

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 28, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Chris Gonzales and Mayor Jesse Ancira, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time set aside for items not on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R16-23 APPROVING A LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN AS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA) HOME PROGRAM.
2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JUNE, 2016.
3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 21, 2016.
Council Member Garcia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-11 TO REZONE PROPERTY TO MULTI FAMILY FOR AVERY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.
Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a request to consider rezoning property currently owned by the Taylor Housing Authority. The property is the existing housing site that suffered damage in the Memorial Day flood of 2015. Mr. Bob vanTil, THA Staff, spoke in favor of the request and announced the current chair of the THA Board of Directors was also present and in support of this request. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the Public Hearing open; hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2016-11

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY BEING 8.2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, IN THE P. COURSEY SURVEY, GENERALLY LOCATED AT AVERY DRIVE IN TAYLOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM SINGLE FAMILY R-1 TO MF-2 MULTI-FAMILY-HIGH-DENSITY-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF

THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE
ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-14 REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Turner asked council to table this item until August 11 when the council will be fully seated.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON WILLIAMSON COUNTY EXPO CENTER PROJECT.

Mr. Clint Chitsey, Williamson County, presented an overview of the improvements made to the Rodeo Arena and future Expo Center. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE ON SKATE PARK.

Mr. Bernal presented an update on the latest discussions regarding the skate park. He stated that Mr. Chisum Pierce has offered to donate property located at the corner of 3rd and Porter Streets to be considered for a skate park. Mr. Bernal said the Project Loop organization is planning to submit a grant application with a deadline of October 1 and he indicated that staff would be gathering necessary information to assist with that process. Mr. Turner made it clear that this change in location was requested by Project Loop and is different from what council approved earlier in the year at Murphy Park. Additional steps to continue to move this project forward include the approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the property owner, confirmation and analysis of funding available, an environmental assessment, and possible changes in zoning and future land use designations as well as a review by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Council Member Garcia moved to receive the report as presented and to acknowledge that staff is working towards an October 1 deadline for a grant application and to complete the steps necessary to consider the property donation from Mr. Pierce as the new proposed location for a skate park. Council member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-21 APPROVING THE PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, provided a summary of the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan developed by Langford Community Management Services. The Plan will be used as a guide to apply for outside funding for future park improvements.

Council Member Lopez moved to approve Resolution R16-21 approving the Plan as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. REVIEW MARKETING MATERIALS FROM TAYLOR MARKETING PARTNERSHIP.
Ms. Holli Nelson, Public Information Officer, presented an overview of various marketing materials produced through the Marketing Partnership efforts. Ms. Nelson introduced Ms. Kaitlin Olle and Mr. Tim Crow who participated in the development of this collaborative approach to promoting the Taylor community.

Council Member Garcia moved to accept the materials as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-22 TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FOR A RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT IF AWARDED.

Police Chief Fluck presented a request to submit a grant application for a records management system. The grant itself has no local match but there is an annual maintenance cost. The new system would provide enhancements to the way information is gathered and bring the city into compliance with state standards.

Council Member Lopez moved to approve the Resolution as presented and Council member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSS BOARD RECRUITMENT PROCESS.

Ms. Brock presented an overview of how board members are currently recruitment. A recommendation was made to adopt a new schedule where appointments are made twice a year, once in January and again in July and to provide council with applications and attendance records at least 30 days prior to when any appointments are made.

Council Member Garcia moved to approve the process of making appointments at least twice a year and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Garcia requested an update on the TUF appeals process and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell requested a discussion on curbside recycling with the possibility of the city subsidizing a portion of the cost to the citizens.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- Skate park

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell stated that there was no need to adjourn into Executive Session.

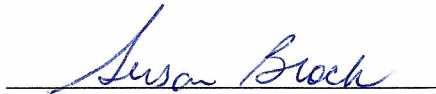
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk