City of Taylor

Regularly Scheduled City Council Meeting Minutes
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek	Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Council Member Greg Redden	Tyler Bybee, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Shelli Cobb	LaShon Gros, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Heather Long	Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
	Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

Absent: Mayor Jim Buzan

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation – Parks & Recreation Month.
  Councilwoman Cobb read the proclamation and presented it to members of the Parks & Recreation Department.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Essie Bass provided comments regarding support for Taylor youth and the need for a community recreation center.
Marco Solis provided comments concerning the flow of currency and ecosystem-related topics.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consider approval of the minutes from the June 17, 2026, Special Called City Council Budget Workshop meeting.**
2. **Consider approval of the minutes from the June 25, 2026, Regular City Council meeting.**
3. **Consider approval of Amendment No. 5 to Task Order No. 29 with HDR Engineering for development review and inspection services related to third-party facilities associated with the Samsung project.**
4. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-21, a request for a Place Type change from P2:Rural and P3:Neighborhood to P5:Urban Center for property generally located at 1201 South Rio Grande Street, legally described as approximately 9.73 acres of land in the P. Coursey Survey, Abstract No. 131, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R019072 and R019918, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
5. **Consider approval of Ordinance 2026-22, a request for an Employment Center Plan at 2700 and 2710 Davis Street, legally described as approximately 0.8331 acres of land in Terry Green, Lot 1 and Lot 2, more particularly described by the Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R344254 and R344255, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
6. **Consider approval of Resolution R26-15, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Taylor Independent School District and the Taylor Police Department concerning the School Resource Officer positions.**

Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the initiative petition and related ordinance submitted under Article 15, Section 15.1 of the City Charter proposing an ordinance to amend the City's Land Development Code to remove and prohibit data centers in all existing zoning districts.**
The following individuals spoke on this item: Cosmo Kenny, Jose Orta, Sarah Winters, Carrie D'Anna (Christina Lewis and Alecia Cooper donated their time to Ms. D'Anna), Pamela Griffin, Kenneth Flippen, John Murray, Eric Johnson, Reagan Brady, Robin Manley, Scott Gibbs, Rick Selin, J'Net Pratz, Mark Pratz, Nick Cavalero, Melanie Goss, Kelley Castelein, Gary Oldham, Greg Speer, Justin Irving, Clayton Tucker (Lisa Drummond gave her time to Mr. Tucker).

   Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek read a statement regarding the citizen initiative petition related to data centers. The statement noted that the petition signatures had been verified by Williamson County and that, following review and consultation with legal counsel, the City determined the proposed measure could not be adopted through the initiative process or placed on the ballot under applicable Texas law. The statement also provided an update on the City's ongoing Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code amendments addressing data centers and other digital infrastructure and encouraged continued public participation in that process.

   No action was taken.

   Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek called for a recess at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

8. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the Final Report and Recommendations of the Charter Review Commission, and direction to staff concerning Charter amendments for potential placement on the November 2026 ballot, presented by attorney Charlie Zech with Denton Navarro Rodriguez Bernal Santee & Zech, P.C.**
Mr. Charlie Zech presented this item to City Council on June 11, 2026. City Council has been given the opportunity to review the amendments. Legal Counsel and staff are asking City Council to provide direction on the proposed amendments submitted by the Charter Review Commission as it pertains to the upcoming November 2026 election. Following discussion, Council reached consensus to direct legal counsel to prepare revisions addressing Clarifying Amendment No. 6. An ordinance calling for a Charter Amendment Election in November is scheduled for the July 23 Council Meeting.

   No action was taken.

9. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on awarding Request for Proposal No. 2026-10 for Municipal Court and Utility Billing collection services to Linebarger and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.**
Deputy Chief Financial Officer Lydia Collins presented the results of Request for Proposal No. 2026-10 for Municipal Court and Utility Billing collection services. Following evaluation of four submitted proposals, staff recommended awarding the contract to Linebarger and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute the final agreement.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Long to approve awarding RFP 2026-10 to Linebarger and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract. Motion was seconded by Councilman Redden. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on awarding Bid No. 2026-12 to TerraSol LLC, for the 5th and Murphy Waterline Replacement Project and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute a contract.**
Director of Public Works, Jim Gray introduced Conor Stuart with HDR Engineering, Inc. who presented the bid results for the 5th and Murphy Waterline Replacement Project, which will replace existing 2-inch waterlines with 8-inch waterlines to improve water capacity and fire protection. Staff recommended awarding Bid No. 2026-12 to TerraSol LLC and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to negotiate and execute the contract.

    Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve awarding Bid No. 2026-12 to TerraSol and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Task Order No. 2026-04 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for the 5th and Murphy Waterline Project Construction Phase Services, authorize the City Manager, to execute the task order.**
Director of Public Works, Jim Gray presented Task Order No. 2026-04 with HDR Engineering, Inc. for construction phase services related to the 5th and Murphy Waterline Replacement Project. The task order includes project management, construction observation, contract administration, and project closeout services. Staff recommended approval of the task order and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

    Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Task Order No. 2026-04 with HDR and authorize the City Manager to execute the task order. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cobb. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on potential adjustments to West Second (2nd) Street Striping.**
Director of Public Works, Jim Gray introduced Jacob Walker with HDR who presented options for potential parking striping modifications on West Second Street between Davis Street and Main Street in conjunction with upcoming pavement maintenance work. Council discussed alternatives intended to improve visibility, safety, and vehicle maneuverability and provided direction to staff regarding the preferred striping configuration.

    No action was taken.

13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible action on Resolution R26-16 authorizing the City of Taylor to proceed with applying for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and allow the City Manager to execute Task Order 2026-05 with HDR Engineering for the preparation and submission of the grant application.**
Assistant City Manager Tyler Bybee presented Resolution R26-16 authorizing the City to apply for the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply and Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) and Task Order No. 2026-05 with HDR Engineering for grant application services. The grant funding

would support water infrastructure improvements, including the proposed FM 619 water transmission line project to increase water supply capacity and system redundancy.

Motion was made by Councilman Redden to approve Resolution R26-16 as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute Task Order 2026-05 with HDR. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Long. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek read the executive session items and adjourned into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION I
The Taylor City Council will convene in closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Codes 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney and to deliberate regarding the following matters:

a. Project Mustang and Project Meridian.

EXECUTIVE SESSION II.
The Taylor City Council will convene in closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to receive legal advice from the City Attorney regarding the following matters:

a. Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity and Discharge Permit.

Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek reconvened into open session at 10:22 p.m.

No action was taken.

ADJOURN
With no further business Mayor Pro Tem Cmerek declared the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

James Buzan
James Buzan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lucy Aldrich
Lucy Aldrich, City Clerk

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