

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Mayor Brandt Rydell conducted a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

PROCLAMATIONS

1. Children's Mental Health Week, May 2 – 8, 2021

Mayor Rydell read the proclamation. Susan Brock with the Interagency Support Council of Eastern Williamson County joined the meeting to accept the proclamation and explained the purpose of the organization.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Kara Matthews – Wanted to know how the city plans to address climate change and reach net-zero emissions. Ms. Matthews feels this issue is very important and needs to be addressed.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

2. Moody Museum Board update.

Susan Komandosky gave a report on the Moody Museum Board which included past activities and future plans.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Moody Museum Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager, introduced Tyler Bybee, the new Parks & Recreation Director.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Garcia requested items #4 and #5 be pulled for separate consideration.

3. Approve minutes from the April 8, 2021 regular Council meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda item #3 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

4. **Approve Resolution R21-16 regarding temporary street closures for Main Street activities and events in 2021 pending the lifting of crowd restrictions for special events due to COVID-19.**

Councilmember Garcia requested clarification that if the city is not in the correct COVID color phase, the Car Show would not happen. Tom Yantis confirmed that statement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Consent Agenda item #4 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

5. **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 Main Street Car Show.**

Councilmember Garcia asked if other businesses could serve beer at the events or just Texas Beer Company. Tom Yantis stated that any businesses could sell beer at the events if they follow all the guidelines for selling alcohol at events.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda item #5 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 via roll call vote with Councilmember Garcia abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. **Introduce Ordinance 2021-09 amending the FY2021 budget.**

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – explained the purpose of this budget amendment is to have the budget reflect the actual financial activity that has occurred during FY21 and provided an Exhibit that specifies the items to be amended by fund and category.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; 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.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

7. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2021-10 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 6.31 acres, addressed as 4002 N. Main St., from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to General Business Zoning District (B-2).**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - The applicant is proposing to re-zone the subject property for future commercial development and is requesting a zoning change from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to Local Business Zoning District (B-1) prior to the future sale and development of the property.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:41pm. With no one appearing the public hearings was closed at 6:41pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-10

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 6.31 ACRES, ADDRESSED AS 4002 NORTH MAIN STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R362228; AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE AS LOT 2, BLOCK 2, THALER ADDITION, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT (B-2); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Consider extending the temporary parklets program.

Tom Yantis – Development Services Director - The temporary parklets program which is set to expire on June 1, 2021. A parklet is a portion of the City right-of-way, typically on-street parking spaces, that is allowed to be licensed for use by a business or property owner to create an outdoor area for patrons of the business and the general public. Staff requested direction from Council to extend the program and provide a defined end date or extend it permanently.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to have staff draft an ordinance making the parklet program permanent. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. Receive State of the Department report for City Clerk/Municipal Court.

Dianna Barker, City Clerk – gave a presentation on the status of the City Clerk's office and the Municipal Court which included responsibilities, strengths, weaknesses, and future endeavors.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the City Clerk and Municipal Court report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. Receive State of the Department report for the Library.

Karen Ellis, Library Director - gave a presentation on the status of the Library which included strengths, weaknesses, and future opportunities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Library report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

11. Receive State of the Department report for City of Taylor Utilities and Public Works.

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – gave a comprehensive update of the Utility System and Department, part of the Public Works Department for the City of Taylor, which included the Mustang Creek wastewater treatment plant and the Bull Branch sewer conveyance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the Utilities and Public Works report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

12. Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Professional Engineering Services for the Mustang Creek WWTP Aeration Improvements Project to HDR Engineering, Inc.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – presented a proposal from HDR Engineering to develop Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) for the improvements necessary to increase treatment capacity of the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Estimated construction cost is \$3.1 million dollars. In order to support continued growth and development within the City of Taylor, staff believes these improvements should move ahead as quickly as possible.

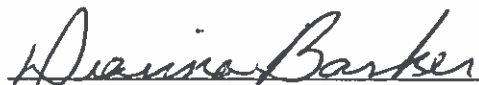
Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the proposal from HDR Engineering for professional engineering services for the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Aeration Improvements Project as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:42p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk