

AGENDA
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
TAYLOR CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 PORTER STREET
MARCH 4, 2026, 6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM
- II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION
- III. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. Review and approve the minutes of the February 4, 2026, regular meeting. *Niecy Baum*
- IV. REGULAR AGENDA - NEW BUSINESS
 - 2. Introduction (**and PLACEHOLDER FOR SWEARING IN IF NEEDED**) of new board members to the Historic Preservation Commission. *Niecy Baum*
 - 3. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of the Chair position for the Historic Preservation Commission.
 - 4. Discuss and consider action on the appointment of the Vice Chair position for the Historic Preservation Commission. *Niecy Baum*
- V. REGULAR AGENDA - CONTINUING BUSINESS
 - 5. Presentation and discussion from Freese & Nichols
 - 6. Review and consider action work plan.
 - 7. Discuss updates on the Vacant Building Ordinance.
- VI. ADJOURN

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Date: _____

MINUTES
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
TAYLOR CITY HALL - LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 PORTER STREET FEBRUARY 4,
2026, 6:00 PM

Present: **Lea Bowman, Francise Sorrow, Key Peebles**
Staff: **Niecy Baum, Ruby Fisher, Tyler Bybee**
Others Present: **Chuck Far, Chance Sparks, Councilmember Heather Long,**

- I. Call to order and declare a quorum
 1. A quorum was established and called to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Citizen communication
(The historic preservation commission welcomes public comments on items not listed on the agenda. However, the commission cannot respond until the item is posted on a future meeting agenda. Public comments are limited to 3 minutes.)
No citizen comments.
- III. Consent agenda
 1. Review and approve the minutes from the January 7, 2026, regular meeting. Niecy Baum Francise sorrow motioned, and Lea Bowman seconded the approval of the minutes from the January 7th meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Regular agenda - new business
 2. Presentation from the consultant on the scope of the historic district project reset. Niecy Baum
 3. Chance Sparks from Freese and Nichols covered
 - Stated process to adopt a historic district
 - Reviewed slides about historic districts or landmarks
 - Historic resources survey -from old survey, can be used as a starting point. Keep the scope confined.
 - Maps out ideas for the public to learn and ask them what they worry about
 - Put notices on city website - add QR code to required notice to reference more details on city website,
 - Design review process
 - Use Georgetown as an example- a list of things they used would be helpful
 - Think about local design guidelines- Round Rock, San Marcos
 - Think about incentives – tools for assistance
 - Neighborhood empowerment zones – tax abatements
 - Can stack state and federal tax credits
 - Brownsville, Texas, as an example
 - Certified local government – THC – gets access to THC technical assistance
 - Need council and commission a super majority
 - Recommend using the National Register of Historic Places district – map
 4. Discuss open questions or needs for the historic preservation commission
 - Frances Sorrow agreed with the need for a smaller district.
 - Lea Bowman agrees that public concern was created. Should only apply to commercial buildings. Get established with the working process before adding. Homes are not able to take advantage of the benefits. Have workshops with people affected. The commission needs more training to lead a workshop. People like to see and touch visuals. Review other towns, how they impacted them, Buddha, Georgetown, on how this improved their downtown. We need to look at other surveys as examples.
 - Kay Peebles agrees. Need to allow time to develop the process.
- V. .Regular agenda - continuing business
 1. New business- Suggested a work plan for next month’s meeting.
- VI. Adjourn – adjourn 6:55 PM

Niecy Baum – Downtown Director