

**City of Taylor**  
**Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street**  
**June 11, 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  
LaShon Gros, Assistant City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

**INVOCATION**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION**

Jose Orta spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Jena Walker spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Samuel Pearson spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Robin Manley spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Gary Gola spoke on Item 5 (Charter Amendments) related to Recall Provisions.  
Karol Oats spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Christine Benson spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Carrie D'Anna spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Mark Pratz spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
Jennette Pratz spoke on the forthcoming submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers and on Item 12 regarding stop signs at Howard Street and W. Lake Drive.  
Pam Griffin submitted a citizen petition through the City Clerk to the City Council related to the zoning of data centers.  
Sarah Winters spoke on the submission of a citizen petition regarding data centers.  
JD Gins spoke on Item 12 stop signs at the intersection of W. Lake Drive and Howard Street.

Consent Agenda Items #2 and #3 were pulled for separate consideration.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the May 28, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-20, a request for a Neighborhood Plan referred to as KMV Holdings, generally located at 397 FM/369 CR, legally described as approximately 7.7957 acres of land in the S. Pharrass Survey, Abstract No. 496, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R430433, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
3. **Consider authorizing the issuance of a No-Objection Letter supporting Soulbrain RASA TX, LLC's application to participate in Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 183 through the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc. (FTZCTI).**

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve Consent Agenda Item 1 as presented.  
Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.*

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Martin Griggs, Director of Development Services, was available to answer questions and provide additional information. Mr. Griggs noted concerns regarding the proximity of the development to the runway protection zone and recommended a condition to amend Note 6 on the TND plan to reflect that, at the time of permitting, building heights shall comply with the ultimate runway protection zone limits established by the FAA.

The following individuals spoke on the agenda item:

John Noel with NORA Engineering spoke, was available to answer questions, and stated that their FAA submission had been approved. Staff clarified that a formal submission had not yet been completed.

*Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Ordinance 2026-20 with the condition as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck. Motion carried unanimously.*

3. **Consider authorizing the issuance of a No-Objection Letter supporting Soulbrain RASA TX, LLC's application to participate in Foreign-Trade Zone (FTZ) No. 183 through the Foreign Trade Zone of Central Texas, Inc. (FTZCTI).**

Ben White, CEO/President of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation presented the item and was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck to approve issuing the letter supporting Soulbrain as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES**

4. **Introduce Ordinance 2026-19 Amending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.**

Robert Powers, Chief Financial Officer presented an ordinance amending the FY 2026 budget to roll forward incomplete prior-year projects; align budgets with recent program restructuring; incorporate Council-approved changes; address unforeseen financial activity; revise property tax revenue estimates related to TIF No. 2; and utilize Debt Service reserves to reduce General Fund impact.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2026-19**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2025-29 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2025, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2025 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026.**

The ordinance was introduced. No action was taken.

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

5. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Final Report and Recommendations of the Charter Review Commission, and direction to staff concerning proposed Charter amendments for potential placement on the November 2026 ballot, presented by attorney Charlie Zech with Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C.**

Attorney Charlie Zech presented the Charter Review Commission's Final Report and Recommendations. Charter Review Commission Chairman John McDonald was available to answer questions and provide additional information.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck for staff to bring back the amendments to City Council based on City Council discussion for further review. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **Presentation by the Williamson Central Appraisal District.**

Alvin Lankford, County Chief Appraisal Officer, gave a presentation on overall information about the District and appraisals.

*No action was taken.*

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Ordinance 2026-02, a Special Use Permit to allow lodging without a full time, on-site operator at property generally located at 3004 Don Hill Lane, legally described Rob Roy Estates, Block C, Lot 94, 0.027 acres of land, more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcel R427227, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Director of Development Services, Martin Griggs, presented the item, noting it was previously considered by City Council and is being brought back at the applicant's request prior to consideration of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance. The Planning and Zoning Commission previously recommended disapproval.

*Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve Ordinance 2026-02 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Buzan. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Mayor Pro Tem Cmerck and Councilwoman Cobb in opposition.*

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on 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.**

Director of Development Services, Martin Griggs, presented the item, providing an overview of the request for a Special Use Permit to allow 21 multifamily residential units at 1019 and 1021 W 3rd Street. He summarized prior considerations by the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council, including the Commission's recommendation of disapproval, and discussed key considerations related to density, site design, and compatibility with the surrounding area. Following discussion, Mr. Griggs noted that the draft ordinance included conditions 1 through 7 and that staff would add the following additional conditions:

8) restriction on the use of Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) or Public Facility Corporation (PFC) financing for the life of the property; and

9) compliance with Land Development Code Sections 5.9.3.5 and 5.9.3.6 relating to architectural compatibility.

The following individuals spoke on the agenda item:

David Williams, Greg Maxwell, Calvin Walker

*Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve Ordinance 2026-14 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried 4 to 1, with Councilwoman Cobb in opposition.*

**9. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on a Task Authorization under the Master Professional Services Agreement with Freese and Nichols Inc. for Phase 2 amendments to Envision Taylor and Land Development Code.**

Director of Development Services, Martin Griggs - this item was to present Phase 2 amendments to Envision Taylor and the Land Development Code and obtain Council authorization to proceed. Chance Sparks with Freese and Nichols summarized prior phase work and presented Phase 2, outlining proposed amendments and next steps for implementation.

*Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek to approve Phase 2 amendments with Freese and Nichols as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

**10. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on establishing the Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Advisory Committee (CPDCAC), appointing members, and defining the scope of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code update.**

City Clerk Lucy Aldrich presented the item. Staff outlined the purpose of establishing the Comprehensive Plan & Development Code Advisory Committee (CPDCAC) to support the update of Envision Taylor and the Land Development Code, including review of draft materials, participation in public engagement, and providing recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council.

*Motion was made by Councilman Redden to affirm the City Council's first choice nominees to serve on the Committee: Ben Fuentes, Julie Downs, Chuck Farr, Dwayne Ariola, and Karen Saverse. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

Nominations were made as follows:

Councilwoman Long nominated Tyler Turner

Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek nominated Mike Aplin

Mayor Buzan nominated Keith Hagler

Councilwoman Cobb nominated Buddy Michna

Councilman Redden nominated David Downs

Mayor called for a vote on nominations starting with the last nomination.

David Downs – Councilman Redden – aye

Councilwoman Cobb – nay

Mayor Buzan – aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek – nay  
Councilwoman Long – nay

Nomination failed.

Buddy Michna – Councilman Redden – aye  
Councilwoman Cobb – aye  
Mayor Buzan – aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek – aye  
Councilwoman Long – aye

Appointed unanimously.

Keith Hagler – Councilman Redden – aye  
Councilwoman Cobb – aye  
Mayor Buzan – aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek – aye  
Councilwoman Long – aye

Appointed unanimously.

Mike Aplin – Councilman Redden – aye  
Councilwoman Cobb – aye  
Mayor Buzan – aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek – aye  
Councilwoman Long – aye

Appointed unanimously.

Tyler Turner – Councilman Redden – aye  
Councilwoman Cobb – aye  
Mayor Buzan – aye  
Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek – aye  
Councilwoman Long – aye

Appointed unanimously.

**11. Discussion, consideration, and possible action for approval of Amendment No.5 to the Agreement for Engineering Services for mitigation projects with HDR Engineering and use of Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund Loan and City Funds.**

Assistant City Manager Tyler Bybee presented Amendment No. 5 to the agreement with HDR Engineering for mitigation projects, including additional construction phase services and the addition of the Drake Lane drainage improvements. He noted the project would be funded through Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund loan funds and City bond funds.

*Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Amendment No.5 to the Agreement for Engineering Services for mitigation projects with HDR Engineering as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.*

**12. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding additional stop signs at the intersection of W. Lake Drive and Howard Street.**

Police Chief Joseph Chacon presented the item, summarizing traffic data, speed surveys, and public input regarding the intersection of W. Lake Drive and Howard Street. He noted that staff does not recommend the installation of additional stop signs but did recommend developing a traffic management plan/policy, which Council concurred with.

*Motion was made by Councilman Redden to take steps to address line-of-sight alternative, coordinate with the homeowner and take appropriate action. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek. Motion carried unanimously.*

Mayor called for a 5-minute break. Mayor reconvened the meeting after the break.

**13. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Boards and Commissions Handbook.**

Assistant City Manager LaShon Gros presented the Boards and Commissions Handbook. City Council discussed the document and provided direction for revisions.

*Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to direct staff to revise the draft handbook as discussed. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURN**

With no further business Mayor Buzan declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

  
James Buzan, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

