

City of Taylor
Special Called City Council Workshop
Taylor Holiday Inn Express
180 NW Carlos G. Parker BLVD.
August 22, 2025 8:30 AM

Mayor Ariola declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Cmerek
Council Member Greg Redden
Council Member Shelli Cobb
Council Member Heather Long
Mayor Dwayne Ariola

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Carly Pearson, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney (3:00 PM)
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

Mayor Comments

Mayor Ariola provided opening comments.

City Manager Comments (Capital Projects; Drainage; Streets and Rights of Ways; Parks; Water and Wastewater; Policies; Developments; Development Ordinances and Permitting; City Master Plans; Code Enforcement; Budget, Tax Rate, Fees, Debt, and City Finances; Third Party Professional Services; Local, County, Regional, State, and Federal Affairs; Police, Fire, and Public Safety)

City Manager Brian LaBorde provided additional opening comments that touched on the items listed above.

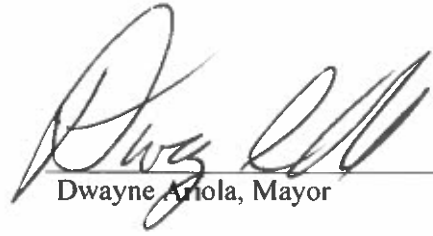
Discussion with direction to staff on development trends; City Utility and Capital Improvements; City Finances and Forecasting; special Financing Districts and Developer Incentives; and Council Relations, Ceremonial and Rules of Decorum Policies.

Council discussed the following:

- Development trends and city utility development and capital improvements, with presentations by Kelly Kaatz, and Troy St. Tours of HDR.
- An interactive land use exercise was facilitated by Carly Pearson.
- Jacob Walker of HDR presented existing tax-supported capital improvements.
- Carly Pearson facilitated discussion on the Land Development Code.
- Robert Powers, Chief Financial Officer presented information on financial forecasting, future tax rates, and debt issues.
- Carly Pearson also presented on special district financing and development incentives.
- Brian LaBorde and Lucy Aldrich facilitated discussions on Ceremonial Documents, Council Relations and Rules of Decorum policies.

City Manager Brian LaBorde, Managing Directors LaShon Gros and Tyler Bybee, City Attorney Mark Schroeder, and Public Works Director Jim Gray were available to answer questions and provide additional information.

Mayor adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.


Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

