The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 22, 2018, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. 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 Chris Gonzales
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK IS APRIL 8-14, 2018.
   Mayor Rydell presented a proclamation to members of the Police Department Dispatch and Communications Division.
2. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK, APRIL 8-14, 2018.
   Mayor Rydell presented a proclamation to members of the Police Department including Ms. Priscilla Moreno, Victim Services Coordinator.
3. APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.
   Mayor Rydell read a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Taylor.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Rydell invited citizens who had signed up in advance were invited to come forward during this time. Mr. Mitch Drummond, 211 Hosack, expressed a concern about the building code as it relates to concrete parking lots.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION R18-08 REGARDING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR MAIN STREET ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN 2018.
5. APPROVE FOR MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD TO SELL WINE AND BEER AND TO ALLOW CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA FOR THE 2018 BLACKLAND PRAIRIE DAYS AND STOMP N HOLLER EVENTS.
6. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY 2018.
7. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 8, 2018.

Council Member Garcia pulled item number 4 from the Consent Agenda due to his involvement in one or more of the events under consideration; Council Member Ariola stated he was involved in the planning for the Stomp N Holler Festival. Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Consent Agenda items numbers 6 and 7 as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve item number 4 on the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Two ABSTAINED (Garcia and Ariola). Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve item number 5 on the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Two ABSTAINED (Garcia and Ariola). Motion passed.

(Mayor Rydell recused himself from the dais prior to the next agenda item due to a conflict of interest.)

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

8. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2018-06 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2017-13, TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 401 W. 7TH STREET AND ALLOWING VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE PARKING LOT SURFACE MATERIALS/SYSTEMS THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY CAPTURED IN THE LANGUAGE IN SECTION 6.4.4 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE SURFACING MATERIAL OF REQUIRED PARKING, DRIVE AISLES, AND LOADING ZONES.
Mr. Michael Elabarger, City Planner, presented a request to consider approving an amendment to an existing agreement adding specific language to the governing zoning in Ordinance 2017-13 allowing a variation in the construction materials for a parking lot as outlined in Section 6.4.4. of the Zoning Ordinance. 8.1.

   Ms. Britin Bostick and Mr. Cliff Olle provided additional details to their proposal describing the specific type(s) of materials that are under consideration instead of concrete or asphalt. Mr. Elabarger stated that the request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez declared the Public Hearing open; no one came forward and the hearing was closed. Mr. Hejl was asked to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

   ORDINANCE 2018-06
   AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-13, WHICH ESTABLISHED A COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY CURRENTLY DESCRIBED AS OLLE SUBDIVISION, BLOCK A, LOT 1, TO ADD SPECIFIC LANGUAGE REGARDING PARKING LOT SURFACE MATERIALS AND A DEFINITION; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

   (Mayor Rydell rejoined the council members at the dais after the vote.)

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2018-05 REGARDING A REQUEST TO ABANDON A PORTION OF AN ALLEY WHICH LIES WITHIN A PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1016 W. 7TH STREET.
Mr. Elabarger presented a summary of a request from a property owner to abandon a portion of an alley that is within their property. Ms. Julie Downs, property owner, stated that the plan is to subdivide the property into two parcels with the utility easement to remain and be situated directly between the two parcels.

Hearing no objection, Mayor Rydell asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2018-05
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R18-07 APPROVING A TARIFF AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL RATE REVIEW MECHANISM BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION.
Mr. Turner invited Mr. Randy Hartford with ATMOS Energy and Mr. Hejl to provide more information regarding the proposed resolution. The resolution under consideration allows ATMOS to initiate a new Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) process in collaboration with the cities within the Mid Tex Division. The current mechanism was approved by the City in 2008 and expires this year. If approved, this agreement will be used to implement any rate change at a later date.

It was noted that the resolution provided to council was in error and that the correct document would be sent for their review prior to the next meeting. Council agreed to bring this item back for further consideration at the April 12 meeting.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE SKATEPARK PROJECT.
Mr. Turner presented a request to consider approving a change order for additional funding to address the changing needs regarding the perimeter construction of the Skatepark. These changes include extending the pedestrian trail connecting the Skatepark to Heritage park along Porter Street, adding ADA compliant ramps at 4th and Porter Streets as well as on 3rd and Porter Streets, striping for a crosswalk, reconstruction of curb and gutter per previously completed Porter reconstruction plans, landscaping, and signage. This additional perimeter work will provide connectivity between the two parks, provide new curb and gutter and align Porter for pavement reconstruction already planned. It was noted that the additional green space along the pedestrian trails is an element in the approved downtown master plan.

Mr. Brent Humphreys was invited to provide additional insight regarding the relocation of the art wall which required additional concrete and added costs to the project. Council requested a comprehensive plan with regard to the landscaping, lighting, and other options for funding these additional costs. No further action was taken on this item.

(The next item was taken out of sequence.)

12. RECEIVE UPDATE ON GROUNDS AND STREET MAINTENANCE.

b. Receive Update on Street Maintenance Bid Process.
Mr. Jim Gray, Director of Public Works, provided an update on the plans for a street maintenance program. Current funds for street maintenance include $250,000 from the TUF (Transportation User Fee) Fund. The proposed plan includes $200,000 for contracted street maintenance and $50,000 for materials for staff to make additional repairs. These repairs include patching, crack sealing, and level up as part of the yearly maintenance. Another $500,000 is needed for Street reconstruction.

Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the update as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Pro Tem Lopez recused herself from the next agenda item due to a conflict of interest.)

a. Receive Grounds Maintenance Bids and Recommendations.
Mr. Gray presented an overview of the process in requesting proposals for mowing and lawn care of city properties. A Request For Proposal (RFP) was published and six proposals were received. After a comprehensive staff review, staff is recommending the bid award go to Heart of Texas Landscaping and Irrigation for Group 1 (City facilities) and Group 2 (Parks). The remaining groups 3, 4, 5, and 6 would continue to be maintained by city staff. The advantage of outsourcing these tasks would be a reduction in temporary employees and additional staff time gained to perform those tasks previously done by the temporary employees.

Council Member Garcia moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed. No further action was taken on this item.

(Mayor Pro Tem Lopez returned to the dais after the vote.)

13. DELIVER PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2018/2019 THROUGH 2023/2024.
Mr. Turner presented a brief overview of current and future projects and how they will be funded. This item was for information only and no action was taken.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk