

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
January 14, 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 or staff present in City Hall: No one.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

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

City Manager Brian LaBorde introduced the new Human Resources/Civil Service Director Lashon Gros. Finance Director Jeff Wood introduced the new Assistant Finance Director Sarah Richardson.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from December 10, 2020 regular Council meeting and the December 21, 2020 special called Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for November 2020.**
3. **Consider Approving Resolution R21-01 approving the City Investment Policy and Investment Strategy.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2021-01 amending the Sign Ordinance.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2021-02 Amending the Subdivision Ordinance for Updates to Pavement Design Criteria and associated elements of the Engineering Manual.**

Councilmember Ariola requested to pull item 4 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to approve consent agenda items 1,2,3,5, and 6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

4. **Consider consenting to creation of the proposed Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17.**

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief explained the proposal of a new ESD in Pflugerville to assist funding their programs. This item came before Taylor City Council due to a small portion of the ESD in Taylor's ETJ. This new district will have no impact on the citizens of Taylor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve consent agenda item #4 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

7. **Hold Public Hearing and Introduce Ordinance 2021-03 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 0.41 acres, addressed as 1902 Old Granger Rd., from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to Local Business Zoning District (B-1).**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - The applicant is proposing to re-zone approximately 0.41 acres, 1902 Old Granger Road, for a future medical office. The current zoning of the property is Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1). The new owner is requesting a change of zoning to a commercial district (B-1) which does permit medical offices. The Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommended approval.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:11pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:12pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 0.41 ACRES, ADDRESSED AS 1902 OLD GRANGER ROAD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R019559; AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE AS PART OF AND OUT OF J. PHARRASS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 495, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT (R-1) TO LOCAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT (B-1); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. **Receive presentation regarding the Housing Stability Working Group.**
Pastor Jeff Ripple, Tiffany Price, and Debbie Hoffman of the Taylor Area Ministerial Alliance (TAMA) gave a presentation showing the findings and recommendations of a working group that met throughout 2020 to address the issue of homelessness and housing instability.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Housing Stability Working Group presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. **Consider rental usage agreement for Dickey Givens Community Center.**
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - presented and briefly went over a usage policy and a fee structure for the new Dickey-Givens Community Center. The Center is estimated to be ready to open in about 5 weeks. Staff to make some small revisions/additions and bring back to Council at a future date for consideration. No action taken.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to table this item. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. Approve Contract with Seapine Consulting for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion services.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – gave a presentation on the process of acquiring a consultant to assist with developing and implementing a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program. The City received one bidder, Seapine Consulting. Funding will come from fund balance until alternate funding or additional revenues are identified.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to approve the selection of Seapine Consulting for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion services and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

11. Consider approval of a Wastewater Cost Participation Development Agreement between the City and Townbridge Homes, LLC and Castlewood Developers, LLC regarding the oversizing of wastewater facilities in connection with the development of the Castlewood subdivision.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – requested approval of a wastewater oversizing development agreement between the City and the developer/owner of the Castlewood subdivision that would direct the Developer to oversize the wastewater line from a 12-inch line to an 18-inch line which will serve additional properties in the area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement between Townbridge Homes and Castlewood Developers, accept the wastewater oversizing cost estimate of \$50,936.56 and determine the method used for reimbursement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

12. Receive first quarter financial update.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation that presented a financial summary of the first quarter revenues for FY2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the first quarter financial update as presented and direct staff to develop an ordinance to meet the 90% compensation study numbers. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

13. Consider approving Resolution R21-02, authorizing an application to the Economic Development Association (EDA) for Federal Assistance through the EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) Program.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – presented Resolution R21-02 to submit an application to the EDA-Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Program for grant funding for economic development. Grant funding would go towards (RCR) sanitary sewer service west of Carlos G. Parker Blvd that will allow for future development along Hwy 79. The application will request approximately 20% funding (\$1.5 million) of the total project costs of \$7 million.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve Resolution R21-02 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items. City Council adjourned into executive session at 7:57p.m.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas, and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

a. Project Spring

City Council reconvened into regular session at 9:03p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk