

City of Taylor
Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Buzan declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Jim Buzan
Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek
Council Member Greg Redden
Council Member Shelli Cobb
Council Member Heather Long

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

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

- National Police Week Proclamation
Councilman Redden read the proclamation and presented it to Chief Chacon and members of the Taylor Police Department.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Carrie D'Anna addressed the Council regarding economic development efforts and the importance of prioritizing the needs and interests of Taylor residents.

Jose Moreno addressed the Council regarding a short-term rental permit application previously submitted to the City.

Susan Komandosky invited Council to the Moody Museum statue unveiling.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the April 23, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2026, Special Called City Council Workshop meeting.**
3. **Consider approval of Ordinance No. 2026-18, a Special Use Permit to allow drive-through services for a restaurant, generally located at 103 NW Carlos G Parker Blvd, legally described as approximately 1.274 acres of land in the Wal-Mart Supercenter Addition, Lot 4, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R454458, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Cobb to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

4. **Hold a public hearing to consider proposed Tax Abatement Guidelines.**
Tyler Bybee, Assistant City Manager - presented the proposed Tax Abatement Guidelines in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The proposed action renews the City's

guidelines to maintain eligibility to participate in tax abatement incentives. No substantive changes to the existing guidelines were proposed.

Mayor Buzan opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution R26-13, adopting Tax Abatement Guidelines and electing to be eligible to participate in tax abatement.**
Tyler Bybee, Assistant City Manager - presented Resolution No. R26-13 adopting Tax Abatement Guidelines and electing to participate in tax abatement under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. Adoption of the guidelines maintains the City's ability to utilize tax abatement incentives for economic development purposes.

Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Resolution R26-13 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding updates to the 2022 and 2024 Street Maintenance Projects, approval of Change Order No. 3 with HDR Engineering, Inc., and direction on 2025 Davis Street striping configuration options.**
Jacob Walker with HDR presented updates regarding the 2022 and 2024 Street Maintenance Projects, Change Order No. 3 with HDR Engineering, Inc., and the 2025 Davis Street striping configuration options.

Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Change Order #3 with Texas Road as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long . Motion carried unanimously. (Note: Change Order No. 3 is with Texas Road; HDR Engineering is the project engineer.)

Following action on the change order, Council discussed 2025 Davis Street striping configuration options.

The following individuals addressed the City Council regarding this item:

- Christina Lewis
- Felicia Graves

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek directing staff to proceed with Option 3 (add centerline and shoulder striping) from 6th Street to TH Johnson and Option 2 (centerline striping only) from 2nd Street to 6th Street. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mayor Buzan in opposition.

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on the 2026 Street Reclamation and Level Up Expansion Program.**
Jim Gray, Director of Public Works presented information regarding the 2026 Street Reclamation and Level Up Expansion Program, including Options 1, 2, and 3 for allocation of remaining 2019 Certificate of Obligation funds and expansion of the Level Up Program.

Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Option 1 that includes the purchase of a paving machine for the 2026 Street Reclamation and Level Up Expansion Program. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution R26-14, regarding the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority.

Police Chief Chacon presented the resolution regarding the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Authority to assist with the acquisition of equipment related to motor vehicle crime prevention and investigation.

The following individual addressed the City Council regarding this item:

- Carrie D'Anna

Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on awarding Bid No. 2026-9 to Arguijo Corporation for the Wastewater Line Extension Project and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract.

Jim Gray, Director of Public Works introduced Troy St. Tours with HDR who presented information regarding Bid No. 2026-9 for the Wastewater Line Extension Project for installation of a new 18-inch PVC gravity sewer line southeast of Carlos G. Parker Blvd. to support anticipated development in the area. Staff recommends awarding the project to Arguijo Corporation in the amount of \$550,000. The project cost will be reimbursed by the Taylor Economic Development Corporation.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck to approve the award of Bid No. 2026-9 to Arguijo Corporation for the Wastewater Line Extension Project and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the contract. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Buzan read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney regarding sign regulations and related legal issues.
- b. Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney regarding contractor performance and contractual remedies.

Mayor Buzan reconvened into open session at 8:49 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Buzan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


James Buzan, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

