

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
August 13, 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
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Others attending: Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk (signed in as Rocio Lopez)

Mayor Brandt Rydell took a roll call, declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the July 23, 2020 Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for June 2020.**
3. **Consider Resolution R20-21, making necessary revisions to Resolution R20-04, At-Large Council Member seat.**
4. **Consider Resolution R20-22, making necessary revisions to Resolution R20-05, Charter Amendments.**
5. **Receive Certification of Additional Sales and Use Tax to Pay Debt Services.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2020-12, third quarter budget amendment for FY2019/2020.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

7. **Discuss and establish upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate, set the date for the public hearings for September 10, 2020, and take a record vote.**
Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation on the tax rate. Council must set the maximum tax rate that will be used to support the budget and schedule the required public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to set the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate at \$0.810215 per \$100 of taxable value and hold the public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate on September 10, 2020 at 6:00pm. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia.

Mayor Rydell asked the City Clerk to call for a roll call vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola – No

Councilmember Anderson – Yes

Councilmember Drummond – Yes

Councilmember Garcia – Yes

Mayor Rydell – Yes

Motion carried 4 to 1 with Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola opposing.

8. Consider introducing Ordinance 2020-09, adopting the annual budget for FY 2020/2021.

Mayor Rydell read an email from DeeDee Yelverton regarding her concerns about the proposed budget on the Animal Shelter.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a presentation on the proposed budget. Ordinance 2020-09 adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021 was introduced. The final proposed budget will be formally presented to Council prior to a public hearing on September 10, 2020.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-09

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

First reading. No action taken.

9. Consider introducing Ordinance 2020-10, fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for tax year 2020/2021.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – Introduced Ordinance 2020-10 fixing and levying ad valorem tax rate for FY 2021. This ordinance is scheduled for adoption on September 10, 2020.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021.

Mayor Rydell stated the formal adoption of the tax rate will be after the public hearing on September 10th.

First reading. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

- 10. Consider a request from King's Mini Mart for a variance to the distance requirement regarding the sale of alcohol.**

Dianna Barker, City Clerk – Explained King's Mini Mart falls slightly within 300 feet of a school; therefore, a variance is needed. TISD has submitted a letter approving the request.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the variance to the distance requirement as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 11. Receive Taylor Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Report for April - June 2020.**

Tia Stone, Chamber of Commerce President – gave a brief presentation on the Chamber's 3rd quarter.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve the Chamber of Commerce 3rd quarter report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 12. Receive update on Capital Improvement Program for FY2020/2021.**

Jeff Wood, Finance Director – gave a brief presentation on the cost estimates for the FY2021 CIP projects.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Capital Improvement Program update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 13. Receive update on the Comprehensive Plan.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – gave an update on the status of the Comprehensive Plan and a brief summary of the proposed project schedule.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the Comprehensive Plan update as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 14. Consider/approve a recommendation from the scoring committee to select an engineering firm for a General Land Office Mitigation application and with funding design and construction oversight.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – Four companies placed a bid on the project. A summary of the scores from those companies was presented. HDR Engineering came in with the highest score.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the scoring committee's recommendation and hire HDR Engineering for the General Land Office CDBG-MIT application. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session items and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00pm.

Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. Petition by Robert M. Tiemann and Carrie Parker Tiemann for the creation of one or more municipal utility districts in the City of Taylor's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

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- a. RCR Agreement

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- a. 4th Street

City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:45pm. No action taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk