.

Mayor Rydell asked City Manager, Brian LaBorde to speak about the recent water main break. Mr. LaBorde spoke about the progress and how city staff have been working to make the repairs. Mr. LaBorde asked Chris Malinowski with HDR to provide a recap and where the repairs currently stand. Mr. Malinowski commended Sam Thomas and the Utility Maintenance crew for jumping in and begin the repairs. A welding contractor from Dallas was hired to repair the water line. The repairs will continue to work on Friday.

Councilman Ariola asked for Mr. Laborde to investigate how this occurred and if it could have been prevented. He thanked Mr. LaBorde for the updates.

Mr. Laborde thanked Jim Gray and Public Works staff. Mayor

Mayor Rydell thanked Jim Gray and the Public Works staff on behalf of the Council.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

1. Channing Kingery-Boles, 321 N. Main St.- regarding her efforts to purchase and reopen the Howard Theatre
2. Regina Baker, 504 Sams St. – inclusion

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the October 26, 2023 regular Council meeting.
2. Concur with preliminary financials for September 2023.
3. Consider Ordinance 2023-53, PZ-2023-1861, regarding a request to amend the zoning of approximately 3.649 acres of land generally located at 701 Carlos G. Parker Blvd. NW from Local Business District (B-1) to General Business District (B-2).

4. Consider Ordinance 2023-54, PZ-2023-1862, regarding a request to amend the zoning of approximately 2.382 acres of land generally located at 3609 E 4th Street NW from General Business District (B-2) to Light Industrial District (M-1).
5. Consider approving agreement with Stacey Osborne for communications services and authorize the City Manager to execute this agreement.
6. Consider a lease-purchase contract for a Mauldin Commercial Paver.
7. Consider amending the annexation development agreement between the City of Taylor and Larry and Mary Ann Zimmerhanzel.
8. Consider Resolution R23-39 accepting Petitions for Release from the Taylor Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

9. Conduct a public hearing on the creation of the Quannah Partners/Taylor Industrial Park Public Improvement District (PID) within the municipal boundaries of the City of Taylor, Texas in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 372 of the Texas Local Government Code. Tom Yantis, Assistant Director, stated that these were the steps required prior to the creation of the public improvement district.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:17 pm.

With no public interest the public hearing was closed at 6:17 pm.

10. Introduce Ordinance 2023-56 adopting regulations for protection of the city logo and city seal. Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager, made a presentation regarding the need for standards and use of the city seal.

Councilmember Ariola asked if staff have examples of citizens trying to use the logo.

Mr. Jenkins said there are past instances where it has been used, but this would be for future use, and it would be reviewed case by case.

Mr. LaBorde provided examples of a Vape Shop and a tattoo parlor that was using the logo.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson asked if this was to protect the brand?

Mr. Jenkins said yes, and it would be to prevent confusion, mainly to prevent others using the logo to send mail or appear that the city is endorsing their business.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-56

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR PROTECTION OF THE CITY LOGO AND CITY SEAL AND PROHIBITING THE UNAUTHORIZED USE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF THE CITY LOGO AND CITY SEAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No action was taken.

11. Introduce Ordinance 2023-57 Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Mr. Wood introduced the final fiscal year 2023 budget amendment.

Councilmember Ariola had a question regarding the amount not spent by the Parks and Rec director, Tyler Bybee. Mr. Wood explained that the costs were going to be more involved, and those projects have been pushed off.

The City Attorney reads the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-57

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-36 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 10, 2023 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER CITY FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

No action was taken.

12. Introduce Ordinance 2023-58 granting to ONCOR Electric Delivery Company, LLC, an electric power franchise to use the present and future streets, alleys, highways, public utility easements, public ways, and public property of the City of Taylor

Mr. LaBorde, City Manager, gave the presentation regarding the Oncor agreement. He also mentioned that Oncor representative Armando Perez was in attendance should the council have any questions.

Councilmember Garcia asked about why the 11 poles.

Mr. Perez came to the podium and introduced Danny Talamantes, Manager in the Regulatory Department, who was involved in the agreement discussions. Mr. Perez said that the number of poles was done prior to him working at Oncor. It reflects the number of poles that Oncor can maintain per emergency work order requests.

Councilman Garcia wanted to commend Armando Perez and Oncor for what they do.

The City Attorney reads the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-58

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AN ELECTRIC POWER FRANCHISE TO USE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE STREETS, ALLEYS, HIGHWAYS, PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS, PUBLIC WAYS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION THEREFOR, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERM OF SAID FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE, PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL

OF ALL EXISTING FRANCHISE ORDINANCES TO ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC, ITS PREDECESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AND FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

No action required.

13. Introduce Ordinance 2023-59 amending Ordinance 2023-52, Strength of Force. (LaShon Gros)
LaShon Gros, HR Director made the presentation as the reason why amending the ordinance to add 3 police officer positions (from 18 to 21) as the Police Department did not receive the grant.

Councilmember Ariola wanted to know the levels of the positions. Mrs. Gros explained they would be three entry level positions.

Councilmember Garcia wanted to stress that the city was adding more police officers.

The City Attorney reads the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-52

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS PRESCRIBING THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION.

No Action required.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

14. Consider Ordinance 2023-55 amending the City of Taylor Code of Ordinances Chapters 2, 21, 24, Appendix A, and Appendix B, adopting a new land development code including subdivision regulations, sign regulations, and zoning regulations and rezoning all properties within the city limits and adopting a new zoning map.

Tom Yantis spoke about the summary that details the changes recommended by the commission. Mr. Yantis also wanted to thank the representatives of Simplecity and the city staff.

Sandra Wolff, 1511 Frank Street commended the council for all they have done. She also wanted to mention that the city should not use Austin as a model, but to be environmentally techno green.

Councilmember Ariola commented on the process but had a question about amending the Taylor Made Land Development Code before making the changes in the Engineering Manual, as they go together hand in hand. He asked that the city take a pause to review and make sure this was moving in the right direction. He also mentioned the City of Bastrop council members who are interested in assisting the City of Taylor in the process. He stated that he would be willing to meet with them.

Councilmember Drummond agrees on moving forward with the process. He thanked Simplecity for their work.

Councilmember Garcia said he met with a Councilmember from Bastrop who provided input. He then related those suggestions to Tom Yantis who has incorporated the changes in the document. He commended Tom Yantis for his work.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson expressed how he didn't understand why the City of Bastrop want to get involved with the City of Taylor. He stated that he will not want to go to Bastrop to meet with that council. He feels that the Bastrop Councilmember was given sufficient time, 13 minutes to express his concerns, and he is looking forward in passing the ordinance.

The motion was made by Councilmember Drummond

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson. The motion passed 4 to 1.

15. Receive Presentation on Updates to the Engineering Manual as part of the Land Development Code Process.

HDR Engineer, Jacob Walker gave the presentation of the highlights to the engineering manual.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson asked if he worked with city staff. Mr. Walker confirmed that he collaborated with Simplecity and city staff to make sure terminology and references are the same.

Councilmember Ariola was glad to see these updates. This is the meat and potatoes for anyone trying to build here in Taylor. While the previous item details the user requirements, and the engineering manual tells you how to build it.

Councilmember Garia commended Mr. Walker for his work on the engineering manual.

Mayor Rydell asked Mr. Walker why Austin was used a point of reference. Mr. Walker responded by stating that most contractors are familiar with their building specifications regarding water and sewer. And noted that TxDot was followed on some of their roadway specifications. However, he also pointed out that at the end, everything was Taylor specific.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson asked that by adopting both the code and the Engineering Manual will that affect the current projects.

Mr. Yantis says there are deadlines for submitting applications and the next deadline is in December, and those projects would need to follow the adopted Engineering Manual. Those applications approved in November will fall under the old engineering manual.

Sandra Wolff 1511 Frink Street, spoke to Mr. Walker in regard to comparing to Austin standards. When was the last time Austin updated their standards. They have made mistakes.

The motion was made by Councilmember Ariola.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. The motion passes unanimously.

16. Consider executing professional service contracts for the Bull Branch Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineer, provided background information on the project. Then Jim Gray, Public Works Director presented the costs for the project.

The motion was made by Councilmember Garcia.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson. The motion passes 5 to 0.

MAYOR READS EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The City of Taylor City Council convened in Open Session, declared a quorum on November 9, 2023 and has posted an Official Agenda indicating the possible need for an Executive Session. The Council will now adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Sections:

- 551.071, to consult with the City Attorney regarding the matter in which duty of the Attorney with City conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.
- 551.072, to conduct deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 7:33 pm.

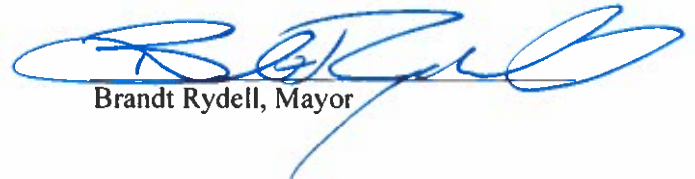
Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act, and Section 551.072 To conduct deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- a. Petition for release from ETJ
- b. Fire Station #2 appraisal
- c. Settlement Agreement in Cause No 22-1443-CC2, City of Taylor v. Prophet Capital

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 7:48 pm. No action was taken.

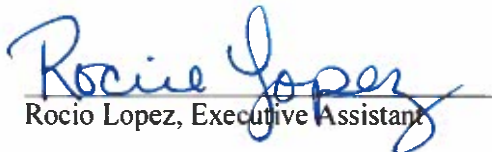
ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant