

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson (6:05pm)
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Mayor Brandt Rydell

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Recognize outgoing Board and Commission members.**

Mayor Rydell presented certificates of appreciation to Mary Chapa and Stephen Truex.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson arrived at this point.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen communications.

BOARDS & COMMISSION UPDATE

2. **Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee update.**

Melanie Rathke, Board Chair – gave a presentation on the progress of the animal shelter.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Animal Control Appeals Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approve minutes from the November 16, 2021 special called City Council meeting, the November 18, 2021 rescheduled City Council meeting, and the November 29, 2021 special called City Council meeting.**
4. **Concur with preliminary financials for October 2021.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2021-37, FY2021 4th quarter Budget amendment.**
6. **Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action on a real estate contract with BMT for the Justice Center project.**
7. **Consider approving Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County regarding participation in the design and construction related to County Road 401.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

8. **Hold public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2022-01, adopting a redistricting map.**
Gunnar Seaquist, Bickerstaff Heath Law Firm - A public hearing was held on November 18, 2021 to received comments and questions on the redistricting process and Illustrative plan-redistricting map. No changes were made to the map. This is a second opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed plan/map. The total deviation with this plan is 7.16%.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:17p.m. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:18p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES FOR TAYLOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS BASED ON 2020 CENSUS DATA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This is the first reading. No action was taken.

9. **Introduce Ordinance 2021-36 regarding a petition for the inclusion of land in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.**
Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - The City received a petition from Samsung for the voluntary inclusion of land within the City's ETJ. This is the first step to annexation per the development agreement with Samsung.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-36

AN ORDINANCE EXPANDING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 42.022 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE THROUGH A VOLUNTARY REQUEST OF THE OWNER THAT THE OWNER'S PROPERTY BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; AND HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

This is the first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. **Receive presentation from Retail Coach regarding data analysis and recruitment services.**
Aaron Farmer, Retail Coach - gave a presentation on data analysis and recruitment services they provide.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the presentation as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

11. Consider a task order with HDR Engineering related to development review services for the Samsung project.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – this task order with HDR is for development review and inspection services related to the development of the Samsung project per a development agreement with Samsung that requires the City to designate resources and create expedited processes for review, approval and inspection services related to site development and building construction activities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve Task Order No. 23 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Taylor Housing Authority update on Affordable Housing Development.

Ebby Green and Cheryl Webster, Taylor Housing Authority Director – gave a presentation on the tasks/programs of the Taylor Housing Authority.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update from the Taylor Housing Authority as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider City sponsored and co-sponsored event calendar for FY2022.

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager – presented an event calendar for FY2022 and requested the following events be added to the calendar: Juneteenth (June 19th) and Taylor Pride Day (last Saturday in June).

Mayor Rydell allowed a citizen comment.

Ms. Lewis, Taylor Pride – thanked Council for their support and request some level of co-sponsorship from the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the FY2022 sponsored and co-sponsored event calendar as presented and to add Juneteenth and Taylor Pride Day to the calendar. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discussion on debt issued CIP (Capital Improvement Projects).

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation on the Debt Funded Capital Improvement Plan for 2022 and the potential projects to be funded by the tax-supported debt to be issued in March 2022.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the CIP presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider approving six-month lease agreement extension with Taylor American Legion.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - The Taylor American Legion leases property in Murphy Park located at 1310 Sycamore Street, for the building the Legion owns. The first lease for this started in 1929 and has been renewed in 1960, 1980 and 2000. The lease expires on December 31, 2021 and needs to have a temporary six-month renewal, while negotiations continue on the longer term lease.

Councilmember Ariola and Councilmember Garcia stayed for discussion but abstained from voting due to being a member of the American Legion but with no financial interest.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the six-month lease extension as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 3 to 0.

16. Consider Leave and Holiday policy Update.

LaShon Gros, Human Resources Director - Based on the review of the leave policy, staff recommends policy changes that balance the mission of the City of Taylor and quality of life for the employee. The recommended changes are:

- Employees accrue leave bi-weekly instead of monthly
- Employees have a maximum leave accumulation instead of a maximum carry over for vacation leave
- Changed verbiage to Military Leave Accounts to match Texas Local Government Code (TLGC) 143.
- Increase emergency leave from 3 days to 5 days in the event of a death of an employee's immediate family.
- Add Juneteenth as a holiday. Juneteenth became a Federal Holiday on June 18, 2021.
- Change Compensatory Time Policy for Fire and Police Departments to state overtime will be paid unless comp time approved by department head.
- Change holiday leave policy for police and fire. Police, fire, and communications officers will be paid any unused holiday leave accruals at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the changes to the Leave and Holiday policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

17. Receive presentation on city's preparedness for winter storm event.

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief – provided an update on the City's preparedness for a potential winter storm event and additional planned mitigation measures to include a secondary water supply, additional generators, four-wheel drive vehicles, and install an above ground diesel storage tank at the WWTP for generators and vehicles.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the winter storm preparedness presentation as presented and authorize a draw up to \$55,000 from fund balance to expedite recommended mitigation measures and \$80,000.00 to purchase two portable generators. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk