

**City of Taylor**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**November 12, 2020 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  
Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola  
Council Member Mitch Drummond  
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Absent: 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.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Approve minutes from the October 22, 2020 regular City Council meeting and the October 22, 2020 special called meeting.**
2. **Concur with Preliminary Financials for September 2020.**
3. **Approve Interlocal Agreement between the City of Taylor Police Department and Williamson County for Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Application.**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve the consent agenda items as presented.  
Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

4. **Introduce Ordinance 2020-21 amending the FY2019-2020 budget.**  
Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation on the budget amendment to have the budget reflect the actual financial activity that has occurred during FY2019-20.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-21**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-12 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 13, 2020, MAKING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; 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.**

First reading, no action taken.

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

5. **Receive the Taylor Chamber of Commerce FY2019 financial review and the FY 2020/2021 Hotel Occupancy Tax budget.**

Tia Stone, Chamber President - This item satisfies a requirement in the Publicity and Tourism Agreement between the City and the Chamber. Ms. Stone gave a presentation on the FY20/21 Chamber budget. The audit presented was preliminary. The Chamber will forward the final audit report as soon as it is completed.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the Chamber of Commerce FY2019 financial review and the FY2020/2021 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

6. **Receive an update from TxDOT regarding Capital Improvement Projects.**

Bobby Ramthun, TxDOT representative – gave a presentation providing an update on the capital improvement projects in the Taylor area.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the TxDOT CIP update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

7. **Consider recommendations from the Main Street Advisory Board and city staff on proposed amendments to the sign ordinance.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – presented recommendations from the Main Street Advisory Board regarding proposed amendments to the sign ordinance related to sign regulations in the Downtown Sign District and additional recommendations from staff regarding political signs on City property. These recommendations are a result of a number of complaints to Code Enforcement about signs in the downtown area that were either unpermitted or were in violation of the City's sign ordinance.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the recommendations from the Main Street Advisory Board as presented and amend the sign ordinance to provide specific details regarding political signs on City property as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

8. **Consider Ordinance 2020-18 amending Sections 4.3 Measurements and Special Circumstances and 9.2 Non-conforming Status of the City of Taylor Zoning Ordinance regarding carports.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – This ordinance is a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to non-conforming carports. Due to the existence of several non-conforming carports, a majority of the P&Z Commission recommend that the Council consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow the owners of existing, non-conforming carports to register with the City, pay for and receive a safety inspection of the carport and consider other criteria such as architectural compatibility. The Commission does not recommend allowing any additional carports to be constructed without meeting the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and building codes.

Council decided to waive the inspection fee for property owners if they register by the deadline, 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2021.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to adopt Ordinance 2020-18 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

9. **Consider Ordinance 2020-19 approving a Specific Use Permit for a liquor store at 619 North Main Street, Lot 3, Block 33, Town of Taylor, consisting of approximately 10,980 square feet, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R015105.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - As COVID-19 has had a negative impact on business, the owner of King's Mini Mart would like to sell liquor so that he may attract a broader customer base. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the request.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to adopt Ordinance 2020-19 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 3 to 1 via roll call vote with Councilmember Drummond opposing.*

10. **Consider awarding bid to construct restroom facility at Robinson Park.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – Six bids were received for this project.

Philip Wanke, Place Designers – gave a presentation on the Robinson Park restroom facility as part of the Valero projects.

Place Designers recommends awarding the contract to Breck General Contracting in the amount of \$188,910.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to award the bid to construct restroom facilities at Robinson Park to Breck General Contracting with a total base bid of \$188,910.00. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items. City Council adjourned into executive session at 7:22p.m.

**Executive Session I.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to conduct deliberations regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- a. Justice Center
- b. 1<sup>st</sup>/Royal easement acquisitions

**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. 4<sup>th</sup> Street Litigation
- b. Wastewater CCN

City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:09p.m.

**11. Take any action regarding Executive Session I and II.**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement, subject to review by the city attorney, authorizing the law firm of Sheets & Crossfield to perform condemnation legal services on behalf of the City of Taylor. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

**ADJOURN**

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10p.m.

  
Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Dianna Barker, City Clerk