

City of Taylor
Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
October 17, 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
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Elizabeth Ashabranner asked City Council to make upgrades to the Animal Shelter presented in the CIP a priority.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. CIP Workshop for the 2025 Debt Issue.

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer introduced Jennifer Ritter of Specialized Public Finance, Inc. She gave a presentation on the role of debt in municipal financing.

Jacob Walker of HDR presented additional information on the preliminary debt-funded improvement projects that were presented during the budget development process along with other projects that have been identified since budget discussions.

During discussions, City Council directed staff as follows:

- Accept street maintenance as presented.
- Add a sidewalk project along the east side of N. Main Street near Carlos G Parker Blvd to enhance pedestrian access across N. Main Street. The proposed budget for the Downtown Master Plan Streetscape Project should be reduced to reflect the cost of the new sidewalk project.
- Accept drainage improvements as presented prioritizing Debus Drive over Otis Street.
- Accept Parks Master Plan Update as presented.
- Prioritize facilities with \$20 million debt issuance: 1.) Public Works facility Option 2 (1403 Welch Street); 2.) Fire Station 2 renovations; do not include Fire Station 1 renovations or the Animal Shelter HVAC update.
- Prioritize facilities with \$25 million debt issuance: 1.) Public Works facility Option 2 (1403 Welch Street); 2.) Fire Station 2 renovations; 3.) Fire Station 1 renovations; do not include the Animal Shelter HVAC update.
- Accept other obligated funds as presented.

Motion was made by Councilor Anderson to receive the CIP 2025 Debt Issue presentation as presented and directed staff to move forward with the identified projects as discussed. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek in opposition.

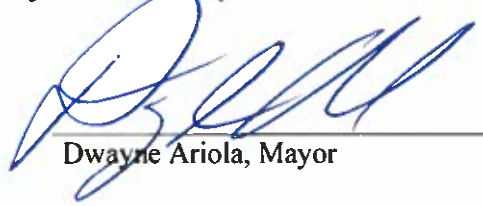
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ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk