City of Taylor

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
February 27, 2025 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
Carly Pearson, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Gary Gola spoke on Agenda Item #6, Agenda Item #11, Agenda Item #14 and spoke about a Charter Review Committee and Charter update.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. **Presentation and update from Taylor Housing Authority.**
   Taylor Housing Authority Chair Allison Fox-Dahlberg introduced newly hired executive director Shea Goltzman who gave a brief presentation with an update on the Taylor Housing Authority's recent and future activities.

   No action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the February 13, 2025, regular City Council meeting.**
3. **Consider approval of Resolution R25-04 appointing the Development Services Director as administrator of the HOME Program.**
4. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-06 regarding the addition of recently annexed territory to a single-member City Council district.**
5. **Consider approving Resolution R25-05 authorizing the City Manager to act on the City of Taylor's behalf with regard to an electricity procurement contract.**
6. **Receive FY 2024 annual report for the Taylor Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #1 and Taylor Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #2.**
7. **Concur with January 2025 Monthly Financial Report.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. **Receive an update on the Permit Process Audit.**
Scott Dunlop, Director of Development Services, gave a brief presentation on the status of the ongoing permit process audit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Receive an update on the Tourism Plan and consider providing additional funds to complete additional scope for the Tourism Plan.**
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager, introduced Vicky Soderberg with Cygnet Strategies, who her along with Tia Stone with the Chamber of Commerce gave a brief presentation highlighting the proposed amendment to the Tourism Plan. Jeff Jenkins and Ruby Fisher, Special Events Coordinator, were available to answer questions and provide additional information.

Julie Downs spoke in support of this item.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update and approve $19,000 in additional funding. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilwomen Cobb in opposition.

10. **Receive and accept the Annual Racial Profiling Report.**
Henry Fluck, Police Chief – presented the annual racial profiling report.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to accept the annual racial profiling report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Consider appointments to various Boards & Commissions.**
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk –

Historic Preservation Commission

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Shiloh Brown	Resigned	N/A	Josh Ellard

Mayor Ariola called for nominations from the list of applicants. After the nominations Mayor Ariola called for a vote.
Josh Ellard – 5 votes

Library Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Brandi Lujano	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Brandi Lujano
John Kaatz	Term Expired	No	N/A	Grace Stark

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Brandi Lujano to the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ariola called for nominations from the list of applicants. After the nominations Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Grace Stark – 3 votes, Carrie D'Anna – 2 votes

Main Street Advisory Board and TIF #1 Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
Curie Humphreys	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Curie Humphreys
Doug Moss	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Doug Moss

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Curie Humphreys, and Doug Moss Main Street Advisory Board and TIF #1 Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk, advised that the county and school representatives on the TIF #1 Board are not seeking reappointment. Currently both of these positions are pending new appointments from both entities. City staff is in contact with Willaimson County and the School District, once they provide the city with the members names, staff will bring back an agenda item to appoint those representatives to the board.

Moody Museum Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement	New Member
DeAnn Stuart	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	DeAnn Stuart
Samye Turner	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Samye Turner
Allen David	Term Expired	No	N/A	Vacant

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint DeAnn Stuart and Samye Turner to the Moody Museum Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

There are no applicants on file for this board. Mr. David's new term will remain vacant. Staff will address this board's vacancy in the future.

Parks & Recreation Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Larry Cmerek	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Larry Cmerek
Austin Brown	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Austin Brown
Jennifer Jewett	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Jennifer Jewett

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Larry Cmerek, Austin Brown, and Jennifer Jewett to the Parks & Recreation Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0 with Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek abstaining.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Kellie Billings-Ray	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Jim Buzan
Nora Roy	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Nora Roy
Jim Newman	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Jim Newman
Mike Eaton	Term Expired	No	No	Joseph Gonzales

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reappoint Kellie Billings-Ray to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion failed 2 to 3 with Mayor Ariola, Mayor Pro-Tem Cmerek, and Councilwoman Cobb in opposition.

Mayor Ariola called for nominations to fill the seats from the list of applicants.

After the nominations for position 1, Kellie Billings-Ray's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Jim Buzan – 3 votes, Rick Von Pfeil – 2 votes

After the nominations for position 2, Nora Roy's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Nora Roy – 3 votes, Matthew Rector – 0 votes, Joseph Gonzales – 2 votes, Rick Von Pfeil – 1 vote

After the nominations for position 3, Jim Newman's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Rick Von Pfeil – 0 votes, Joseph Gonzales – 0 votes, Jim Newman – 3 votes. Voting stopped after Mr. Newman received the majority votes.

After the nominations for position 4, Mike Eaton's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Joseph Gonzales – 3 votes, Rick Von Pfeil – 2 votes, Kellie Billings-Ray – 2 votes

Public Arts Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Monica Zavala	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Monica Zavala
Judith Grissom	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Judith Grissom
Lucinda Chapter	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Lucinda Chapter

Mayor Ariola called for nominations to fill the seats from the list of applicants.

After the nominations for position 1, Monica Zavala's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Monica Zavala – 5 votes

After the nominations for position 2, Judith Grissom's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Judith Grissom – 5 votes

After the nominations for position 3, Lucinda Chapter's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Lucinda Chapter – 5 votes

TEDC (Taylor Economic Development Corp)

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Betty Day	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Betty Day
Benjamin Willis	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Benjamin Willis

Mayor Ariola called for nominations to fill the seats from the list of applicants.

After the nominations for position 1, Betty Day's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Betty Day – 5 votes

After the nominations for position 2, Benjamin Willis' seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Benjamin Willis – 4 vote, Rick Von Pfeil – 1 vote

Tree Advisory Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Sharon Boon	Term Expired	Yes	Yes	Sharon Boon
Cheryl Mazur	Term Expired	No	N/A	Marco Solis
Pierre Devris	Resigned			Vacant

Mayor Ariola called for nominations to fill the seats from the list of applicants.

After the nominations for position 1, Sharon Boon's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Sharon Boon – 5 votes

After the nominations for position 2, Cheryl Mazur's seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Marco Solis – 5 votes

There are no other applicants on file for this board. Mr. Devris' seat's new term will remain vacant. Staff will address this board's vacancy in the future.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Willing to be re-appointed	Met Attendance Requirement?	New Member
Alternate, #3				Vacant

Mayor Ariola called for nominations to fill the seats from the list of applicants.

After the nominations for the vacant seat Mayor Ariola called for a vote on each.
Matthew Rector – 1 vote. With no other Council Members voting, the third alternate seat will remain vacant.

12. **Consideration and possible action on bid award for the construction of the Airport Gravity Sewer Main Project.**
Troy St. Tours with HDR presented the item which is a request to award a construction contract for a 24-inch gravity sewer main from the Airport to past S. Edmond Street. Thirteen (13) bids were received. Staff recommends awarding the construction project to AO Services in the amount of $3,999,526.24, and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into a contract.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the award of the construction contract to AO Services and authorize the City Manager, or his designee to enter into a contract. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Receive a presentation on updates to the Land Development Code regarding Special Use Permits.**
Carly Pearson, Assistant City Manager, gave a brief presentation requesting for City Council to provide staff direction.
The following individuals spoke on the agenda item: Marie Bloemer, Dawna Fisher, Gail Samuels, Carrie D'Anna, Amy Everhart, Alex Allrich, Chisum Pierce, Janetta. McCoy, Justin Irving, Jolene McLean.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Consider amendments to Task Orders 23 (Amendment 3), 29 (Amendment 3), and 42 (Amendment 1) with HDR Engineering regarding plan review and inspection services for the Samsung project.**
City Manager Brian LaBorde, advised that due to new information and consultation with the City Attorney, staff is requesting for City Council to convene into executive session to present this information to City Council.

Mayor Ariola read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:44 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).

Agenda Item #14 - Consultation with legal counsel regarding agenda item #14, amendments to Task Orders 23 (Amendment 3), 29 (Amendment 3), and 42 (Amendment 1) with HDR Engineering regarding plan review and inspection services for the Samsung project, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)

a. Water and Wastewater Master Plan Discussion, Section 551.087 (Economic Development)

Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 9:28 p.m..

14. **Consider amendments to Task Orders 23 (Amendment 3), 29 (Amendment 3), and 42 (Amendment 1) with HDR Engineering regarding plan review and inspection services for the Samsung project.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Task Orders as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

No action on Executive Session item a.

<u>ADJOURN</u>
With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk