

**City of Taylor**  
**Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**September 10, 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 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  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- 9-11, A Day to Remember Proclamation  
Councilwoman Cobb presented the proclamation to first responders.
- Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation  
Mayor Ariola presented the proclamation to Our Lady of Guadalupe Azteck dancers, the Chamber of Commers and several staff members hosting public events throughout the month.
- Suicide Prevention Month Proclamation  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek presented the proclamation.
- “We Hire Vets” Recognition  
Casey Wade from the Texas Workforce recognized the City of Taylor as being a “We Hire Vets” organization.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Pam Harper spoke on the recent construction on Mallard Lane.  
Julie Downs spoke on Music on Main event.  
Leslie Hill spoke on the Community Center.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2025, special called City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2025, regularly scheduled City Council meeting.**
3. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-08 regarding a proposed Voluntary Annexation of approximately 47.634 acres, generally located at 100 County Road 403, in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Taylor, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R019185 and R019954, and the Official**

**Public Records of Williamson County, Texas, Document No. 2021184603, part of and out of the James C. Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 214, Taylor Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, Williamson County, Texas.**

4. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-24 regarding a request for an Employment Center Plan referred to as Forterra Business Park, generally located at 100 County Road 403, consisting of approximately 47.634 acres of land situated in the J.C. Eaves Survey, Abstract No. 214, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R019185 and R019954, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
5. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-26 regarding a request for an Employment Center Plan, generally located at 701 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd, consisting of approximately 3.2439 acres of land situated in the Fireman's addition, Part of Lot 1, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R367817, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
6. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-27 regarding a request for a Place Type Amendment from P2:Rural to P4:Mix on property generally located at 1102 Beech Street, legally described as approximately 0.663 acres of land, situated in the Washington Heights Subdivision, Part of Block 40 (Country Club), more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R018513, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
7. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-28 regarding a request for an Infill Neighborhood Plan referred to as Trinity Heights, on property generally located at 1101, 1103, 1105, and 1107 Beech Street, and 1104, 1108, 1112 Symes Street, consisting of approximately 2.031 acres of land situated in the Trinity Heights Subdivision, Block A, Lots 1 through 7, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel's R580770, R580769, R580768, R580767, R580764, R580765, R580766, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
8. **Consider approval of auditing services for the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit with Brooks Watson & Company.**
9. **Consider approval of Resolution R25-18 awarding the bid for the construction of a HOME program house.**
10. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Agreement with P3Works, LLC for Public Improvement District (PID) and Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) creation and administration services, subject to review as to legal form by the City Attorney.**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve the consent agenda items as presented.*

*Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

11. **Introduce Ordinance 2025-31 amending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.**  
Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Lydia Collins – presented the budget amendment.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2025-31**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-36 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2024, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AND OTHER CITY FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL**

**OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.**

Ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

**12. Hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.**

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Lydia Collins – presented the proposed budget.

Mayor Ariola opened a public hearing at 6:44 p.m. With no one speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:45 p.m.

**13. Hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2025-30, an ordinance fixing and levying an ad valorem tax for Tax Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026).**

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Lydia Collins – presented the ordinance.

Mayor Ariola opened a public hearing at 6:48 p.m. With no one speaking, the public hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

**REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION**

**14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance No. 2025-29, an ordinance approving and adopting an annual budget for Fiscal Year 2026.**

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Lydia Collins – was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek moving to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long.*

*Mayor Ariola asked the City Clerk to call for a record vote.*

*Councilman Redden voted aye*

*Councilwoman Cobb voted aye.*

*Mayor Ariola voted aye.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek voted aye.*

*Councilwoman Long voted aye.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek moving to approve Ordinance No. 2025-29, an ordinance adopting the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden.*

*Mayor Ariola asked the City Clerk to call for a record vote.*

*Councilman Redden voted aye.*

*Councilwoman Cobb voted aye.*

*Mayor Ariola voted aye.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek voted aye.*

*Councilwoman Long voted aye.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**15. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance No. 2025-30, an ordinance fixing and levying an ad valorem tax for Tax Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026).**

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Lydia Collins – was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek moving that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.585000 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively at 14.71% increase in the tax rate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

*Record Vote: Mayor Ariola asked the City Clerk to call for a record vote.*

*Councilman Redden voted aye.*

*Councilwoman Cobb voted aye.*

*Mayor Ariola voted aye.*

*Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek voted aye.*

*Councilwoman Long voted aye.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**16. Receive an update on the Active Transportation Plan and ADA Transition Plan.**

Tyler Bybee, Interim Managing Director of Community Services, introduced Leslie Pollock with HDR who presented the item.

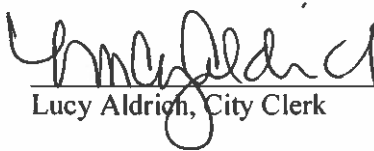
*Motion was made by Councilman Redden to receive the update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURN**

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

  
Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

