

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
September 9, 2021 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
Mayor Brandt Rydell

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

Absent: Council Member Dwayne Ariola

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Rydell asked for a moment of reflection.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Don Hill, representative for Welfare Workers Club – thanked the Council for the recent agreement between the City and the WWC for operations of the Dickey Givens Center.

Denise Rodgers, Taylor Pride – presented Council with a plaque and thanked them for supporting the recent first annual Taylor Pride event.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the August 26, 2021 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for July 2021.**
3. **Consider Resolution R21-29, Employee Benefit Trust.**
4. **Consider approving a license agreement between the City and The Grove at Bull Creek Homeowners Association regarding the use of public right-of-way for the installation of landscaping at the entrance of The Grove at Bull Creek subdivision.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.*

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

5. **Hold Public Hearing regarding the FY 2021/2022 annual budget.**
Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation on the basics of the budget. A public notice must be held in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code, Section 102.006.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:20PM. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:20PM.

6. **Consider Ordinance 2021-20, adopting the annual budget for FY 2021/2022.**

Jeff Wood, Finance Director - The City has conducted meetings to discuss the proposed budget on June 24th, July 15th and August 26th; and held a public hearing on September 9, 2021. Ordinance 2021-20 was introduced on August 26th.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2021-20 adopting the annual budget for FY2022 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond.

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

Councilmember Drummond voted Aye.

Mayor Rydell voted Aye.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson voted Aye.

Councilmember Garcia voted Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

Jeff Wood - Local Government Code Section, 102.007 requires a separate vote to ratify that the FY 2022 budget will raise approximately \$972,000 more in total property tax revenue than FY 2021. Approximately \$285,229 of this increase is the result of new property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to ratify that the FY2022 budget will raise approximately \$972,000 more in total property tax revenue than FY2021. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

7. Hold Public Hearing regarding fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2021/2022.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director - The proposed FY 2022 tax rate is \$0.765115 per \$100 valuation. This tax rate is higher than the no new revenue tax rate. Staff recommends a Tax Rate of \$0.765115 per \$100 valuation. The recommended tax rate will raise more total property taxes than FY 2021 by \$972,000 or (9.8%) and of that amount \$285,229 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:26PM. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:26PM.

8. Consider Ordinance 2021-21, fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2021/2022.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – this ordinance would adopt a tax rate of \$0.761551 per \$100 valuation. The upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate was established at the August 26, 2021 City Council meeting and one public hearing on the tax rate was set. The ordinance was introduced at the August 26th meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia stating, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by adopting Ordinance 2021-21 with a tax rate of \$0.761551 per \$100 of valuation, which is effectively a 6.3% increase in the tax rate." Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond.

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

Councilmember Drummond voted Aye.

Mayor Rydell voted Aye.

Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson voted Aye.

Councilmember Garcia voted Aye.

Motion carried 4 to 0.

9. **Consider introducing Ordinance 2021-23, establishing fees for city services for FY 2021/2022.**

Jeff Wood, Finance Director - The proposed Ordinance 2021-23 is amending Ordinance 2020-11 to establish the fee schedule for FY 2022.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-23

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-11
ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 BY CHANGING CERTAIN
RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.**

Fire reading. No action taken.

10. **Hold Public Hearing on designation of Reinvestment Zone No. 8, for tax abatement purposes.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager – The City is required to hold a public hearing to designate a Reinvestment Zone prior to considering any tax abatements for any developments.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:35PM. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:35PM.

11. **Hold Public Hearing on designation of area within the extra territorial jurisdiction of the City as Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager – The City is required to hold a public hearing to designate a reinvestment zone for any future consideration for tax increment financing.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:37PM. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:37PM.

12. **Introduce Ordinance 2021-29, designating Reinvestment Zone No. 8.**

Brian LaBorde, City Manager – this ordinance would establish Reinvestment Zone No. 8.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-29

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR,
WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING REINVESTMENT
ZONE NO. 8; PROVIDING ELIGIBILITY OF THE ZONE FOR**

COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL TAX ABATEMENT; CONTAINING FINDINGS THAT THE AREA QUALIFIES TO BE DESIGNATED AS A REINVESTMENT ZONE AND THE IMPROVEMENTS SOUGHT ARE FEASIBLE AND PRACTICABLE AND OF BENEFIT TO THE LAND AND THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

First reading. No action taken.

- 13. Introduce Ordinance 2021-30, designating Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. Two.**
Brian LaBorde, City Manager – This ordinance would establish a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone No. 2.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-30

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA WITHIN THE EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AS TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. TWO; CITY OF TAYLOR, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE; CREATING A BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SAID TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO; CONTAINING FINDINGS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

First reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- 14. Receive Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board update and consider the budget for Taylor Economic Development Corporation for FY 2021/2022.**
Mark Thomas, TEDC Director - provided Council with an update on the TEDC Board activities and upcoming budget, which also satisfied the reporting requirement as stated in the TEDC Bylaws.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the TEDC update and FY2022 budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

- 15. Discuss and consider renewal of the Publicity and Tourism Agreement (HOT agreement) with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - Funding provided to the Chamber from HOT funds is used to provide grants for local organizations offering tourism-based events. There is a cap of \$50,000 on the amount of HOT funds provided to the chamber. Two modifications to the agreement were made, (1) In the General Terms, page 3, section 2, expands the previous allowance for usage of Hotel Occupancy Funds; and (2) the Chamber would make an *annual* report to Council instead of quarterly reports.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to renew the amended Publicity and Tourism (HOT) agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

16. Receive presentation on the annual Hotel Occupancy budget and most recent financial review.

Tia Stone, Chamber of Commerce President – gave a report of activities and Budget for the Chamber of Commerce as it pertains to the administration of the Hotel Occupancy Tax grant contract for the time period of October 2020 through September 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Chamber of Commerce annual budget and financial review as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 0.

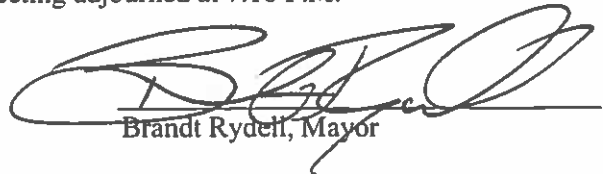
17. Receive update on upcoming ISO survey.

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief - provided Council with an update on the upcoming ISO survey planned for October 2021 and explained how an ISO rate is calculated.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the ISO survey as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

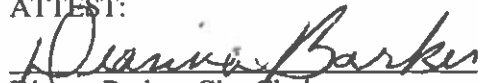
ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 P.M.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk

