

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 9, 2023, 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
Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

The invocation was given by Father Alberto.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- A. The Cholangiocarcinoma Awareness Proclamation was read by Councilmember Ariola. It was presented to John McDonald. Mr. McDonald was very appreciative of the recognition. He was accompanied by Candace Tice, representative of the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation and Meredith.
- B. The Black History Month Proclamation was read by Councilmember Garcia, who asked the rest of Council to join him. The proclamation was accepted by Pastor Davis. Mr. Davis said a few words about his beliefs and his service to the Taylor community.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen communications.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that the Council may act on with one single vote. Any Council member may pull any item from the Consent Agenda to discuss and act upon individually on the Regular Agenda.)

1. Approve minutes from the January 26, 2023, regular City Council meeting.
2. Consider Resolution R23-05 calling for a May 6, 2023, general election.
3. Concur with preliminary financials for December 2022.
4. Consider Resolution R23-04 authorizing the submission of a grant application through the Resilient Communities Program managed by the Texas General Land Office
5. Consider Ordinance 2023-05 Amend fee schedule.
6. Consider Ordinance 2023-06 Amend FY23 budget.
7. Consider Resolution R23-08 Authorizing the Police Department to apply for and if awarded accept a Grant for the position of Victim Services Coordinator
8. Consider Resolution R23-06 authorizing the City Manager to execute a Property Exchange Agreement for the exchange of real property between the City of Taylor and David Legere.
9. Discuss, consider, and take appropriate action authorizing City Manager to execute James Construction Group, LLC's Change Order 4 to Williamson County's CR 401

Reconstruction Project adjusting city waterline and authorizing reimbursement of Williamson County in the amount of the change order.

10. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 to FM 973 Water and Wastewater Line Improvements Project with D. Guerra Construction, LLC.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items as presented.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

There were no Public Hearings/Ordinances

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. Receive the Annual Racial Profiling Report.

Chief Fluck presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report. He stated that he had found an error and had made the correction prior to the presentation. He apologized for the error.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson said "Thank you" to Chief Fluck.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the Annual Racial Profiling Report as presented.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider approving amendment #1 to task order 29 with HDR Engineering for development review and inspection services related to the Samsung project.

Assistant City Manager, Tom Yantis, explained why the amendment was now needed, regarding the initial task orders with a third party and the other with HDR. Now that the third party is up to speed, The amendment to Task Order 1 allows HDR to begin the plan review and third-party inspections for the Samsung facility.

Motion made by Councilman Garcia to Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order 29 with HDR Engineering for development review and inspection services related to the Samsung project.

Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Update from Chief Baum to review the Emergency Management Plan. Emergency Operations Center, and response regarding the severe winter weather conditions.

Chief Baum made his presentation regarding the Emergency Management Plan for the City of Taylor. He focused on the differences between this winter storm and the February 2021 winter storm. During this winter storm there was ice accumulation which caused down power lines and tree branches. In the 2021 Winter Storm there were power outages, frozen pipes and 8 inches of snow.

Council Comments

Councilman Ariola wanted to know when Oncor would come and provide an update to Council. Mr. LaBorde said there was not a date yet. He proceeded to commend staff, Public Works, and Mr. LaBorde in their efforts to mobilize the clean-up. He also mentioned that this time there was no constant communications like on the 2021 Winter Storm. There were internal meetings and updates on social media.

Mayor Pro Tem Anderson praised the city for partnering with St. James Episcopal Church to provide shelter for those residents that needed a place to stay. He commended Public Works Director Jim Gray, Director of Finance Jeff Wood, and City Manager Brian LaBorde.

Councilman Garcia thanked City Staff, Streets Department, Parks and Rec, Water Department, and Fire Department, Jeff Wood, Jeff Jenkins, and City Manager, Brian LaBorde. He also commended Oncor for bringing in trucks from other parts of the country to assist.

Councilman Drummond thanked staff.

City Manager, Brian LaBorde, provided additional updates like the brush curb side pickup and the Welch site for drop off. In regard to hauling, the city is partnering with Waste Connections, but it is not enough. The city is looking to contract with a third party who has more trucks and more personnel.

Councilman Ariola asked what about those residents that had their brush picked up already, will they come back again? What about those residents that have large piles and the truck's arm can only go so far.

Mr. LaBorde responded that the trucks will come back to make sure everything is picked up. The city will encourage the residents to keep pushing their brush as close to the curb as possible.

Mr. LaBorde also mentioned that there were many entities that stepped in to help. There will be an appreciation luncheon for all those who assisted the city in the near future.

Motion made by Councilman Ariola to Receive the update for the Emergency Management Plan, Emergency Operations Center, and response regarding the severe winter weather conditions. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson. Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 6:47 pm.

Executive Session I. 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. Special Events

Executive Session II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.072 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.

- b. Justice Center update

14. Take any action regarding Executive Sessions I and II

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:07 pm

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant