

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
January 26, 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jose Flores TISD Boys Soccer Coach, spoke in support of the project for a soccer mini pitch at Murphy Park

Coach Gibson, TISD Girls Soccer Coach, spoke in support of the project for a soccer mini pitch at Murphy Park

Tyson Reton, Highschool Senior spoke in support of the project for a soccer mini pitch at Murphy Park

Ivan Aguilar, Highschool Senior spoke in support of the project for a soccer mini pitch at Murphy Park

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 12, 2023 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approving one-year lease agreement extension with Taylor American Legion in Murphy Park.**
3. **Ratify City Manager's re-appointment of Tammy Sharp to the Civil Service Commission.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2023-03 granting Universal Natural Gas, LLC non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Taylor.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2023-04, PZ-2022-1593, regarding a request for a specific use permit to allow a liquor store on approximately 1.698 acres of land, addressed as 3311 West Second Street, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R432726, part of and out of the H.G. Johnson Survey, Abstract No. 348, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
6. **Approve procurement policy as required for selecting and contracting with professional service providers for Federal Transportation Alternative Program Projects.**
7. **Consider First Amended and Restated Emergency Service Organizations Agreement with Williamson County.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilman Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. Ordinance 2023-05 Amend fee schedule

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer- This ordinance is an amendment to the fee schedule presented during the budget time. The water and wastewater impact fees were inadvertently omitted. This amendment puts them back on the fee schedule.

The City Attorney reads the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-36 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

9. Ordinance 2023-06 Amend FY23 budget

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer- Presented the 1st Quarter Budget Amendment for FY 2023 to make sure it is reflecting the activity that is actually occurring during the fiscal year

The City Attorney reads the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-32 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER CITY FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. Receive TxDOT area road project updates. (Brian LaBorde/John Peters, PE, TxDOT Area Engineer/Christen Eschberger, PE, HNTB Williamson County Road Bond Program)

Brian LaBorde, City Manager, introduced John Peters to present the annual report on area road projects

John Peters, TxDOT Engineer spoke about the growth in Williamson County and the traffic challenges it brings

Brenda Guerra, TxDOT Director of Transportation Operations, she spoke about the increase in traffic accidents in Williamson County and the safety program. She brought goody bags with safety information to share with Council and audience in attendance.

Christen Eschberger HNTB Engineer, overseeing County Road Bond Program, she provided an update on the FM 3349 and 973 as well as other projects.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the TxDOT area road project updates.

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

- 11. Consider Resolution R23-03 to Apply for Grant through the US Soccer Foundation and authorize the City Manager or their designee to act on behalf of the city on the grant application and execution of the project**

Tyler Bybee, Director of Parks and Recreation, spoke about applying for a grant to convert two basketball courts into a soccer mini pitch court.

Dr. Aaron Rochlen, Soccer Assist founder, spoke about Soccer Assist, a non-profit organization that provides high level soccer opportunities, safe places to play for under-served youth in Central TX communities

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve Resolution R23-03 and authorize to apply for grants through the US Soccer Foundation and authorize the City Manager or their designee to act on behalf of the city on the grant application and execution of the project.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Consider Ordinance 2023-02 amending Chapter 19 "Offenses - Miscellaneous" to include regulations on camping in public areas and a policy for trespass warnings on city property.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager introduced Chief Fluck to provide information and context of the ordinance

Chief Fluck, Chief of Police, explained how this ordinance dealt with the behavior of the individual. This is not to criminalize the homeless. Being homeless is not a crime. The ordinance deals with criminal trespass in city property and camping on public property.

Citizen Communications

Tammy Cheatum (317 Yemen Rd.) does not support the camping ordinance

Lisa Drummond (211 Hosack) does not support the camping ordinance and asks council to come up with an alternative solution

Council discussion

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson to approve Ordinance 2023-02 amending Chapter 19 "Offenses-Miscellaneous" to include regulations on camping in public areas and a policy for trespass warnings on city property.

Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 1. Councilmember Drummond opposing

Council took a break at 7:46 pm

Council reconvened at 7:53 pm

- 13. Acceptance for the St. David's two-year grant funding mental health initiatives at the Taylor Public Library.**

Karen Ellis, Library Director presents St. David's mental health initiatives like yoga and other wellness programs.

Council discussion

Motion by Councilmember Garcia to accept the St. David's two-year grant funding for mental health initiatives at the Taylor Public Library.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carries unanimously.

14. Receive update on sidewalk grant applications through the TXDOT Transportation Alternative grants program.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager briefly explained the advantages for applying for the alternative grants.

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering-Mr. Walker spoke about the various locations where the sidewalks would be added for connectivity.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Anderson to receive the update on the sidewalk grant application through the TxDOT Transportation Alternative grants program.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carries unanimously.

15. Consideration of proposal from HDR Engineering for the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Train No. 2 Supplemental Carbon Feed and Solids Handling Project.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director- briefly described that this project has to do with the inflow of water coming from Samsung in the next two years.

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineer- explained that this process is to add organics to the water coming from Samsung before it gets to the treatment plant.

Motion by Councilmember Garcia to accept the proposal from HDR Engineering for the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Train No. 2 Supplemental Carbon Feed and Solids Handling Project.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carries unanimously

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:24 pm.

Executive Session 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. Potential ESD expansion into City of Taylor Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

16. Reconvene into regular/open session no action was taken

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 8:53 pm

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant