

City of Taylor
Special Called City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 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 Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson

Others attending the Executive Session: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager/Development Services
Director

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizen communications submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. **Receive, consider and take any appropriate action on an update on public health related matters and concerns pertaining to the Winter Storm Disaster.**

Fire Chief Baum – gave a presentation on the recent winter storm event and the city’s response to the event. The City experienced eight consecutive days of below freezing temperatures with nighttime temperatures in the single digits. The city experienced power outages and disruption of water distribution. The Incident Command System and virtual Emergency Operations Center was implemented. After-action report will be forthcoming. Councilmember Ariola requested answers to a list of questions he would like staff to ask the BRA.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the winter storm disaster update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

2. **Consideration and possible action to approve Resolution R21-07, ratifying the Disaster Declaration signed February 15, 2021 and consenting to its continuation for a period of more than seven days.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - On February 15, 2021 Mayor Rydell declared a local state of disaster for the City due to the severe winter weather conditions experienced by the city. Resolution R21-07 ratifies the Disaster Declaration signed February 15, 2021 by Mayor Rydell and provide consent from the Council to continue the declaration through March 31, 2021, or until the statewide disaster declaration signed by Governor Greg Abbott on February 12, 2021, is terminated, whichever date is later.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R21-07 extending the disaster declaration through March 31, 2021 or until the statewide disaster declaration signed by Governor

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Greg Abbott on February 12, 2021 is terminated, whichever date is later. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk