

**City of Taylor**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**March 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson  
Council Member Dwayne Ariola  
Council Member Mitchell Drummond  
Mayor Brandt Rydell  
Council Member Robert Garcia

Brian LaBorde, City Manager  
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager  
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney  
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

**Call to Order and Declare a Quorum**

**A Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Citizens Communication**

Richard Stone - public art in City Hall.

**Boards & Commission Presentation**

**1. Moody Museum Board update**

Chairman Susan Komadosky gave a presentation on the Board's recent activities and future plans.

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

**Consent Agenda**

- 2. Approve minutes from the March 14, 2024 regular Council Meeting.**
- 3. Consider Adoption of a New City Federal and State Grant Procurement Policy.**
- 4. Consider Amending Current Purchasing Policy.**
- 5. Consider approval of the contract with Lionheart Places, LLC for the Downtown Master Plan update.**
- 6. Consider purchase of Windy Ridge Lift Station pump control panel replacement.**
- 7. Consider awarding contract for Operations and Maintenance of High**

## **Maintenance Landscape Areas.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **Public Hearings / Ordinances**

- 8. Hold a Public Hearing and introduce Ordinance 2024 -17, PZ 2024 -2025 regarding requests to change place type zoning at 4 different lots**

**Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager - The Planning and Zoning Commission made a recommendation to approve each of the individual place type zoning change requests. Two petitions signed by a total of thirteen neighbors to the property in opposition of the requested rezoning was submitted to council.**

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:29pm. With no one appearing the public hearing was closed at 6:29pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17**

**AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE PLACE TYPE ZONING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCELS: R655966 (GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1303 OLD THORNDALE ROAD) AND R655967 (GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1307 OLD THORNDALE ROAD) FROM P2 (RURAL) TO P3 (NEIGHBORHOOD), R017654 (GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1020 HACKBERRY STREET) FROM CS (CIVIC SPACE) TO P4 (MIX) AND R092221 (GENERALLY LOCATED AT 13592 CHANDLER ROAD) FROM P2 (RURAL) TO P2C (RURAL COMMERCIAL); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL PLACE TYPE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE PLACE TYPE ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

- 9. Introduce Ordinance 2024-16 regarding a Revolving Door Policy**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager - This ordinance would create a Revolving Door Policy to mitigate the opportunity for and appearance of self-interested action by former City officials and former employees.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF**

**TAYLOR TO CREATE A REVOLVING DOOR POLICY UNDER  
CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;  
PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE.**

First Reading. No action was taken.

**Regular Agenda; Review/Discuss and Consider Action**

**10. Receive presentation with direction to staff from Randall Scott Architects on proposed site plan of Justice Center**

John Heye, Project Manager with HDR Engineering - gave a presentation on the progress of the project.

Randall Scott, Randall Scott Architects - gave a presentation on the placement of the new Justice Center building on the lot and the draft floor plan.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Justice Center site plan presentation as presented and to proceed with the current plan. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**11. Consider submission of grant application to the Department of Homeland Security – FEMA for FY 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program**

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief - The Fire Department is seeking approval to submit a grant application for a federal grant program that provides funding to municipalities to hire firefighters with the intent of meeting National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for minimum staffing.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the submission of the Department of Homeland Security-FEMA staffing grant application as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Receive the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023**

Mike Brooks, BooksWatson & Co. Accounting - presented and gave a brief presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Finance report.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Annual Comprehensive Finance report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

**13. Update on City Wide Spring Cleanup**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - informed the Council of the upcoming spring cleanup event to be held on April 6, 2024.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the citywide cleanup update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.*

**14. Consider approval of FY23-24 Tax-Supported Debt Capital Improvement Projects Work Authorizations**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - Requested Council approve the work authorizations for the Tax-Supported Debt Capital Improvement Projects that were presented to Council at the January 10th Special Called City Council Workshop. These projects were included in our FY2024 Budget CIP as possible future debt or grant funded projects.

**Task Order 47 – Local Flood Reduction Projects - \$542,000.00**

**Task Order 48 – 2024 Street Maintenance Project - \$227,163.21**

**Task Order 49 – 2024 Downtown Streetscape Improvements Project - \$221,533.50**

**Task Order 50 – MLK Sidewalk Project - \$498,396.00**

**Task Order 51 – 2024 CIP Parks Project Management - \$59,978.00**

**Task Order 1 – Fire Station 1 & 2 Design Services - \$481,200.00**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the work authorizations as presented and allow the City Manager to execute all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.*

**Executive Session**

Mayor Rydell read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:00pm.

- 15. 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. 425 Judicial District Court, Williamson County, TX. Cause No. 24-0447-C425**
  - b. Projects Sam and Star**
  - c. Project Rosetta**
  - d. Petition for Di-annexation**

**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 contract**

Mayor Rydell reconvened into open session at 9:53pm. No action was taken.

**Adjourn**

With no further business, Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:53pm.

