

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
August 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

Present in City Hall: No one.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola (6:04p.m.)
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

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

Mayor Brandt Rydell took a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present at this time were Mayor Rydell, Councilmember Garcia, and Councilmember Drummond. Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola not yet joined the meeting. Councilmember Anderson made a statement for the record, "I will be boycotting to night's City Council meeting in protest of the shooting of another unarmed African-American. I feel it is my duty as an elected official to use my platform to raise awareness of this ongoing problem. I stand with the WMBA, NBA, MLB, NHL and all others taking a stand. I will be using my voice to make a change by being silent."

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Rydell read comments sent in prior to the meeting.

Matthew Baran – 1)strongly recommend grandfathering all current signage and please make suggestions but do not vote tonight on any changes until we have a time to digest your thoughts.

2) Strongly suggest that this ordinance be discussed and definitions refined for ease of understanding. I am very curious as to who and/or what was the recent cause for this to be an issue that the council wants to push to be a proactive matter for the city. Hopefully one of you will be forthcoming.

3) Once the Planning & Zoning Commission makes their recommendations on carports again I strongly urge nothing be voted upon this evening to allow our citizens time to review and respond at the next opportunity.

Mayor Pro-Tem joined the meeting at this point via phone, 6:04p.m.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. Public Arts Advisory Board update.

Richard Stone, Advisory Board Chair – gave a brief update on the Board's responsibilities and activities to include Virtual Art Show, 50/50 Art Wall at Pierce Park, Empty Bowls project, and Potter's Alley. COVID prevented the board from having some previously planned activities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Public Arts Advisory board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Approve minutes from the August 13, 2020 regular City Council meeting.

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda item as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

3. Conduct the Public Hearing and introduce Ordinance 2020-13, which proposes a change to the Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Plan Map on land consisting of approximately 6.83 acres, out of 27.73 acres, from the Single-Family Residential designation to the Commercial designation, located at the northwest intersection of North Drive and NW Carlos G. Parker Boulevard.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – gave a presentation on a request for an update to the Future Land Use Plan so affirmative action can be taken on the concurrent request to change the zoning district. The proposed amendment will result in a future land use category that is consistent with the zoning and land use categories of the surrounding parcels. Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommend approval.

Brett Corwin – Project is residential with some commercial property.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:27p.m. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:27p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP DESIGNATION FROM SINGLE-FAMILY TO COMMERCIAL ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 6.83 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF NORTH DRIVE AND N.W. CARLOS G. PARKER BOULEVARD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R383650, PART OF AND OUT OF A 27.73 ACRE TRACT WITHIN WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

4. Conduct the Public Hearing and introduce Ordinance 2020-14 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 70.65 acres, at the northwest corner of North Drive and Carlos G. Parker, from Rural Agricultural Zoning District (R/A) to Local Commercial Zoning District (B-1) and Single-Family Zoning District with a Residential Planned Development Overlay (R-1/RPD).

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – gave a presentation on the request to re-zone the subject property for future commercial and residential development. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommend approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola joined via video instead of phone at 6:42p.m.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:50p.m. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:51p.m.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020- 14

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 70.65 ACRES OF RURAL/AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT (R/A) TO APPROXIMATELY 6.83 ACRES OF LOCAL COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT (B-1) AND APPROXIMATELY 63.83 ACRES OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT WITH A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY (R-1/RPD), LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF NORTH DRIVE AND NW CARLOS G. PARKER BOULEVARD, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCEL R383650 AND R018683; PART OF AND OUT OF WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- 5. Receive presentation about CAMPO (Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization) and updates on transportation programs involving CAMPO.**

Jeff Jenkins read a brief bio on Mr. Ashby Johnson.

Ashby Johnson, CAMPO – gave a presentation about CAMPO and transportation related programs they are involved with in the Austin metro area.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the CAMPO presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

- 6. Receive Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board update and consider the budget for Taylor Economic Development Corporation for FY 2020/2021.**

Mark Thomas, TEDC – gave a presentation on the TEDC Board activities and presented their FY2021 upcoming budget.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the TEDC update and budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

- 7. Receive Presentation on Pavement Management Summary.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – introduced Kurt Keifer, Director of Paving Engineering.

Kurt Keifer, Gorrondona & Associates - gave a presentation summarizing the Pavement Condition Assessment that Gorrondona & Associates performed throughout the City.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Pavement Management Summary as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

8. Consider mid-year appointments to various Boards & Commissions.

Dianna Barker, City Clerk – The Main Street Advisory Board has one seat that needs an appointment due to non-attendance, Michael Van Jones seat. Five applicants were considered to fill that seat.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to appoint John McRae to the Main Street Advisory Board to replace Michael Van Jones. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

9. Consider approving Resolution R20-23, authorizing an application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for Federal Assistance through the EDA Cares Program.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - City Staff identified the EDA-CARES Program as a source for potential funding for a sanitary sewer service west of Carlos G. Parker Blvd that will allow for future development along Hwy 79. This Resolution is to submit an application to EDA and to commit the 20% in matching funds to the project.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve Resolution R20-23 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

Council took a break at 8:35p.m.

Council reconvened at 8:40p.m.

10. Receive update on sign ordinance enforcement.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - provided the City Council with an update regarding recent enforcement actions related to the City's sign ordinance. Recently there have been several businesses within the City that have installed signs without the proper permits. This item will come back to Council in late September for further information and guidance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the sign ordinance update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

11. Receive update regarding the maintenance of landscaping in public rights-of-way.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - provided an update on what has been accomplished since the July 16th Council discussion on right-of-way maintenance regarding the responsibility of property owners to maintain landscaping within alleys and the parkway portion of the public rights-of-way. Staff has provided property owner notifications in specific areas that the City will no longer maintain the alley, HDR Engineering has completed an alley inventory, and staff has met with the Tree Advisory Board on developing strategies of dealing with the maintenance of trees within the ROW. Staff will continue to monitor these issues and, if need be, come back to Council for further direction.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the maintenance of landscaping in public ROW update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

12. Receive update regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation on carports within the required front setback in residential neighborhoods.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - provided the City Council with an update and the P&Z Commission's recommendation regarding existing, non-conforming carports in the setbacks within existing neighborhoods. P&Z Commission recommended the Council consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to allow the owners of existing, non-conforming carports to register with the City, pay for and receive a safety inspection of the carport and for the Council to consider other criteria such as architectural compatibility. The Commission does not recommend allowing any additional carports to be constructed without meeting the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and building codes.

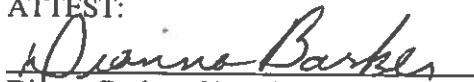
Council agrees with existing ones, doesn't agree with additional carports being constructed

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the P&Z Commission's recommendations and report the Council's decision back to the P&Z Commission and begin the amendment process. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried 4 to 0 via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45p.m.

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

