

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
March 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

PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek read the proclamation and presented it to Taylor Police Department staff members Priscilla Moreno, Victim Services Coordinator and Commander Joseph Branson.
- Better Day Bags Proclamation
Councilwoman Cobb read the proclamation and presented it to Felicia Graves and members of Good Life, Williamson County Constable Olson, Taylor Police Department Commander Joseph Branson, and Fire Chief Daniel Baum.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No one signed up to speak.

Before moving on, Daniel Seguin, Communications Director introduced new employee Jarrod Kingsley, Communications Specialist.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the March 13, 2025, regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approving Resolution R25-07 Authorizing representatives on the City's investment and bank accounts.**
3. **Authorize the City Manager or designee to submit a Williamson County Community Development Block Grant application for one of the water projects identified as potential grant options.**
4. **Authorize the City Manager or designee to sign an Agreement with Williamson County for the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds.**
5. **Consider approval of a Collateral Assignment with Park at 79 Commerce and authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign related contractual documents.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. Receive the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year.

Robert Powers, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Mike Brooks with Brooks Watson & Co. Accounting who gave a brief presentation on the Annual Comprehensive Finance report.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Annual Comprehensive Finance report as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration and approve changes to the Personnel Policy Manual.

LaShon Gros, Human Resources Director – gave a presentation on proposed changes to the City of Taylor Personnel Policy Manual. With Council approval, changes will become effective April 1, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Personnel Policy Manual changes as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Consideration an update and provide direction to staff on the Downtown Plan and the Downtown and Tourism Department Staff Position.

Carly Pearson, Assistant City Manager – gave a presentation with an update on the status of the Downtown Plan and the Downtown Manager vacant position being updated to Downtown and Tourism Director.

Marie Bloemer spoke on this agenda item.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the update as presented and direct staff to move forward with entering into an agreement with Afion Public for recruiting services to hire a Downtown & Tourism Director. Motion was seconded by Mayor Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Ariola read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 6:55 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. Section 551.071; Consultation with City Attorney on proposed 3811 North Main Planned Development Agreement
- b. Section 551.071; Consultation with City Attorney on proposed Domestic Wastewater Permit from South Central Water Company, Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016503001, EPA I.D. No. TX0145751
- c. Section 551.071; Consultation with City Attorney regarding EPCOR

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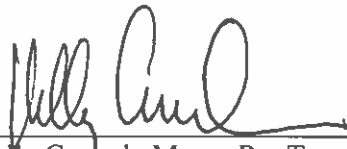
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- d. Section 551.071; Consultation with City Attorney regarding tax credit and bond funding agreement request from The Foundry Development
- e. Section 551.087; Economic Development
 - o Project Goal
 - o Project Paul
- f. Section 551.074; Personnel Matters - City Attorney Evaluation

Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 8:04 p.m. No action was taken.

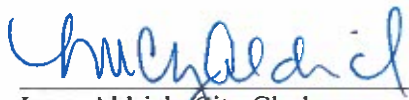
ADJOURN

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



Kelly Cmerek, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk



