

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
October 9, 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

- Fire Prevention Week Proclamation
Mayor Ariola presented the proclamation to Chief Baum.
- Good Life Taylor 5K Day Proclamation
Councilman Redden presented the proclamation to members of Good Life Taylor.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Romuald Jovero with the Small Business Association provided information on the Disaster Loan Program related to the July flooding event.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the September 25, 2025, regularly scheduled City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2025-32, Strength of Force, number of positions in the Police Department.**
3. **Consider approval of Resolution R25-21, appointing the Board of Directors of the Taylor Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two.**
4. **Consider approval of the 2025 Grave Digging Contract with Knippa Cemetery Services.**
5. **Consider approval of amendment to the Taylor Economic Development Corporation FY2024/2025 Budget.**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

6. **Introduce Ordinance 2025-33, amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances regarding loitering and panhandling.**
Interim Chief of Police Joseph Branson – presented the ordinance.

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: Lisa Drummond, Justin Irving, Alyse Mervosh, Carrie D'Anna, and Angelica Salazar (Abraham Mendez gave his time to Angelica Salazar).

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 ENTITLED "OFFENSES - MISCELLANEOUS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS TO INCLUDE REGULATIONS RELATED TO SITTING, LAYING DOWN OR SLEEPING IN PUBLIC, AGGRESSIVE PANHANDLING, SOLICITING, OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 19; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

7. Introduce Ordinance 2025-23, establishing fees for city services for Fiscal Year 2026.

Robert Powers, Chief Financial Officer – went over the changes and stated this ordinance is to amend the current fee schedule for FY 2026. Staff identified that the Parks & Recreation new fees for TRP Pavillion Inflatables fee that was presented should be Inflatables Fee (in conjunction with pavilion rental) not specific to TRP. Mr. Powers also noted that Development Services fees are under ongoing review and may be brought back to City Council for consideration as early as the next scheduled meeting.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS CODIFYING THE FEE SCHEDULE AS APPENDIX B TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First reading. No action was taken.

Mayor Ariola read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 6:58 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).

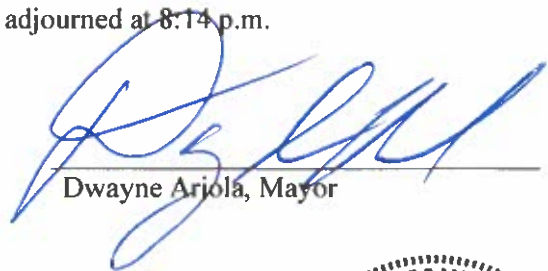
- a. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding Project Goal.
- b. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding Project Seville.

- c. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC's Muscovy Switch - Voss Lake Switch - Walleye Creek Switch 345 kV Transmission Line Project in Williamson and Milam Counties, Texas.
- d. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding Prairie Crossing Municipal Utility Districts (MUD) 1 & 2 development agreement.
- e. Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding Vorwerk Farms, LLC, WILCO Municipal Utility District (MUD) 52 development agreement.

Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 8:13 p.m. No action was taken

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.



Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk



