

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
March 11, 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 (6:13pm)
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 February 22, 2021 Special Called Council meeting and the February 25, 2021 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for January 2021.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2021-05 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 6.70 acres, located at the northeast intersection of Carlos G. Parker Boulevard and Mallard Lane, from Local Business Zoning District (B-1) to General Business Zoning District with a Commercial Planned Development Overlay (B-2/CPD).**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2021-07 repealing the Sundance Planned Development Ordinance 2017-32 and replacing it with the Castlewood South Planned Development on a parcel of land consisting of approximately 69.97 acres, located across from Taylor High School and Avery Glen Subdivision, particularly described as Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R331183, R019232, and R019652.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2021-08 amending the Subdivision Ordinance related to block dimensions, subdivision layout and related items.**
6. **Consider modification to the Purchasing Policy.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote. (Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson was not present for this agenda item.)

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. **Consider awarding contract for bank depository services.**
Jeff Wood, Finance Director – A Request for Proposal (RFP) for bank depository services resulted in two bids. BBVA was the only one who fulfilled all RFP requirements.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to enter into a bank depository service contract with BBVA and authorize the City Manager to execute documents pertaining to the bank depository

and safekeeping services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

8. Receive update on Drainage Master Plan.

Dan Franz and Erica Nordstrom, Halff Engineering – gave a presentation on the progress of the Drainage Master Plan. Halff was contracted by the City of Taylor in December 2019 for preparation of a city-wide drainage master plan. The Master Plan will identify Drainage CIP project and prioritization along with cost estimates and reanalysis of the MDUS rate study. The Master Plan submittal for City review is scheduled for June 2021. Final overall report anticipated for City acceptance in July 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Drainage Master Plan presentation as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. Receive a presentation and discuss the recommendations of the alley inventory and maintenance report prepared by HDR.

Leslie Pollack, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on HDR's alley inventory and maintenance. The City Manager authorized a task order with HDR to prepare a geodatabase of all alleys in the City, perform desktop and field reconnaissance to determine the current condition of the alleys and to provide the results in a GIS format for staff to use to prioritize which alleys need to be addressed first from a maintenance standpoint. HDR found that 8.86 miles of alleys ensure continued maintenance, 4.28 miles need to prioritize for maintenance, and 2.42 miles are candidates for abandonment.

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

10. Consider an interlocal agreement with the Capital Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) related to a grant to prepare a feasibility study for improvements to the Amtrak station in downtown Taylor.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director; Todd Hemmingson and Suzanne Baumgard, HDR Engineering – CARTS was awarded a grant by TXDOT to prepare a feasibility study and concept plan for improvements to the Amtrak station area in downtown Taylor and determined that it would be beneficial to have the City, with the assistance of HDR, manage the project in order to more closely coordinate the work with the City's downtown master plan and to leverage City relationships with Union Pacific Railroad and Amtrak.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to authorize the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement with CARTS and the task order with HDR to complete the feasibility study and concept plan for improvements to the Amtrak station area in downtown Taylor. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

11. Consider appointments and re-appointments to various Boards & Commissions.

Dianna Barker, City Clerk – presented a roster of each board or commission showing the names of the members whose term has expired or who has vacated a seat, the attendance sheet for each board, and applications submitted to fill those seats. City Council reviewed each board and made the following appointments/reappointments:

Airport Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Jeffrey Heyman	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	
James Coggeshall	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	

Council tabled the Airport Advisory Board item pending further information on board requirement.

Animal Control Appeals Board & Shelter Advisory

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Diana Voytek	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Diana Voytek
Lin Crane	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Lin Crane
Dee Dee Yelverton	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Dee Dee Yelverton

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Diana Voytek, Lin Crane, and Dee Dee Yelverton to the Animal Control Appeals Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Library Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Vickie Thornton	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Vickie Thornton
Sharon Pick Naivar	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Sharon Pick Naivar
B.J. Burrow	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	B. J. Burrow

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Vickie Thornton, Sharon Pick Naivar, and B.J. Burrow to the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Rydell. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Main Street Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
Erwin Stauffer	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Erwin Stauffer
Stacey Smith	Resigned	No		Jeff Snyder
Sharla Gola	Term Expiring	No response	No	Doug Moss
John McRae	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	John McRae

Main Street - Members who have NOT met attendance requirements (unexpired terms)

Current Member	Total duly called meetings	# of meetings missed - Excused	# of meetings missed - Unexcused	
Scott Dean	12	0	6	Curie Humphreys
Shannon Grace	12	2	3	Ashley Doss

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Erwin Stauffer and John McRae to the Main Street Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to remove Scott Dean and Shannon Grace from the Main Street Advisory Board due to not meeting the attendance requirements. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to appoint Jeff Snyder, Doug Moss, Curie Humphreys, and Ashley Doss to the Main Street Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Moody Museum Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
Cissie Pierce	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Cissie Pierce
Matthew Plowman	Term Expiring	No		
Gracie Yanez	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Gracie Yanez
Eloise Brackenridge	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Eloise Brackenridge

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Cissie Pierce, Gracie Yanez, and Eloise Brackenridge to the Moody Museum Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Parks & Recreation Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Ginger Schneider	Term Expiring	No		Patrick Tate
David Campise	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	David Campise
Gary Gola	Term Expiring	No		Casey Mummert
Tommy Rojas, Student Rep	Resigned	No		Casey Weison

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint David Campise to the Parks & Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Patrick Tate and Casey Mummert to the Parks & Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Casey Weison to the Student Representative seat. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Don McAlister	Term Expiring	No		Amy Everhart
Annette Maruska	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Annette Maruska
Rick Selin	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Rick Selin

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote on appointing Amy Everhart to replace Don McAlister. Vote carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to reappoint Annette Maruska. Vote carried 3 to 2 with Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson and Councilmember Ariola voting naye.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to reappoint Rick Selin. Vote carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola voting naye.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to appoint Michael Prillaman. Vote failed 0 to 5.

Public Arts Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Brent Humphreys	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Brent Humphreys
Bryan Richie	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Bryan Richie

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Brent Humphreys and Bryan Richie to the Public Arts Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

TEDC (Taylor Economic Development Corp)

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Dwayne Ariola	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Dwayne Ariola
Clark Jackson	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Sam Dowdy Sr.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to appoint Sam Dowdy Sr. to the TEDC Board. Vote carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Drummond voting naye.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to appoint Tia Stone to the TEDC Board. Vote failed 1 to 4 with Councilmember Drummond voting yes.

Mayor Rydell called for a roll call vote to reappoint Dwayne Ariola to the TEDC Board. Vote carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Garcia voting naye.

Tree Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Brian Lawrence	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Brian Lawrence
Nancci Phillips-Burgess	Term Expiring	Yes	Yes	Nancci Phillips-Burgess
Julie Rydell	Resigned			

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to reappoint Bria Lawrence and Nancci Phillips-Burgess to the Tree Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Suzanne Bice	Term Expiring	Yes		Suzanne Bice
Michael Prillaman, alternate	Term Expiring	Yes		Michael Prillaman
VACANT, alternate				Carey Gambrell
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Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Suzanne Bice and Michael Prillaman to the ZBA, and to appoint Carey Gambrell as an alternate on the ZBA. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell stated Council will not be discussing Executive Session I, Prospect Farms. Mayor Rydell read Executive Session items II and III and adjourned into closed session at 8:43pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas, and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

- a. Prospect Farm

Executive Session II. 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.

- a. FERMA LLC et. Al. v. City of Taylor

Executive Session III. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive session under 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of public officer or employee.

- a. City Attorney

Council reconvened into regular/open session at 10:04pm.

12. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk

