

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
April 8, 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.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen communications.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the March 18, 2021 special called City Council meeting and the March 25, 2021 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for February 2021.**
3. **Ratify appointments/reappointments to the TIF Board.**
4. **Consider Resolution R21-09 authorizing the City Manager to sell by sealed bid two city-owned lots described as City of Taylor Block 50, Lots 1 and 2.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. **Receive an update from Lonestar Circle of Care regarding Project Headwaters and revitalization work at the West End Elementary.**
Jon Calvin, Lonestar Circle of Care – gave a status update presentation regarding the revitalization of the West End Elementary School building. The building will be used as a catalyst for medical, health, and human service programming.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Lonestar Circle of Care update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

6. **Consider approving lease agreement with Taylor Chamber of Commerce.**
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - In April 1971 the City Council approved a 50-year lease agreement with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce to lease city land to allow them to build a Chamber of Commerce building to use for Chamber operations. Lease will expire at end of April. The new lease updates the terms of the agreement and provides for a 10-year lease for the Chamber of Commerce.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to approve the Taylor Chamber of Commerce lease agreement as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

7. Receive presentation on State of the Taylor Police Department and Animal Control.

Henry Fluck, Chief of Police – gave an assessment of the Police Department including strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, as well as present priorities to focus on in the coming years.

Commander Branson, Support Services Commander, gave an assessment on the Animal Control department.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Police Department and Animal Control's state of the department presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

8. Receive presentation on State of the Airport Department.

David Cornelius, Airport Director – gave a presentation on the responsibilities, demands, opportunities, and strengths and weaknesses of the Taylor Airport.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Airport's state of the department presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. Receive report regarding the FY21-22 Street Levelup program.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – presented a list of streets from the recent street study for the FY21-22 street levelup program. A little over 20,000 linear feet of streets have been identified as part of the Street Maintenance Program for FY21/22.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the list of streets presented for the FY21-22 Street Levelup program. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:34pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to conduct deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, and 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. Justice Center

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- a. 1st/Royal easement acquisitions

Council reconvened into regular/open session at 9:37pm.

10. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-10, 1st and Royal, condemnation for drainage easement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to adopt Resolution R21-10, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.0841 acre (3,663 square feet) easement out of lots 7 and 8, Block 4 of the Baker addition, a subdivision of record in Cabinet A, Slide 176 of the plat records of Williamson County, Texas for the 1st Street and Royal Street drainage improvement project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

11. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-11, 1st and Royal, condemnation for drainage easement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to adopt Resolution R21-11, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.0251 acre (1,091 square feet) easement out of lots 10, 11, and 12, Block 4 of the Baker addition, a subdivision of record in Cabinet A, Slide 176 of the plat records of Williamson County, Texas for the 1st Street and Royal Street drainage improvement project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

12. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-12, 1st and Royal, condemnation for drainage easement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to adopt Resolution R21-12, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.1068-acre (4,650 square feet) easement out of lots 22 and 23, Block 4 of the Baker addition, a subdivision of record in Cabinet A, Slide 176 of the plat records of Williamson County, Texas for the 1st Street and Royal Street drainage improvement project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

13. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-13, 1st and Royal, condemnation for drainage easement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to adopt Resolution R21-13, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.0329 acre (1,433 square feet) easement out of lot 9, Block 1 of the Zella Jones addition, a subdivision of record in Cabinet A, Slides 266-267 of the plat records of Williamson County, Texas for the 1st Street and Royal Street drainage improvement project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

14. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-14, Justice Center, condemnation for Justice Center Complex.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution R21-14, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.259 acre (11,270 square feet) tract of land, being all of Lot 11 and Lot 12, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

15. Consider and take possible action on Resolution R21-15, Justice Center, condemnation for Justice Center Complex.

(S.R. Scott Family Limited Partnership)

Tract 1A

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Resolution R21-15, that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.307 acre (13,373 SF) tract of land, being the west 18 feet of Lot 7, all of Lot 8, all of Lot 9, and all of Lot 10, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Tract 1B

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.055 acre (2,396 SF) tract of land, being the east 9 feet of Lot 7 and west 10 feet of Lot 6, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project as part of R21-15. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Tract 2

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.346 acre (15,072 SF) tract of land out of a part of Lot 3, all of Lot 4, all of Lot 5, all of Lot 6, and the east 9 feet of Lot 7, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project as part of Resolution R21-15. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Tract 3

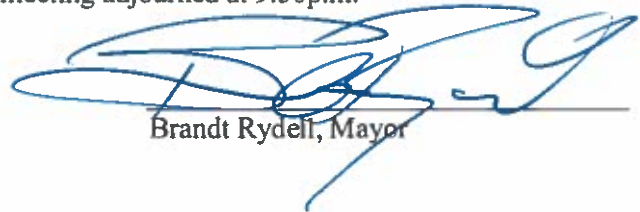
Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.464 acre (20,212 SF) tract of land out of all of Lot 1, all of Lot 2, part of Lot 3, all of Lot 15, and all of Lot 16, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project as part of Resolution R21-15. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Tract 4

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia that the Taylor city council authorize the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire a 0.279 acre (12,154 SF) tract of land being all of Lot 13, all of Lot 14, and the north half of the abandoned alley along rear of property, Block 1, of the City of Taylor, as recorded in Cabinet A, Slide 186 of the Plat Records of Williamson County, Texas for the Justice Center Complex project as part of Resolution R21-15. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk

