

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Mayor Brandt Rydell

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**
Councilmember Garcia read the proclamation and presented it to Dr. Lola Okunade and Lisa Drummond.
2. **Chiropractic Health Month**
Councilmember Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to Jennifer Gardner.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jackie Krueger, 2704 Kelly Dr. – feels Council should allow citizens to vote on Council compensation consideration (item 15).

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

3. **Parks & Recreation Board update.**
Patrick Tate, Board Chairman – gave a presentation on the Board's focus of prioritizing projects identified in the Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve minutes from the September 22, 2022 regular City Council meeting.**
5. **Concur with preliminary financials for August 2022.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2022-38 regarding PZ-2022-1541 a change of zoning, on approximately 75.29 acres generally located at 14501 and 14511 US 79, from Rural/Agricultural Zoning District (R/A), Manufactured Housing Zoning District (MH), and Business Park District 2 (BP-2) to approximately 43.79 acres of Light Industrial Zoning District (M-1), and approximately 31.50 acres of Rural/Agriculture (R/A).**
7. **Consider Ordinance 2022-41, modifying portions of the Food Sanitation Regulations.**
8. **Consider approving agreement with Unifirst for Uniform and Mat service.**
9. **Consider first amendment to treated water services contract between Brazos River Authority and City of Taylor.**

Councilmember Ariola requested to pull item 9 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve consent agenda items 4 through 8 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider first amendment to treated water services contract between Brazos River Authority and City of Taylor.

Councilmember Ariola asked if Samsung has put it in writing that they will pay for the extra water that the city is asking for from BRA. Brian LaBorde stated yes and explained the agreement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve consent agenda item 9 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

10. Consider introducing Ordinance 2022-42 regarding PZ-2022-1565, a request to abandon North Access Lane Easement, an access easement located on Lot 1, Block A of the Parkway Plaza Subdivision, recorded under Document No. 2018016588 within the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - purpose of the access easement abandonment is to allow for the development of a proposed additional hotel on the subject property at 180 N.W. Carlos G. Parker Boulevard. The property owner has requested the City release and abandon the easement to allow the construction of additional parking for the proposed additional hotel.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-42

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING NORTH ACCESS LANE EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT 1, BLOCK A OF THE PARKWAY PLAZA SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS RECORDED UNDER DOCUMENT NO. 2017020343, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

11. Consider payment solutions for accepting donations.

Jeff Wood, Chief Financial Officer – presented options to enhance and expand the city's donation program. EasyPay by Tyler Technologies, a website module, or adding donation options to utility bill.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to implement EasyPay and reformat the utility bill to add a donations program option for customers. Motion was seconded by Mayor Rydell. Motion failed 2 for and 3 against.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to implement EasyPay without reformatting the utility bill to add a donations program option for customers. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Receive a presentation regarding the Fred Kerley mural and consider whether to proceed with the project.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – Taylorite Fred Kerley recently won the World Championship gold medal in the 100-meter race. This accomplishment makes Fred Kerley the fastest person in the world. A mural honoring Mr. Kerley would be on the Ford Ground storage tank at 1606 N. Main. Adam Davenport is the artist.

Mayor Rydell read a letter from Laura Baker encouraging the mural.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to receive the presentation and direct staff to move forward with the project. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Receive presentation regarding draft legislative priorities for the upcoming State legislative session and consider adopting legislative priorities.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – presented a draft list of five legislative priorities and asked Council to review, make changes, and adopt priorities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the presentation and adopt the list of legislative priorities as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

- 14. Receive and consider possible action on the proposed amendments to the TIF #1 Downtown Project and Financing Plan by the TIF Board.**

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager - The TIF Board recommended the City Council amend the TIF Project and Financing Plan to include the following into its scope of use of TIF funding for TIF Zone #1: (1) Targeted Economic Development Assistance; (2) Personnel; (3) Third-Party Contracts.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to accept the proposed amendments to the TIF #1 Downtown Project and Financing Plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

- 15. Discuss Council Compensation and provide staff direction regarding how to proceed with compensation.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - current compensation for Council was adopted August 29, 2006, is \$25 a month and paid to members every six months. Council considering revising compensation due to increased time commitment and involvement in general. Three possible methods for determining compensation: 1) survey other cities, 2) appoint a subcommittee, or 3) utilize Georgetown's 2021 survey.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to have staff move forward with modifying Council compensation by utilizing the Georgetown 2021 Survey method and to effect that change through ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Councilmember Drummond and Councilmember Ariola opposing.

- 16. Discuss and direction to staff on city sidewalk removal policy.**

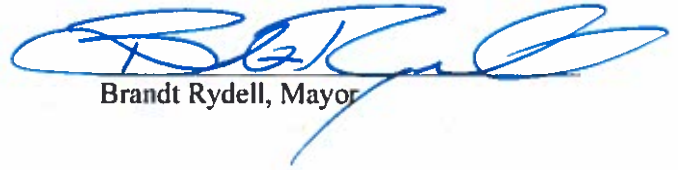
Jim Gray, Public Works Director – currently City will remove existing uneven/destroyed/unsightly sidewalks on a case-by-case basis upon property owner request but

does not replace the sidewalk. There is no current ordinance that states homeowner owns the sidewalk. Sidewalk Master Plan is currently being drafted.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to continue the current process. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianna McLean, City Clerk

Read during Fred Kerley mural

Re: City Council - Fred Kerley Presentation

I am Lara Baker. I live at 1308 T H Johnson.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the council. I have lived in Taylor 4 years and believe it is a great community.

EIGHT BILLION people in this world and Fred Kerley from Taylor TX is the fastest runner. That blows my sneakers off!

I do not know Fred Kerley or the Kerley family but I love celebrating people and their accomplishments. As a result, I wanted to find a way to honor Mr Kerley as a hometown hero. I strongly believe Mr Kerley personifies what the leaders in this community strive for. Integrity, courage, inspiration, respect, responsibility - just to name a few.

Fred Kerley, Olympic medalist and World's fastest man. I hope the council feels this mural to be a worthwhile tribute. I envision visitors and residents for many years to come and feel inspired and on top of the world right here in Taylor TX.

