

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

Council or staff present in City Hall: No one.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Mayor Brandt Rydell took a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Arbor Day proclamation.**
Mayor Rydell read the proclamation.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jennifer Betak, CR101 – via written comment, expressed extreme disappointment in county government regarding the FM3349/US79 interchange project.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the October 8, 2020 City Council meeting. (Dianna Barker)**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2020-16 annexing 27.98 acres out of the Parthinia Coursey Survey, addressed as 110 Southpark Blvd., located in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Taylor, Williamson County, Texas. (Tom Yantis)**
4. **Consider sublease of FordTex hangar (Airport) to WC&R LLC. (David Cornelius)**
5. **Consider Resolution R20-26 ratifying and confirming city council action taken September 10, 2020 on which date the city council approved a loan from Government Capital Corporation for the purchase of a 2020 VAC truck from Freightliner of Austin. (Jim Gray)**

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. **Hold a public hearing and consider introducing Ordinance 2020-18 amending Sections 4.3 Measurements and Special Circumstances and 9.2 Non-conforming Status of the City of Taylor Zoning Ordinance regarding carports.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – requested City Council consider a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance related to non-conforming carports. Current non-conforming carports will be required to obtain an inspection.

Councilmember Anderson stated for the record that this process/ordinance did not come from him. It started due to residents contacting Councilmember Anderson and requesting that they be allowed to keep their non-conforming carports instead of having to tear them down.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:11p.m. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:11p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, CHANGING TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, SECTION 4.3 MEASUREMENTS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, BY ADDING A PROVISION FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMITS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS TO ALLOW CARPORTS IN THE FRONT AND STREET SIDE SETBACKS AND SECTION 9.2 NONCONFORMING STATUS, TO ALLOW FOR THE REGISTRATION OF EXISTING NONCONFORMING CARPORTS AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading, no action taken.

7. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2020-19 approving a Specific Use Permit for a liquor store at 619 North Main Street, Lot 3, Block 33, Town of Taylor, consisting of approximately 10,980 square feet, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R015105.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - The applicant, King's Mini Mart, is requesting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for a liquor store. A variance application went before City Council on August 13, 2020 and was approved unanimously to allow the liquor store to be less than 300 feet from a school property. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the request.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:21p.m. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:22p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-19

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A LIQUOR STORE AT 619 NORTH MAIN STREET, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 3, BLOCK 33, CITY OF TAYLOR, APPROXIMATELY 10,890 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R015105; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT APPROVED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading, no action taken.

8. **Introduce Ordinance 2020-20, approval of Fire Department Civil Service Pay Schedule. (Meeting to conduct second reading of this ordinance to immediately follow this meeting.)**

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief – requested City Council approval to adopt an interim Civil Service pay schedule for the Taylor Fire Department. The proposed pay schedule adjusts the base pay rate for the Firefighter position to be equivalent to 90% of the market average. This pay scheduled is requested so that Taylor becomes more competitive with other fire departments for recruiting efforts.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING THE CIVIL SERVICE PAY SCHEDULE CS-15 FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED IN ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09 ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020, TO BE EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2020.

First reading, no action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. **Receive an update from Williamson County regarding Capital Improvement Projects.**

Bob Daigh, Director of Infrastructure for Williamson County – gave a presentation providing an update regarding the capital improvement projects in the immediate area.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Williamson County CIP update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. **Consider Telework Policy for city employees.**

Kim Peterson, Human Resources Director – gave a presentation on a proposed Telework Procedure/Policy providing a scheduling option for employees that would allow them to work from home part of the time once the COVID-19 pandemic is over. The purpose is to support improved productivity, work-life balance, and support employee recruiting and retention.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the Telework Policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items. City Council adjourned into executive session at 7:23p.m.

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. 1st/Royal easement acquisitions

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- a. Potential litigation related to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

City Council reconvened into regular session at 7:53p.m.

No action taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk

Dear Taylor City Council,

We are Taylor city tax-paying residents on County Road 101, and we would just like to express our extreme disappointment in our county government.

We were informed by Rebecca Hickey of Rifeline on September 9th that our property would be "substantially impacted" by the FM 3349 / US 79 Interchange project. In our case, "substantially impacted" is "public relations"-speak for "putting a split-lane highway through your living room."

Nine years ago, we built our "forever home" on our great-grandparent's old homestead. In 2015, we were informed of the current County Road 101 expansion project that took a quarter acre of our front lawn. As disappointed as we were, at least we felt informed of that project which began construction this summer. We were also told that was all the right-of-way needed from us, making us feel safe from future projects.

Now, we learn that our entire homestead will be condemned in less than a year for an overpass that already received funding from the 2019 Road Bond. In 2019, there were public meetings in which citizen input was considered. Residents south of US 79 were hardly made aware of the corridor A1 and E1 projects, which became Hutto's Southeast Loop. The county failed to inform Taylor City or any of its residents just north of the FM 3349 and US 79 intersection who are losing their homes to this same project.

We were told nothing about the potential impacts last year's bond would have on us. For well over a year, all we have seen posted by the county was a deceptively small red dot on a map indicating the impact area. We are located outside of the mapped impacted area. Little did we know that the impact area was to be about 4 times as large and would completely condemn our home and we would have less than 9 months to find a new place to live...during a pandemic.

Other than the project name itself, details have been completely hidden and we feel grossly misinformed by that inaccurate map. As schematics were being drawn, there has been no information, no open houses or forums. Our home was only a mere afterthought in the eyes of all those involved with this project. We already spoke to you, the Taylor City Council, and it sounds like you too were unaware of the magnitude of this project affecting Taylor residents.

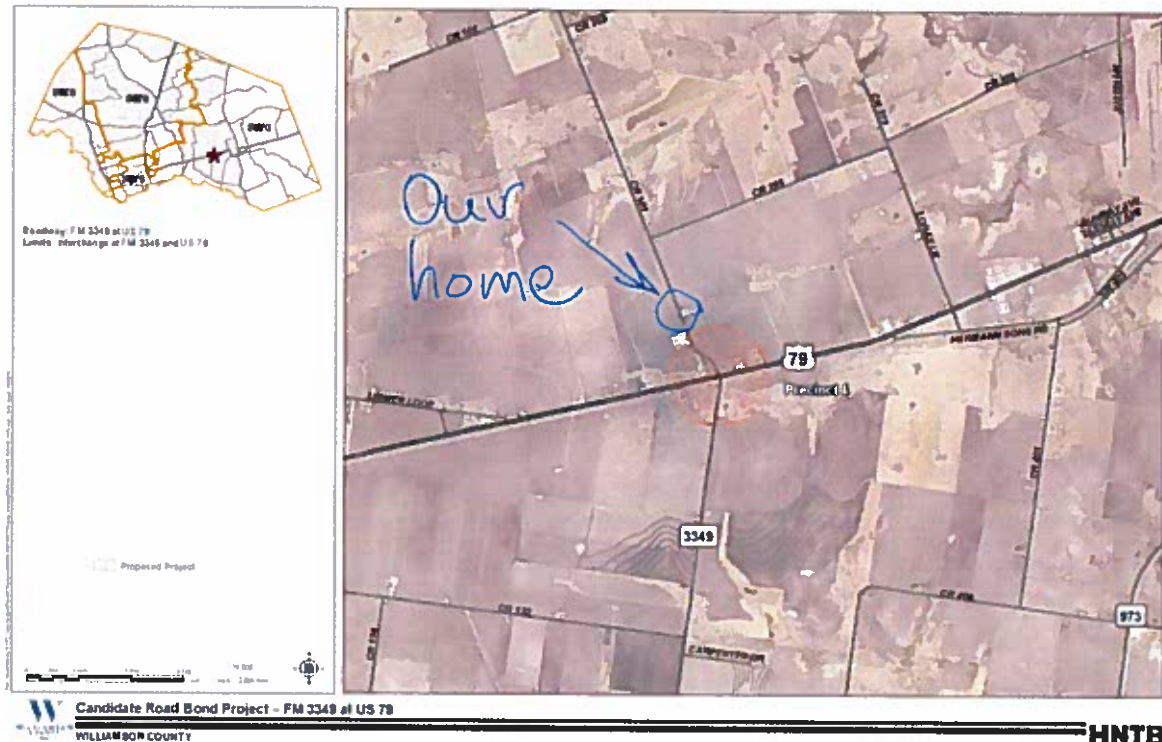
The county is seeking to acquire an approximate 400 ft right-of-way north, along CR 101 known as the E2 Corridor, and north past Chandler Rd (the E3 Corridor), and farther north will be the E4 and E5 corridors connecting to I-35 north of Jarrell. Future Taylor residents will be impacted and more homes will be condemned in the future. I urge the City of Taylor and its residents to request Williamson County to be more upfront and transparent regarding its future road projects. At this late stage in the game, we realize there's little we can do to stop the project taking our home from proceeding but hopefully, we can change how similar situations are handled in the future.

Sincerely,
Travis and Jennifer Betak

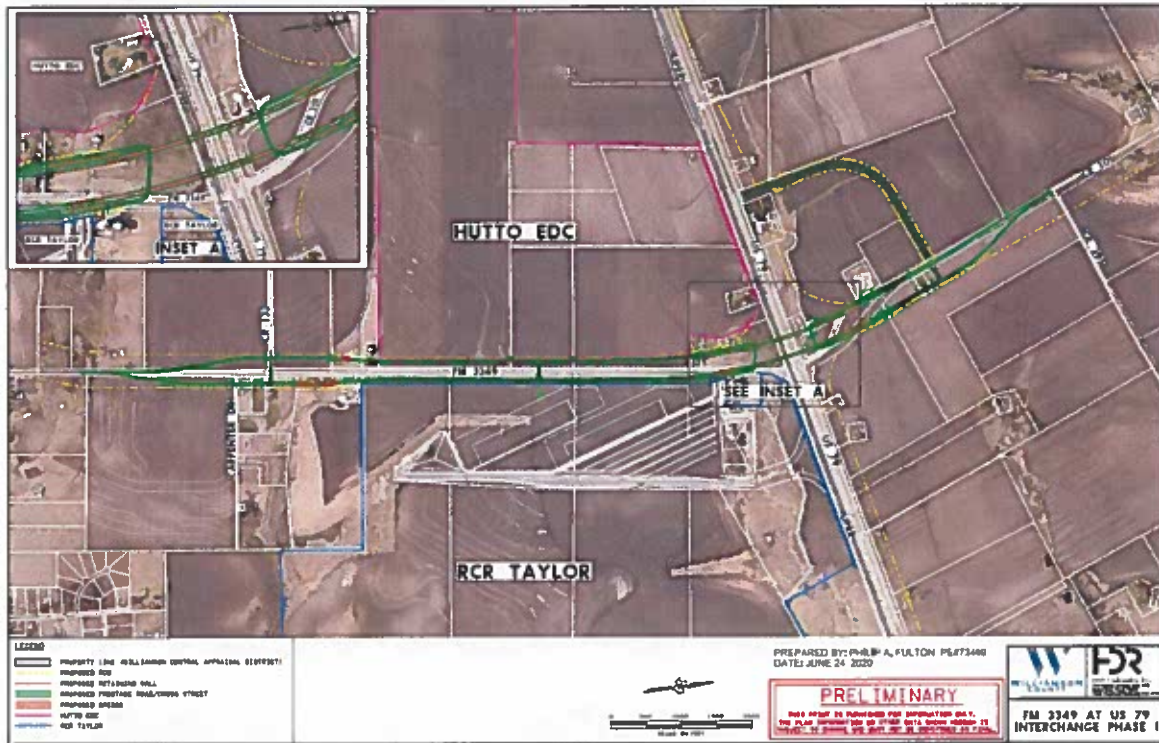
Below is the map of the FM 3349 & US 79 Interchange project dated 1/30/2019 found at <https://www.wilco.org/Departments/Infrastructure/Projects/Precinct-4/FM-3349-At-US-79>

That link now has the full detailed schematics of the overpass finally made public the last week of September. But, for nearly two years, the public only had information as shown on the vague map below.

I marked the location falsely indicating our home to be "safe" from this project. The radius of this red circle ought to be doubled, making the area of impact 4 times greater than indicated.



Dated 6/24/2020, below is the first full view of Phase 1 of the overpass taking our property north of US 79 and the “jug handle” affecting another home. This was finally made public towards the end of September. The area affected by this project is 4 times larger than previously indicated by the county nearly 2 years prior, and the right of way continues its 400 ft width along CR 101 after its split lanes merge.

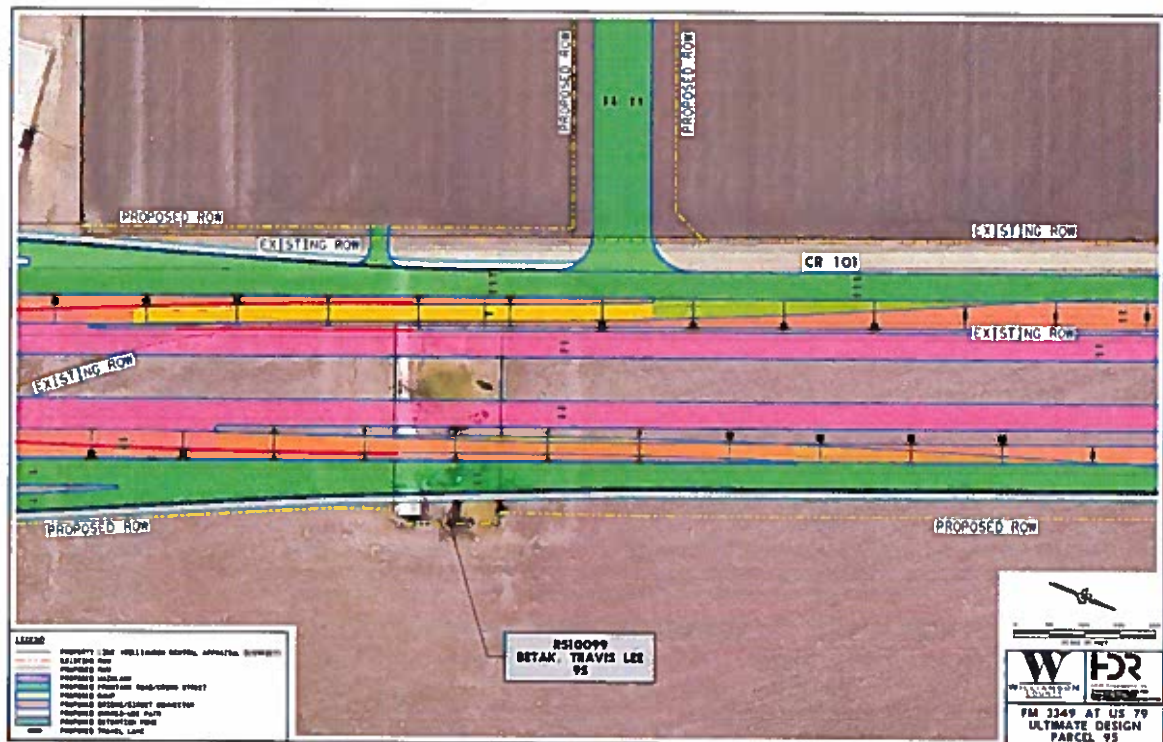


LEGEND

Proposed Right of Way	Proposed Road	Proposed Roadway
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PM 3349 AT US 79
PHASE 1 DESIGN
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Below are more corridor maps and information I found after researching. All this information was very difficult to find and was sent to us as in powerpoints and links emailed to us from the county in the second half of September.

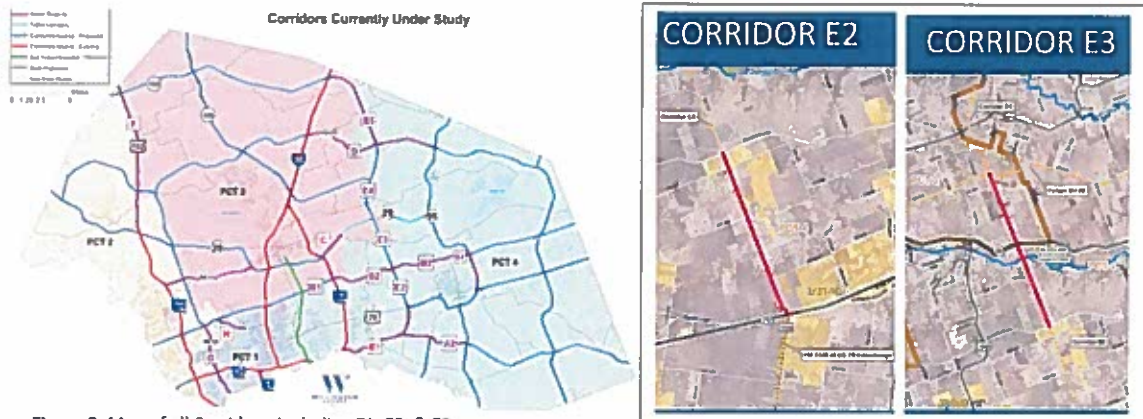


Figure 5: Map of all Corridors, including E1, E2, & E3.

PROJECT NUMBER	CANDIDATE PROJECT	PROJECT LIMITS		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SUBMITTED BY	REQUESTED SCOPE	REQUESTED AMOUNT
		FROM	TO				
46	CORRIDOR E2	US 29	CHANDLER ROAD (CORRIDOR E2)	I FRONTAGE ROAD	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	PLANNING THROUGH CONSTRUCTION	\$23,726,000
47	CORRIDOR E3	CHANDLER ROAD (CORRIDOR E2)	FUTURE SH 29	I FRONTAGE ROAD	WILLIAMSON COUNTY	PLANNING THROUGH CONSTRUCTION	\$23,313,000

CASH FUNDING	LOCAL PARTICIPATION NOTES/IN-KIND PARTICIPATION	TOTAL	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED SCOPE	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED AMOUNT	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED SAFETY BUCKET	COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED ROW BUCKET	NOTES
			ENV & PLANNING, ROW PRESERVATION	\$1,000,000		\$800,000	20% ROW BUCKET
			ENV & PLANNING, ROW PRESERVATION	\$1,000,000		\$700,000	10% ROW BUCKET

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1. **Conduct second reading and consider Ordinance 2020-20, approval of Fire Department Civil Service Pay Schedule.**

In an effort to allow the pay schedule to go into effect by November 1, the Council held a second meeting to conduct the second reading of the ordinance and consider adoption.

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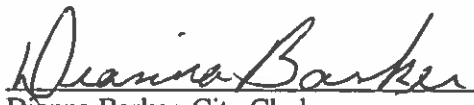
Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2020-20 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk