

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
January 22, 2026, 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
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

- 211 Day in the City of Taylor Proclamation
Mayor Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to members of the United Way for Greater Austin.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mark Nibbelink spoke on Agenda Item #14 supporting the ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2026, regularly scheduled City Council meeting.
2. Consider approval of the 2026 City Adopted Events Calendar.
3. Consider approval of the procurement of a cargo van for the Parks and Recreation Department from Silsbee Ford.
4. Concur with Monthly Financial Report for October 2025.
5. Concur with Monthly Financial Report for November 2025.
6. Consider approval of Resolution R26-01 calling an election on May 2, 2026, to elect a Mayor.
7. Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-05 regarding a request for a Place Type Amendment from P2: Rural to P2C: Rural Commercial for property generally located at 804 Rices Crossing Road, legally described as Sorenson Dairy Subdivision, Block 1, Lots 1 through 11, consisting of approximately 1.71 acres of land, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R103017, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. **POSTPONED** Hold a public hearing and introduce an ordinance proposing a Historic Overlay District to be applied over the historic downtown of the City of Taylor.
Downtown Director, Nicey Baum – gave a brief presentation on the reason for the postponement of the item and provided steps for going forward.

Nothing further with the postponement of the item.

9. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2026-07 regarding a request for a Neighborhood Plan referred to as Sonora Bank, generally located at 602 SW Carlos G. Parker Boulevard, legally described as approximately 9.730 acres of land in the G.M. Reese Survey, Abstract No. 533, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R019660 and R311755, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Planning Manager, Joe Ducay – the applicant is requesting a Neighborhood Plan. The property is currently zoned P5: Urban Center and to be consistent with the future land use, the Neighborhood Plan is necessary. The Neighborhood Plan seeks to largely align with the surrounding area and uses within the surrounding Planned Developments and Neighborhood plans. Eight notices were sent to adjacent property owners within 200 feet of the subject property; staff received no responses in support or opposition, and at the January 13, 2026 Planning & Zoning meeting, one nearby resident spoke regarding concerns about the proposal's impact on their property. On January 13, 2026, Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and voted (8-0) to recommend approval.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:19 p.m.

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing:

Neika Smith – representing the applicant, Buddy Vanecek, and David Kautz (Patti Kautz donated her time to Mr. Kautz).

Mayor Ariola closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN REFERRED TO AS SONORA BANK, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 602 SW CARLOS G. PARKER BOULEVARD, CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 9.730 ACRES OF LAND IN THE G.M. REESE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 533 MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R019660 AND R311755 TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

10. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2026-08 regarding a request for a Neighborhood Plan referred to as Taylor Commons, generally located at 709 NW Carlos G. Parker Boulevard, legally described as approximately 8.607 acres of land in the William J. Baker Survey, Abstract No. 65, and Stellata Business, Block 1, Lot 1, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R319187, R508207 and R622658, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Planning Manager, Joe Ducay – Taylor Commons Neighborhood Plan, a proposed development on a P5: Urban Center–zoned property greater than 2.5 acres at Mallard and Carlos G. Parker Boulevard, including 1 hotel, a retail store, and 3 restaurants. Eleven adjacent property owners were notified; staff received 2 opposition responses and none in support. Staff recommends approval, noting the plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and compatible with surrounding uses. The Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing on January 13, 2026, and voted 6-1 to recommend approval.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

The applicant, Adam Hughes, was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The public hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN FOR PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 709 NORTHWEST CARLOS G. PARKER BOULEVARD CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 8.607 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE J.C. EAVES SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 214, WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65, AND STELLATA BUSINESS, BLOCK 1, LOT 1, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCELS R319187, R508207 AND R622658, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

11. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2026-09 regarding a request for a Special Use Permit to allow for light electronics disposal services as part of a commercial retail use generally located at 601 W 2nd Street, legally described as approximately 2.3123 acres of land in the City of Taylor, Block 69, Lot 1-10 (Abandoned), more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R015371, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.** Planning Manager, Joe Ducay – request for a Special Use Permit to allow a light electronics disposal as part of a commercial retail use is consistent with the growth sector as Infill Growth. However, the proposed use is inconsistent with the Future Land Use as Market Center – Community. Fifteen adjacent property owners were notified; staff has not received any responses in opposition or support. On January 13, 2026, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and voted (8-0) to recommend approval and additionally recommended the extension of a permit expiration term from three (3) years to five (5) years.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Scott Hazelmeyer, applicant representative, was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The public hearing was closed at 6:55 p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A LIGHT ELECTRONICS DISPOSAL SERVICE AS PART OF A COMMERCIAL RETAIL USE GENERALLY LOCATED AT 601 WEST 2ND STREET, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R015371 TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPROVED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

12. Introduce Ordinance 2026-06, Strength of Force, number of positions in the Fire Department.

Managing Director of Administrative Services, LaShon Gros – on January 8, 2026, the ordinance was presented to Council. Council discussed the use of funds to higher 1 battalion chief versus 3 firefighters. Council asked staff to revise the ordinance, adding 3 firefighters. This ordinance reflects the requested revision.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS PRESCRIBING THE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION.

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution No. R26-02, the charge of the Charter Review Commission presented by Attorney, Charlie Zech with Denton, Navarro, Rodriguez, Bernal, Santee & Zech, PC.

Legal consultant, Charlie Zech - the proposed charge of the Charter Review Commission directs the Commission to conduct a comprehensive and general review of the City's Home Rule Charter and, if appropriate, make recommendations to City Council. Mr. Zech was available to receive direction and input from City Council regarding any specific provisions, themes, or areas of the Charter Council would like the Committee to consider as part of its review. Staff recommends City Council approve the resolution as presented.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve Resolution No. R26-02 as presented.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance 2025-33, amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances regarding loitering and panhandling.

Interim Police Chief Joseph Branson – this ordinance was introduced at the October 9, 2025 City Council meeting. At the October 23, 2025 meeting City Council tabled the item. Staff is bringing the item back for City Council consideration. Chief Branson was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The following individuals spoke on the agenda item: Beth Rex, Felicia Graves, Terra Anders, Carrie D'Anna.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve Ordinance 2025-33 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

15. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on HDR Task Order 72 for the 2024 I-Codes adoption.

Fire Chief Daniel Baum – the current building code of the City of Taylor includes codes from the 2018 International Code Council family of codes, as well as the 2020 National Electrical Code. These codes were adopted by ordinance on October 12, 2021, and are in need of being updated. This task order proposes to engage HDR to guide us through the code adoption process, including consultation with staff, stakeholder meetings, review of local amendments, ensuring compliance

with state law, and preparation of an ordinance and proposed amendments for future adoption. Funds are available in the Fire Department general fund.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve Task Order 72 with HDR as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the Volunteer Time Off Policy.

Managing Director of Administrative Services LaShon Gros – this is a program that would provide employees up to four hours of paid time per month to volunteer with local nonprofit or community organizations, subject to supervisor approval. The program is intended to encourage community involvement, reinforce the City's commitment to service, and strengthen the City's connection and presence within the community. Staff recommends approval of the policy. The following individuals spoke on the agenda item: John Matthews and Peter Bryan.

Motion was made by Mayor Ariola to approve the Volunteer Time Off Policy as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Ariola read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 7:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with City Attorney regarding:

1. American Legion Lease Agreement
2. Spring Haven Development Agreement

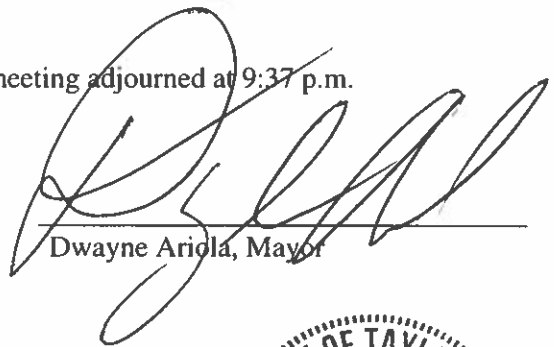
EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, regarding personnel matters.

1. City Manager Evaluation

Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 9:37 p.m. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.


Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk



