

**City of Taylor**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**April 9, 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 Heather Long  
Mayor Dwayne Ariola

Brian LaBorde, City Manager  
Tyler Bybee, Assistant City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

Absent: Council Member Shelli Cobb

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS**

- National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week Proclamation  
Councilwoman Long read the proclamation and presented it to the Animal Control Team.
  
- National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation  
Mayor Ariola read the proclamation and presented it to the Police Department Dispatchers.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Amanda McGee – asked the City to consider relocating protests to Heritage Square and City Hall away from open businesses trying to conduct business.

Carrie D’Anna – expressed disappointment with the City Council’s vote on Project Comal agenda items on March 26, 2026.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of amendments to the City of Taylor Travel Policy.**
3. **Consider the Purchase of Technology Equipment for the Police Department.**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

4. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2026-14, a Special Use Permit to allow for multi-family dwellings, the applicant is proposing 21 multi-family units, for property generally located at 1019 & 1021 W 3rd St, legally described as approximately 0.43 acres of land in the Doak Addition, Block 18, Lots 5, 6 & 7, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R016440 and R016439, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Development Services Director Martin Griggs – the applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for 21 multifamily residential dwelling units on a 0.43-acre site. The properties are zoned P5: Urban Center, which requires a Special Use Permit for Large Apartment (greater than 5 units) building types per Ordinance 2025-15. The proposed Special Use Permit is consistent with the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan. Seven (7) notices were sent to adjacent property owners staff has received two notices in opposition. Planning and Zoning voted 6 to 1 to recommend disapproval of the request for the Special Use Permit. Since the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the applicant has resubmitted a new plan to address parking concerns raised by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: David Williams, Gregory Maxwell, and Margaret Williams.

The applicant's representative, Sunshine Kapus, was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Prior to the reading of the ordinance caption:

*A Motion was made by Councilman Redden to table this item and refer it back to Planning and Zoning. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.*

The ordinance caption was not read.

- 5. Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2026-15, a Neighborhood Plan referred to as Trenton Village, generally located at 3701 CR 367, legally described as approximately 39.34 acres of land in the William J. Baker Survey, Abstract No. 65, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R018637 Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Development Services Director Martin Griggs – The applicant requested approval of a Neighborhood Plan for townhome development in the P4: Mix Place Type, including several warrants and variances related to lot layout, block length, and parking. The site is not subject to the Special Use Permit requirement, and the proposed plan partially aligns with the Comprehensive Plan and Growth Sector guidance. Thirty-five adjacent property owners were notified of the request; staff received five objections within 200 feet and four objections outside 200 feet, no responses in approval. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted 3-4 against the request, and no recommendation is provided.

Mayor Ariola opened the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

The following individuals spoke during the public hearing: Griffin Teggeman, Michael Aplin, Bonnie Kaderka, Tyler Turner, Sandra Martinez.

The applicant representative, Oscar Herrera, was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to the reading of the ordinance caption::

*A Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to deny Ordinance 2026-15. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

The ordinance caption was not read.

**6. Introduce Ordinance 2026-16 on City Right of Way abandonment on portion of East Second Street from Elliott to Washburn Street.**

Conor Stuart with HDR presented the item. – The new City Hall Justice Center was designed to encompass the block south of Fire Station #1 as well as the area of 2nd street between Washburn and Elliott Street. This ordinance will abandon the ROW and allow the city to continue construction of the new building in that location. By state law, the city has the authority to abandon a street or alley within the municipality.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS CLOSING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC A 0.6119 OF ONE ACRE (26,655 SQUARE FOOT) PORTION OF SECOND STREET ROADWAY SITUATED AND SHOWN ON THE MAP OF THE TOWN OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, A SUBDIVISION OF RECORD DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1951, AND RECORDED IN CABINET A, SLIDES 186-187, PLAT RECORDS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS AND PLAT ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED FOR ALL PURPOSES AS EXHIBIT "A".**

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

**7. Introduce Ordinance 2026-17, amending the Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 30, Short-Term Rentals.**

Development Services Director Martin Griggs – this Ordinance will establish reasonable regulations for short-term rentals in order to protect public health and safety, preserve neighborhood character, ensure compliance with applicable codes, and ensure the collection and remittance of Hotel Occupancy Taxes.

The following individual spoke on the agenda item: David Legere, who stated he will send staff his recommendations regarding the proposed ordinance.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING CHAPTER 30, "SHORT-TERM RENTALS"; ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTALS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; REQUIRING PERMITS; ESTABLISHING OPERATIONAL AND LIFE-SAFETY STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT, PENALTIES, AND APPEALS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

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

**8. Presentation and update from the Taylor Housing Authority.**

Taylor Housing Authority Executive Director Shea Goltzman presented an update on the Housing Authority.

*No action was taken.*

**9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an Engagement Letter for Auditing Services with Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP Waco, Texas for FY2026, FY2027, and FY2028, with an option to renew annually for up to five (5) subsequent fiscal years.**

Chief Financial Officer Robert Powers – the City issued a Request for Qualifications for auditing services for FY26–FY28, received four responses, and interviewed all firms. Staff recommends selecting Pattillo, Brown & Hill for auditing services, with proposed fees of \$45,105 for FY26.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to authorize the City Manager to execute the engagement letter with Pattillo, Brown & Hill as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Discussion, consideration and possible action on authorizing the City Manager to execute an Agreed Upon Procedures Engagement Letter with Baker Tilly US, LLP to fulfill requirements of SB 1883 relating to impact fee financial audits.**

Following the passage of S.B. 1883, which requires an independent financial audit before adopting or increasing impact fees, the City issued an RFQ for auditing services for water, sewer, and roadway impact fees. Four firms submitted qualifications. After interviews, staff recommends Baker Tilly to conduct the audit covering October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to authorize the City Manager to execute the engagement letter with Baker Tilly US as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

**11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on general Library updates and Library policies.**

Library Director Amy Keyes provided an update on the library and presented several policies required to maintain accreditation with the State Library.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve the policies as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on authorizing the City Manager to execute Task Order No. 70 with HDR, Inc. for Engineering Services related to the FM619 Transmission Pipeline Preliminary Engineering Report.**

Assistant City Manager Tyler Bybee – this is a task order for preliminary engineering for approximately 35,000 feet of water transmission pipeline and potential elevated storage tank. Funding for this task order will be reimbursed by the Taylor Economic Development Corporation.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck to approve Task Order No. 70 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

**13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on agreement with YMCA for pool management services.**

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Betsy Schultz – this is an agreement with the YMCA of Central Texas to manage operations at the Roznovak Aquatic Center. The contract, following an RFP awarded on March 26, 2026, includes staffing, daily operations, maintenance, swim instruction, and lifeguard management. The new annual contract is \$175,000, reflecting increased staffing needs for the pool’s amenities and higher anticipated attendance.

*Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve the negotiated contract with the YMCA for pool services. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mayor Ariola read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 9:25 p.m.

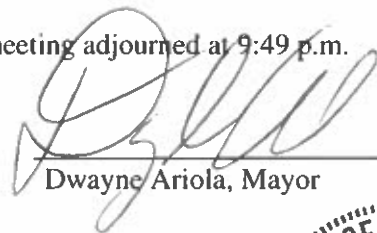
**EXECUTIVE SESSION I.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with City Attorney regarding: Waste Connections Agreement.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION II.** The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to seek the advice of legal counsel regarding legal issues related to the Taylor Housing Authority's attempted recovery of real property and the City's efforts to recover delinquent ad valorem taxes, including potential claims, enforcement actions, collection strategies, and related legal matters.

Councilwoman Cobb joined executive session via phone. Mayor Ariola reconvened into open session at 9:49 p.m. No action was taken.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business Mayor Ariola declared the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

  
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Dwayne Ariola, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk



