

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
September 12, 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 Pro-Tem Kelly Cmerek
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Shelli Cobb
Council Member Gerald Anderson
Mayor Dwayne Ariola

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Brian LaBorde introduced Scott Dunlop, the new Development Services Director.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Library Card Sign Up Month proclamation.**
Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek read the proclamation and presented it to Karen Ellis, Library Director.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Sue Rendon – concerned about road repairs on 2nd Street and the traffic affecting access to her driveway.

Stacey Stork – requested Council keep a focus on streets and infrastructure in the new budget.

Ian Davis – requested reallocation of money for the mini-golf and would like to see canopy shade.

Janetta McCoy – requested consideration of mini-golf facility.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the August 22, 2024 regular Council Meeting.**
2. **Concur with Monthly Financial Report for July 2024.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2024-39 for a Special Use Permit to allow lodging without a full-time, onsite operator located at 520 W. 10th Street.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2024-40 regarding a request for an Employment Center Plan referred to as Taylor 50, generally located at 369C CR 395.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2024-41 regarding amendments to the City of Taylor Land Development Code to correct errors and provide clarification to the following chapters: Chapter 1 – Intent & General Provisions, Chapter 2 – Development Process, Chapter 3 – Neighborhoods, Additions, Subdivisions, Chapter 4 – Place Type Zoning, Chapter 5 – Private Lot Development Standards, Chapter 6 – Historic Preservation, and Chapter 7 – Definitions.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2024-42 modifying one element of the current noise ordinance relating to hours of construction.**
7. **Consider Approval of Auditing Services for the FY2024 Audit with Brooks Watson & Company.**

8. **Consider amending the annexation development agreement between the City of Taylor and Mark and Cheryl Frederick.**

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

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

9. **Consider Ordinance 2024-36 Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2025.**
Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – presented the ordinance for the final draft of the budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to adopt Ordinance 2024-36 adopting the FY2024/2025 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Mayor Ariola asked the City Clerk to call for a record vote.

Councilmember Anderson voted Yes.

Councilwoman Cobb voted No.

Mayor Ariola voted Yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek voted Yes.

Councilmember Garcia voted Yes.

The motion carried 4 to 1.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – explains that the FY 2025 budget raises \$2,924,500.00 more in revenue from property taxes than the FY 2024 Budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to ratify that the FY 2025 budget raises \$2,924,500.00 more in revenue from property taxes than the FY 2024 Budget. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwoman Cobb opposing.

10. **Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding Fixing and Levying the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for the 2024 Tax Year (FY 2025).**

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – The proposed FY25 Budget is based on a tax rate of \$0.591368 per \$100 of valuation. This tax rate is higher than the no new revenue tax rate, therefore the City is required to hold one public hearing.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:50pm.

Gary Gola

With no one else appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:53pm.

11. **Consider Ordinance 2024-37 Fixing and Levying Ad Valorem Tax for the 2024 Tax Year (FY 2025).**

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – Once the Budget has been adopted, Council must take action to approve the tax rate required to support that budget.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson stating: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by adopting Ordinance 2024-37 with a tax rate of \$0.591368 per \$100 of valuation,

which is effectively a 6.76% increase in the tax rate." Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Mayor Ariola asked the City Clerk to call for a record vote.

Councilmember Anderson voted Yes.

Councilwoman Cobb voted No.

Mayor Ariola voted Yes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek voted Yes.

Councilmember Garcia voted Yes.

Motion carried 4 to 1.

12. Consider Introducing Ordinance 2024-38 Establishing Fees for City Services for Fiscal Year 2025.

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – went over the changes and stated this ordinance is to amend the current fee schedule for FY 2025.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-38

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2023-42
ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 BY CHANGING CERTAIN
RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.**

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

13. Receive an update on the Parks Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Tyler Bybee, Parks & Rec Director – gave a presentation on the completed and future park projects and updates to the Parks Master Plan and CIP plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the update to the Parks Master Plan and CIP plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Consider canceling or rescheduling the October 10, November 28, and December 26, 2024 regularly scheduled City Council meetings.

Dianna McLean, City Clerk – stated that the first regularly scheduled meeting in October conflicts with the TML Annual Conference, the second regularly scheduled meeting in November conflicts with Thanksgiving holidays, and the second regularly scheduled meeting in December conflicts with the Christmas holidays.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to cancel the October 10th, November 28th, and December 26th regularly scheduled Council meetings and to have special called meetings optional. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52p.m.

ATTEST:


Dianna McLean, City Clerk


~~Dwayne Ariola Mayor~~
KELLY CHEREK, MAYOR PRO TEM