City of Taylor

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
October 24, 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
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- **Friends of the Library proclamation**
  Councilwomen Cobb read the proclamation and presented it to Maria Newman, President of the Friends of the Library.

Councilmember Garcia reminded everyone of the Car Show event happening in Taylor, Saturday. Councilmember Anderson reminded everyone of the Williamson County Rodeo event happening in Taylor, this weekend.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Bobby Inman spoke about concerns he has on Mallard Lane.
JD Gins asked City Council to prioritize bike safety and that he supports infill neighborhood.
Jeff Stork spoke about how difficult it is to maneuver large trucks in Taylor and asked City Council to consider larger truck traffic.
Jackie Krueger spoke about concerns she has on Mallard Lane.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the September 26, 2024, regularly scheduled Council meeting and the October 17, 2024, special called Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with Monthly Financial Report for August 2024.**
3. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2024-43 regarding a request for an Infill Neighborhood Plan generally located at 215 Commercial Drive.**
4. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2024-44 regarding a request for an amendment to the Neighborhood Plan referred to as Davis Tract Phase 2, generally located west of Backwood Pass.**
5. **Consider approval of Resolution R24-27 appointing the City Manager as administrator of the HOME Program.**
6. **Consider approval of a purchase order Dell Financial Services for the purchase of replacement computers approved in the FY24-25 Budget.**

7. **Consider approval of the purchase of General Fund Fleet for the Fire Department, Police Department, Animal Control, Streets and Grounds, and Parks and Recreation approved in the FY24-25 Budget.**
8. **Consider approval of the purchase of Enterprise Fund Fleet for Utility Administration, Utility Maintenance, Waste Water Treatment Plant, and Cemetery approved in FY24-25 Budget.**
9. **Consider approval of Amendment No.3 to the agreement for additional construction phase engineering services with HDR, Inc., for grant funded mitigation projects.**
10. **Consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement regarding the participation of the City of Taylor and Williamson County in the design and construction costs related to the Corridor A2 Project.**
11. **Consider approval and issuance of a Purchase Order for hydraulic modifications at the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

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

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

12. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2024-45 regarding a request to allow an Infill Neighborhood Plan generally located at 1120 W. Lake Drive, to modify permitted building types and heights within the P3: Neighborhood Place Type, legally described as approximately 1.24 acres of land situated in Hague Heights, Block One, Lots 8 through 13, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R017151, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
Scott Dunlop, Development Services Director – The applicant is requesting an Infill Neighborhood Plan to change Place Type P3 – Neighborhood with modifications to the allowable building types to exclude cottage court and limit the building height to two-stories to develop the remaining five lots as platted. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the surrounding zoning of neighborhood homes to the north and south immediately adjacent to the subject property. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended by a vote of 6 to 2 approving the Infill Neighborhood Plan request with the following modifications to the P3 Place Type zoning: Grant P3 Place Type excluding attached dwellings, cottage courts, and duplexes; and limiting the building height to two stories.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

Eric Moehnke spoke against the proposal of the applicant.
Cari Farris asked City Council to reconsider approving this request.
Jo Ann Jensen spoke against the ordinance expressing concerns of safety. She requested that environmental and traffic studies be completed.
April Young expressed concerns of flooding in this area and requested that a drainage study be completed.
JD Gins spoke about the need to support infill as it is needed to be able fix streets and grow the tax base; he also added a recommendation to place a stop sign on Lake next to Howard.
David Downs, the applicant, spoke in favor of the request. He was also available to answer questions and provide additional information.
Ricky McDaniel had concerns about starting infill on Lake Drive and bicycling safety on Lake Drive.

The public hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-45

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INFILL NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN ON PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1120 W. LAKE DRIVE, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS HAGUE HEIGHTS ADDITION, BLOCK ONE, LOTS EIGHT THROUGH THIRTEEN, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.24 ACRES OF LAND, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R017151, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action was taken.

Mayor Ariola announced that Item #18 would be next on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

18. **Receive update on 2024 Street Maintenance Update and Striping Alternatives**
Jacob Walker, City Engineer (HDR Engineering) – gave a presentation providing an update on street maintenance and striping alternatives.
The following citizens spoke on the agenda item:
Lisa Drummond asked City Council to prioritize all traffic safety.
Jay Ward supports bike lanes.
Julie Rydell supports bike lanes.
Pam Harper asked City Council to fix the streets of Taylor (all over town) and clean up the mess that was made on Mallard.
During discussions, City Council directed staff as follows:
- Bill Picket – Option 1
- TH Johnson – Option 1
- Lake Drive – Basic Option
- Mallard Lane – Option 3

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the 2024 Street Maintenance and Striping Alternatives update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Garcia in opposition.

Mayor Ariola called for a short recess at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Ariola reconvened the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Ariola announced that Item #13 would be next on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

13. **Receive update on the Downtown Master Plan.**
Tom Yantis, Assistant City Manager introduced Rebecca Leonard with Lionheart who gave a presentation on Downtown Master Plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the Downtown Master Plan update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consider an agreement for Fiber Internet Services from Astound Business Solutions and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement**
Nicole Oman, Internal Services Director introduced Christopher Cox and Delina Anderson with Astound Business Solutions who gave a brief presentation on The Astound Fiber Network.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the agreement for fiber internet services with Astound Business Solutions and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **Consider appointments to the Civil Service Board, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts Advisory Board, and Tree Advisory Board.**
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk – four boards need to have vacated seats filled.

Civil Service Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment		Applicant Appointed by City Manager
Carey Gambrell	Term Expired in January 2024		Louis Cappozzoli

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to confirm the City Manager's appointment of Louis Cappozzoli to the Civil Service Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment		Applicants
Luke Thompson (student)	Graduated		Matthew Rangel

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to appoint Matthew Rangel to fill the vacant seat on the Parks & Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Arts Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment		Applicants
Cayla Cardiff	Resigned		Lauren Glover Lucinda Chapter

Councilmember Anderson nominated Lucinda Chapter.
Councilwoman Cobb nominated Lauren Glover.
Mayor Ariola called for a vote to appoint Lauren Glover to fill the seat. Vote failed 1 to 4.
Mayor Ariola called for a vote to appoint Lucinda Chapter to fill the seat. Vote carried 4 to 1

Tree Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment		Applicants
Susan Carr	Resigned		Pam Harper

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cobb to appoint Pam Harper to fill the vacant seat on the Tree Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried 3 to 0 with Councilmember Anderson and Councilmember Garcia abstaining.

16. **Consider awarding the Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements construction contract to Ranger Excavating and allowing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents**
Jacob Walker, City Engineer (HDR) – The Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements project was advertised for competitive bid. Six (6) bids from construction contractors were received. The apparent low bidder is Ranger Excavating with a bid of $870,725.00. Staff recommends awarding the construction contract for the Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements to Ranger Excavation plus a 25% contingency of $217,681.25, for a total construction cost of $1,088,406.25.

    Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to award the Mustang Creek Drainage Improvements construction contract to Ranger Excavating and authorize the City Manager to sign all necessary documents. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

17. **Consider Task Order 59 with HDR Engineering for the design of the Tammi Lane Sewer Replacement**
Jim Gray, Public Works Director – The Task Order for engineering services includes design, bidding, construction administration and easement acquisition services needed to replace the existing 6-inch sanitary sewer line. Also included is surveying, geotechnical investigation and subsurface utility exploration. The sewer line replacement is consistent with the City's Wastewater Master Plan.

    Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve Task Order 59 with HDR Engineering for the design of the Tammi Lane Sewer replacement project. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek in opposition.

Mayor Ariola read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 9:35 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act including: Section 551.071 (Consult with attorney); Section 551.072 (Real Property); Section 551.073 (Gifts and Donations); Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters); Section 551.076 (Security Devices); and Section 551.087 (Economic Development).

a. Project Ford
b. Taylor Station Development Agreement
c. Project Spear

Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 10:25 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN
With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk