

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**January 12, 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  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

**INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**1. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day proclamation.**

Mayor Rydell read the proclamation and presented it to Shorty Mitchell.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Mary DeLaRosa – spoke on needed pay raises for Library staff.

Kathe Forrest – spoke on needed pay raises for Library staff.

Mayor Rydell suggested moving item #13 up on the agenda to accommodate many citizens in attendance for this item; Council concurred.

**13. Receive a presentation from Lionheart Places and provide direction regarding an update to the Comprehensive Plan Restricted Growth Sector and related elements.**

Rebecca Leonard with Lionheart Places – gave a presentation presenting the findings from the public engagement process and recommendations for revisions to the comprehensive plan. Recommendations are to Refine the Growth Sectors Map and Descriptions, Update Future Land Use Map, Modify Implementation Strategy #5, Create a new Strategy for Special Utility and Financing Districts in the ETJ, Describe the Update Process, and provide Consistency Language Updates.

**Citizen communications:**

Bill Albert – suggested staff create literature explaining changes to the comp plan and slow down the process.

John Kitsmiller – concerned for landowners by Samsung not being able to sell their property.

Mark DeLoach – suggested working with developers.

Cy Angelloz – feels government benefits from large companies but limits landowner sales.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to receive the Lionheart presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Approve minutes from the December 8, 2022 regular City Council meeting.
3. Concur with preliminary financials for November 2022.
4. Consider Ordinance 2023-01 regarding an amendment to the Transportation Master Plan of the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.
5. Consider Resolution R23-01 approving the City Investment Policy and Investment Strategy.
6. Consider approving a Cooperative Purchasing Interlocal Agreement with Baytown.
7. Consider approving Resolution R23-02 awarding bid for the construction of HOME program houses.
8. Consider approving purchase of a Dodge Charger replacement #303 (Police Department), a Herbicide Spray Truck addition (Streets & Grounds), a 1-ton Truck addition (Streets & Grounds for MDUS), a 1 ton Truck addition (Streets & Grounds for TUF), a 1 ton Truck replacement #615 (Utility Maintenance), a ¾ ton Truck replacement #561 (Streets & Grounds), a ¾ ton Truck replacement #269 (Building Maintenance), a ½ ton Truck replacement #616 (Utility Admin), and a ½ ton Truck 4x4 addition (Airport).
9. Consider approving delivery charge for Gradall XL3100 V 4x4.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES**

10. Consider introducing 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 - purpose of the ordinance is to address a noticeable increase in encampments and loitering on public properties or within public facilities causing vandalism or destruction of public property and provides for a program to address offenses on public properties.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 ENTITLED "OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING IN PUBLIC AREAS AND A POLICY FOR TRESPASS WARNINGS ON CITY PROPERTY; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

11. Consider introducing Ordinance 2023-03 granting Universal Natural Gas, LLC non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Taylor.

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - Universal Natural Gas, LLC., (UNIGAS) is a regulated natural gas distribution entity on file with the Texas Railroad Commission. Their initial development is

to serve RCR Logistics Park but potentially grow their services within the City of Taylor. This is the first franchise agreement for this company with the City of Taylor.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO UNIVERSAL NATURAL GAS, LLC (d/b/a UNIVERSAL NATURAL GAS, INC.) AND ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AND RIGHT TO ENTER THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, EXTEND, REMOVE, REPLACE, ABANDON, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN, ALONG, ACROSS, OVER AND UNDER THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS FOR THE TRANSPORTATION, DISTRIBUTION AND/OR SALE OF GAS TO CUSTOMERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN THE CITY; DEFINING THE WORDS AND PHRASES THEREIN; PROVIDING FOR ASSIGNMENT, SALE OR LEASE OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR USE AND REPAIR OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF SERVICE; ESTABLISHING DEPTH OF PIPELINES; ESTABLISHING RIGHTS AND DUTIES IN THE MOVEMENT AND ALTERATION OF PIPELINES; PROVIDING FOR INDEMNIFICATION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTION OF GRANTEE'S RECORDS; REQUIRING GRANTEE TO PAY A FRANCHISE FEE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS OF THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ORDINANCE UPON THE INVALIDITY OF ANY PART THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS FRANCHISE BY GRANTEE AND BOTH AN EFFECTIVE AND AN OPERATIVE DATE THEREOF; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES DIRECTLY IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND PRESCRIBING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

12. **Hold a public hearing and consider introducing 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.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - In order for the applicant to operate a liquor store on the subject property, a specific use permit is necessary to meet the requirements from the City's Zoning Ordinance. The proposed use is compatible with the designation of this property as Area of Minimal Change in a Controlled Growth Sector as identified in the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on December 13, 2022, and unanimously recommended approval of the request.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 7:55pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 7:55pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A LIQUOR STORE GENERALLY LOCATED AT 3311 W. SECOND STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS 1.698 ACRES OF LAND PART OF AND OUT OF THE H.G. JOHNSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 348, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT APPROVED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

**REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION**

- 14. Present recommendation from the Impact Fee Advisory Committee for updated water and sewer impact fees and authorize publication of notice of a public hearing.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - City Council appointed the Planning and Zoning Commission as the capital improvements advisory committee and added Ed Komandosky as the ETJ representative. The committee met to review the proposed capital improvement plans and the associated impact fees and recommend adoption of updated fees.

Grady Reed, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on the Impact Fee Committee’s responsibilities and recommendations.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the presentation from HDR including the recommendation from the Impact Fee Advisory Committee and authorize staff to publish notice of a public hearing to be held February 23, 2023. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 15. Consider Fourth Amendment to the Waste Connections contract, extending the contract date to 2028 and implementing new rates.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - The new Waste Connections Extension will be a five-year contract with a five-year extension after that if the parties agree to the 2<sup>nd</sup> extension. This extension will include new commercial and industrial recycling opportunities. The Committee reviewed our new rates compared to surrounding communities and has recommended accepting the Waste Connections proposal.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to accept the Waste Connections Extension extending to 2028 and new rates as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 16. Receive the Water Distribution Emergency report and consider staff recommendations.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – gave a presentation on the emergency water line repairs during the recent freeze over the Christmas holiday. Due to minimal staff and the extent of the number of repairs, staff is recommending staff position changes to the water department.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Water Distribution Emergency report as presented and add a position for a Crew Leader and two new Maintenance Worker positions*

*and reclassify a crew leader 1 position to a crew leader 2 position. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:29pm.

**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. Potential ESD expansion into City of Taylor Extra Territorial Jurisdiction

**Executive Session II.** 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

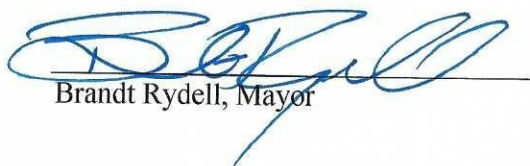
**17. Reconvene into open session and take any action.**

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 9:54pm.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to provide a 12% pay increase to City Manager Brian LaBorde to be effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:55p.m.

  
Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk