

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ariola declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Shelli Cobb
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Cmerek

INVOCATION – Pastor Jimmy Hejl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Parks and Recreation Month proclamation.

Mayor Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to Tyler Bybee and his staff.

Mr. Bybee also introduced and recognized the 6U All Star softball team qualifying for state finals.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Rick Von Pfeil – requested the city replace the large rocks in downtown landscaping with something that can't be thrown into windows.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the May 31, 2024 Council workshop and the June 27, 2024 regular Council Meeting.**
2. **Concur with Monthly Financial Report for May 2024.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2024 -29 for a combined Neighborhood Plan and Employment Center Plan covering approximately 330 acres generally located between US 79, Lorax Lane, and Justin Lane.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2024-31 vacating and abandoning a twenty-foot-wide alley located within Block 4 of the Washington Heights Addition.**
5. **Consider Resolution R24-22 accepting Petitions for Release from the Taylor Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.**
6. **Consider Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund application from Jeff's Resurrections (c/o Jeff Snyder) for a Fire Suppression and Alarm System at 209 East 1st Street.**
7. **Discuss and take possible action on Resolution R24-23 to purchase approximately 0.4051 acres of land generally located at 705 NW Carlos G. Parker Blvd, Taylor, Texas and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to complete the purchase of the real property.**
8. **Consider awarding the contract for management of the Heritage Square Farmers Market.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. Introduce the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – gave a brief overview of the proposed FY2025 budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the preliminary budget as presented as a basis for further discussion. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Consider the Wellness/Recreation Center feasibility study scope and contract.

Tyler Bybee, P&R Director – City Council approved using Barker Rinker Seacat(BRS) Architecture for the planning and design of the wellness center at their April 25th meeting, and gave a presentation on Barker, Rinker, and Seacat. Staff recommend approval of the scope/contract with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture to conduct the Wellness/Recreation Center Feasibility Study.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia approve the scope/contract with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture to conduct the wellness/recreation center feasibility study. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider an Executive Steering Committee for the Wellness and Recreation Center study and make any Steering Committee appointments as needed.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - Taylor is conducting a feasibility study for a Wellness/Recreation Center. As part of the process, an Executive Steering Committee has been recommended to be approved and appointed to assist with the process. Mayor Ariola recommended each Council Member appoint someone to sit on that committee, plus one member from a large employer.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to have each Council Member appoint one person to sit on the committee and to appoint Michele Glaze with Samsung as the large employer member. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Provide a five-year water & wastewater capital improvements plan (CIP) update with added projects and consider reallocating a portion of debt issued for water projects to wastewater projects to address the utility's needs.

Troy St. Tours, HDR Engineering – gave a presentation on the updated five-year water and wastewater CIP with added projects. Changes and adjustments have been made to the five-year CIP to include added wastewater projects to address system needs, added wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) to address TCEQ deficiencies identified, and added waterline replacement projects not previously included (upsizing 2" waterlines, etc.). The updated CIP proposes reallocating approximately \$3.3M from the \$4.1M debt issued for water projects to wastewater projects and use the remaining \$800K from the debt issue for a water project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the updated water and wastewater five-year CIP and authorize the reallocation of \$3.3M from debt issued for water projects to wastewater projects, and use \$800K from the debt issue for a water project. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Consider and provide direction to staff on a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the building permit process audit.

Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager - At the May 2024 City Council retreat, the Council identified the need to review the City's building permit process to identify ways to improve the process for applicants, to shorten review time frames and to make the process more efficient for City staff. Approval to release an RFQ would begin that process.

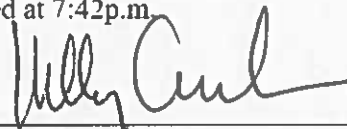
Citizen Communication: Rachael Westerman, Taylor Chamber – commends Council for audit consideration and gave a brief explanation of the Chamber's project of preparing a resource guide for residents and businesses who are planning building projects.

Councilmember Garcia requested this audit revisit the banner sign process.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to authorize the city manager to solicit qualifications from consultants to conduct a permit process audit. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42p.m.



~~Suzanne Ariola~~, Mayor ~~Pro-Tem~~
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ATTEST:



Dianna McLean, City Clerk

