

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek 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

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Carly Kehoe-Pearson, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Dwayne Ariola

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

- Black History Month Proclamation
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek read the proclamation and presented it to Ms. Nakevia Miller.
- World Cholangiocarcinoma Day Proclamation
Councilwoman Cobb read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. John McDonald.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one signed up to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 23, 2025, regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
2. Consider approval of Resolution R25-03 calling an election on May 3, 2025, to elect one Council Member from District 1 and one Council Member from District 4.
3. Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the Williamson County Elections Division for election services for 2025.
4. Concur with Monthly Financial Report for December 2024.
5. Consider authorizing an expenditure to Nelson Lewis, Inc. for an emergency response to repair a 15-foot deep water line break at S. Highway 95 and Old Coupland Road.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. Introduce Ordinance 2025-06 regarding the addition of recently annexed territory to a single-member City Council district.

Assistant City Manager, Carly Pearson gave a brief presentation and was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

This item is to introduce an ordinance, no public hearing to be held.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY TAYLOR, TEXAS,
APPROVING THE ADDITION OF RECENTLY ANNEXED TERRITORY TO SINGLE-
MEMBER CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT(S); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- 7. Consider applying for two TXDOT Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Program Grants (Crosstown Project) and (FM 3349 project).**

Deputy City Manager Jeff Jenkins introduced Leslie Pollack with HDR, who gave a brief presentation. She and Mr. Jenkins were available to answer questions and provide additional information.

During discussions, it was recommended to consider modifying the connectivity routes to include 1st Avenue, 2nd Avenue and Royal Street.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve moving forward with the grant application. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Consideration with possible action on the ongoing planning of the City of Taylor's Sesquicentennial planned event.**

Ruby Fisher, Special Events Coordinator, gave a brief presentation regarding proposed events planned in calendar year 2026 to celebrate the City of Taylor's sesquicentennial anniversary. She was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the presentation and approve the funding of the planned celebrations. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 6:41 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. 3811 N. Main Apartment Planned Development Amendment, Section 551.087 (Economic Development)

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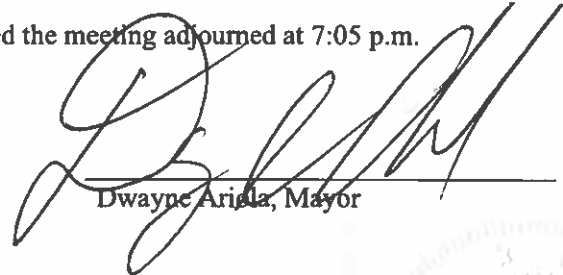
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Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek reconvened into open session at 7:04 p.m. and announced that Mayor Dwayne Ariola joined Executive Session via a phone call. No action was taken.

Before the meeting adjourned, Councilmember Garcia requested a future agenda item that would include a presentation from attorney, Charlie Zech reviewing the Open Meetings Act, Public Information Act, and the Council's Relations Policy. No action was taken on this request.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk



