

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
December 8, 2022 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
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. Receive donation from the Taylor International BBQ Cookoff.

Tim Mikeska - Taylor International BBQ cookoff committee presented a donation of \$500 dollars toward improvements at Murphy Park.

Mayor Rydell announced that agenda item 13 will be postponed pending further review.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jason Danek, 1651 CR 374 – concerned about his property (in ETJ) being in a planned restricted growth area.

Kevin Stuart, 511 Washburn St. – disappointed in city staff's lack of reaction to his inquiries.

Jeannetta McCoy, 600 Lizzie – appreciates Council's work and dedication and is concerned about citizens disrespecting Council.

Albert Liles, 1800 Mallard St. – disappointed with the way the City handled the Christmas parade.

Diana Dietz, 540 CR421 – gave her 3-minutes to Mr. Liles. Mr. Liles requested TAMA remain in control of parade.

Shane Allen, 707 Lizzie – recited Bible scriptures and described what Christians believe.

Regina Baker – thanked the Council for their assistance in creating a parade she could participate in and recognizing them.

Craig Eulenfeld, 1618 Laurel St. – TAMA not trying to discriminate against people, only their leud behavior.

Robin Barnett, 1150 CR347 – Drag Queens don't belong in Christmas parade.

Wilford Arce II, 4200 Glacier Point Cove – Council has civic duty to include everyone but make the parade about Christmas.

Mary Castle, 1005 Congress Ave. – explained what Government Relations for Texas Values does.

Jeff Ripple, 1517 McLain – encouraged Council to reconsider their parade rules.

Tammy Cheatum, 317 Yemen – all have a right to be included and applauds Council for putting item 13 on the agenda for discussion.

Terry Pierce, 1016 W. 7th – supports the proposed co-sponsor guidelines.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the November 10, 2022 regular Council meeting.**
3. **Concur with preliminary financials for October 2022.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2022-44, Fiscal Year 2022 4th Quarter Budget Amendment.**
5. **Consider approving a task order with HDR for the update of the Engineering Manual.**
6. **Consider selecting Langford Community Management Services for administration and planning services to complete a grant application through the Resilient Communities Program from the Texas General Land Office.**
7. **Consider approving purchase of Fire Squad Truck (Fire Department); Gradall XL3100 V 4x4 w/ Bucket (Streets); Freightliner M2-106 Dump Truck 12 yd (Streets); Case SR240B Skid Steer (Parks & Recreation); Freightliner M2-106 Dump Truck 8 yd (Utility Maint.); Case 589NEP Backhoe (WWTP); Chevrolet Tahoe 9C1 PPV (Police).**
8. **Consideration of proposal from HDR Engineering for the Airport Lift Station Improvements.**
9. **Consideration of proposal for HDR Engineering for the FM 619 Waterline Relocation**

Councilmember Ariola requested item 8 be pulled for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items 2,3,4,5,6,7, & 9 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Consideration of proposal from HDR Engineering for the Airport Lift Station Improvements.**

Councilmember Ariola asked why the rush to spend money on something that's going to be obsolete within a few years if going to expand into larger area. Jacob Walker explained rainwater flows into wet well. This fixes that problem and doubles the LUE's.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda item #8 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

10. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2023-01 regarding an amendment to the Transportation Master Plan of the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**
Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – This ordinance will enable the development of roadways appropriate to fulfill the Comprehensive goals for this area which is designated for Intended Growth and achieve proper connectivity and enhanced infrastructure to accommodate potential industrial type traffic proposed for the area. The Planning & Zoning Commission unanimously approved request.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 7:02PM. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 7:02PM.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING
THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION
MASTER PLAN THOROUGHFARE CLASSIFICATION TO**

DESIGNATE SOUTHPARK BOULEVARD AS A COMMUNITY BOULEVARD, INDUSTRIAL DRIVE AS A NEIGHBORHOOD AVENUE, AND REMOVE A SECTION DESIGNATED AS NEIGHBORHOOD AVENUE ALONG DOGWOOD CIRCLE WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF DOGWOOD CIRCLE AND INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1903 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE, CONSISTING OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED ROADWAYS IN AND ADJACENT TO TAYLOR SOUTHPARK SUBDIVISION ONE, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE PLAN; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE;

First reading of ordinance. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. Presentation and discussion regarding Lake Drive traffic & speed study.

Citizen communication: Kathe Forrest, 2600 Donna Dr. – concerned about speeding in Taylor and gave Council some ideas to stop speeding.

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation of summary results of intersection traffic studies and speed studies along West Lake Drive as well as to discuss general speed control strategies. The studies collected traffic counts and analyzed the geometric and safety aspects of the three intersections.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Lake Drive traffic and speed study update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider awarding contract for Heritage Square Splash Pad repairs.

Tyler Bybee, P&R Director – Due to the outer panels on the east and west sides of the pad settling causing the water to bypass the drains to the seat wall. Kraftsman proposed two options, repair the existing leaks, provide new surfacing and add perimeter drain around the pad, or full replacement of the pad.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Option 2 and approve the quote from Kraftsman Commercial Playgrounds for full replacement of the Splash Pad and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Approve guidelines for public events seeking co-sponsorship status with the City.

Item pulled pending further review.

Council took a break at 7:46PM.

Reconvened at 7:52PM.

14. Receive an update from Simplecity Design on the Development Ordinances project.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – Introduced Matt Lewis and Meredith Johnson with Simplecity Design who gave a presentation on the status of the development ordinances project. Council is in agreement with the direction they are going in and should get first look at revised ordinances within next few months.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Simplecity Design update on the Development Ordinances project as presented.. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Consider pavement striping options for 2nd, 4th and Mallard, and updates to the downtown improvements.

Jacob Walker and Leslie Pollock, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on striping options for 2nd, 4th, and Mallard as part of the street maintenance projects, as well as a brief update on the downtown improvement projects.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Option 2 for Mallard Ln. , 2nd St., and 4th St. restriping with additional safety measures and receive the downtown projects update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Receive update on City's preparedness for a winter storm event.

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief – gave a presentation providing Council with an update on the City's preparedness for a potential winter storm event.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the City's winter storm event preparedness update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session items, announced that Executive Session III will be postponed, and adjourned into closed session at 9:11PM.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code regarding economic development negotiations and considering financial or other incentives to a business prospect that the City seeks to have locate in or near the City of Taylor.

- a. Project Ujj

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. Justice Center update
- b. City of Taylor v. Groba Cause No. 15-0119-C26

Executive Session III. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding a personnel matter.

- a. City Manager Evaluation

17. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

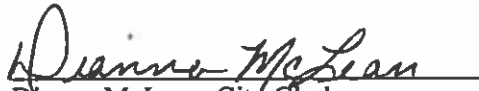
Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 10:29PM.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk

Small towns in Texas are using aggressive ticketing strategies on speeding drivers to raise revenue for their budgets. The Houston Chronicle analyzed traffic stop and ticketing numbers reported to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to identify which Texas police departments' officers pulled over the most drivers. Small towns situated on busy high-speed thoroughfares where speed limits quickly dropped and departments with fewer than a dozen officers were characteristic of the state's most aggressive traffic enforcers.

You can read the full text [here](#).

Key Findings:

- In 2019, Texas was amongst the country's top states with communities whose budgets depended heavily on collecting traffic fines.
- In 2020, the city of Corrigan was amongst the most aggressive enforcers in Texas; the town's 12 police officers pulled over 8,100 motorists – 600 per officer. Officers averaged more than 500 stops a year in only .04 percent of the cities analyzed.
- The money the city of Palmer collected from fines made up 40% of its 2019-2020 general funds.
- The city of Lott raised \$651,251 from municipal court fines, which is equal to over a third of its general fund.
- In Riesel, 87 percent of motorists who were stopped in 2020 drove away with a ticket. These tickets made up over 50 percent of the town's general fund.
- To curb aggressive ticketing, Texas prohibits towns with less than 5,000 people from using radars. Municipalities that generate more than 20 percent of their annual revenue from speed enforcement must report their earnings; if it rises above 30 percent, the extra must be turned over to the state.
- Although setting ticketing quotas is illegal in Texas, officers said they recently faced consequences if they didn't cite enough drivers for traffic violations.