

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 9, 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 – Commander Joseph Branson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. **National Police Week, May 12 – 18**
Councilmember Drummond read and presented the proclamation to Chief Fluck and the Taylor Police Officers.
2. **Recognition of Tax Assistant Volunteers**
Councilmember Garcia read and presented the proclamation to Angela Turner and the Tax volunteers.
3. **Taylor ISD Boys Soccer Team Proclamation**
Councilmember Ariola read and presented the proclamation to the Boys soccer team with TISD.
4. **Taylor ISD Girls Soccer Team Proclamation**
Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez read and presented the proclamation to the Girls soccer team with TISD.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approve minutes from April 25, 2019. (Dianna Barker)
6. Consider Resolution R19-14, readopting the Water Conservation Plan. (Jim Gray)
7. Consider approving Resolution R19-16 for the financing of capital equipment and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. (Jeff Wood)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

8. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-14, prohibiting smoking at Pierce Park (Skate Park).**
Interim City Manager Jeff Jenkins stated that staff has received calls and concerns about smoking in the park. Based on these concerns, staff drafted a sample ordinance for the Council to consider whether they would like to regulate this issue.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizen comments.

Herbert Brinkmeyer, 705 Gravel Pit Rd. – Would like draft ordinance to read marijuana, not weed; be correct in identifying the items prohibited.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-14

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NO SMOKING WITHIN PIERCE PARK LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR PENALTY OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENALTY SHALL BE FIXED BY STATE LAW AND IF DEEMED A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISIONAL LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, THE PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND HAVING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND HAVING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. Receive Taylor Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report for January-March, 2019.

Tia Stone, President of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, briefly went over the quarterly financial and activity report for the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the Chambers quarterly report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding the disposition of surplus city-owned property.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director, stated that staff has been working with the Taylor Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County to identify properties that the two agencies may be interested in acquiring for the construction of affordable housing. A list of 17 potential surplus properties was presented. Out of this list, THA and Habitat for Humanity are interested in 2 lots, one on Oak Street and one on Oscar Street.

Ebby Green with THA and Debbie Hoffman with Habitat for Humanity stated they are working toward a formal agreement (MOU) to utilize these 2 lots for affordable housing.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez to direct staff to work with the City Attorney, Taylor Housing Authority and Habitat for Humanity to transfer ownership to 505 W. Oak Street and 304 Oscar Street with the stipulation that the lots will be used to provide affordable housing. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Receive report on Charter cleanup items and Conflict of Interest language.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizen comments.

Herbert Brinkmeyer, 705 Gravel Pit Rd. - language in Charter needs to be clear and unambiguous.

Jeff Jenkins, Interim City Manager, briefly went over Charter amendment items Council previously requested clarification on. The City Attorney drafted 3 propositions, electing council members by majority, clear guidelines on conflict of interest, and allowing the City Manager to hire and remove city employees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez wanted it noted that she feels the comments that created a conflict of interest issue for her back in 2016 should never have been accepted or considered and that everything was done as per the Charter and city ethics ordinance, and that the conflict of interest issue was brought up for no reason other than something personal.

Councilmember Ariola requested the City Attorney research and clarify council member involvement in non-profit organization events.

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

12. Receive update from Halff and Associates on April 6th flooding.

Dan Franz with Halff & Associates Engineering, presented a presentation, maps and a MDUS summary list of properties heavily affected by the recent heavy rains.

Councilmember Ariola would like for staff and the engineers to look at the area around Walmart and Hunters Run and make a recommendation as to how to slow down runoff in this area.

Councilmember Ariola also requested staff look into grants available to help with water projects and acquire a ball-park dollar amount for creating a master drainage plan.

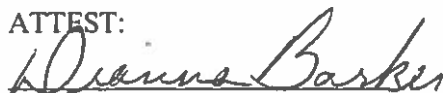
Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the update on the April 6th flooding as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Lopez. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

