

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 25, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION – Commander Branson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. **National Breastfeeding Month**
Mayor Rydell read the proclamation.
2. **Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of Taylor as a Texas Main Street Community.**
Councilmember Drummond read and presented the Recognition to the Main Street Advisory Board members.
3. **National Immunization Awareness Month**
Councilmember Garcia read and presented the proclamation to Emperatriz Kennedy with Williamson County and Cities Health District.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Kyle Dufour, Attorney for Jason Grace, Xchange Inc. – Represents Mr. Grace. Introduced himself and stated he would like to have a separate meeting in the future with Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve minutes from July 11, 2019 regular City Council meeting.**
5. **Approve Resolution R19-19, MOU between TISD and Taylor Police Department concerning the School Resource Officer positions.**
6. **Consider approving Resolution R19-20 authorizing representatives on the City's investment and bank accounts.**
7. **Consider a request from Williamson County for the waiver of City fees for expansion of the Williamson County Expo Center.**
8. **Consider Resolution R19-18, authorizing the resale of property held in trust by the City of Taylor.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.*

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. **Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Professional Design Services for the Animal Shelter Long Term Remodel Project to Connolly Architects and Consultants.** Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering, gave a presentation recapping the previous animal shelter discussions. On December 13, 2018 City Council voted to pursue Long Term Remodeling of the shelter. The City Council voted to allocate \$250,000 from the 2019 Infrastructure Bond toward the Animal Shelter project. Jacob presented 2 options; 1) Full Design- all elements in the plan will be designed and ready for construction as additional funding becomes available, 2) Partial Design - all elements except the new kennel building will be designed but more funding would be available for immediate construction. Mr. Connolly, Architect, was present for comments. Staff recommends implementing Option 1.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to authorize Professional Design Services for the Animal Shelter Long Term Remodel Project to Connolly Architects and Consultants to implement Option 1 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Consideration and possible action on 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction: Wabash and Robinson.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering, gave a presentation on street selection and prioritization and stated the street priority rankings are based on the scoring, budget available, and district location. Council approved the selected streets presented in March 2019 and asked for engineering proposals for Lynn Street, 3rd Street, W. Lake Drive, Wabash Street, and Edmond Street. At the June 13, 2019 Council meeting Council suggested swapping Wabash Street for Robinson Street. HDR provided a separate proposal for the full design of Robinson Street (from the northern dead end to Frank St.). Staff recommends confirming the approval of Robinson Street or Wabash Street as the final street for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform the work.

Citizen comments:

Teri Marx, 1010 Symes St – spoke in favor of Wabash Street to be repaired.

John Oranday, 302 Wabash St – spoke in favor of Wabash Street to be repaired.

Christine Lopez, 497 Rices Crossing Rd – Spoke in favor of Wabash to be repaired.

Christine Lopez had a proxy for Tim Mikeska, 409 Potomac Rd – Mrs. Lopez read a letter from Mr. Mikeska speaking in favor of Wabash Street to be repaired.

Mopsie Cavo, 401 Potomac St – spoke in favor of Wabash Street to be repaired.

Anthony Watson, 300 N. Robinson St – spoke in favor of Robinson Street to be repaired.

Discussion was made on fully reconstructing Wabash Street and doing an overlay on Robinson so there's a smoother drive on Robinson until it can be fully reconstructed, or visa versa. Funding is not currently available for overlaying one of the streets.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve Wabash Street as the final street for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform the work. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve Robinson Street as the final street for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond and authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform the work. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola and Councilmember Garcia opposing.

Council took a break at 8:15pm

Council reconvened at 8:25pm

11. Consider bid award the for 2019 Street Maintenance Project.

Three (3) contractors, Alpha Paving, Lone Star Paving, and Texas Materials, submitted sealed bids. The low bid contractor, Alpha Paving, submitted bids 3.5% higher than the preliminary estimate. Based on the information presented in the bid proposal, HDR recommends the City of Taylor accept the bid from Alpha Paving in the amount of \$283,580.00. Materials testing for the project will be performed by Raba Kistner (RCKI), estimated at \$5,800.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with Alpha Paving Industries LLC for the 2019 Street Maintenance Project, and authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract with RCKI for materials testing services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding the 2019 Main Street Car Show.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director, introduced Brad Duncan and Derck Hilla who showed a brief video of a past car show. Mr. Yantis presented a presentation and requested feedback from Council on topics related to the 2019 Main Street Car Show:

Traffic control and street closure plan – staff presented a proposed plan. Council is fine with the plan.

Process for soliciting sponsorships - Car Show Committee proposed hiring contractor (SRE Limited) to solicit sponsorships. Contractor recently pulled out of the event. Councilmember Garcia stated it is too late to acquire another promotions company to solicit sponsorships. Car Show Committee will solicit sponsorships on their own this year.

Use of proceeds from the event – Car Show committee currently picks 2 charities to split the proceeds between.

Citizen comments:

Steve Truex, 200 W. 2nd St. – gave a brief history of the car show and stated the show is designed to bring people into Taylor. It is a non-profit show. Car Show committee would like to continue putting on the show as they've always done and only have the city handle the funds and liability insurance.

Derck Hilla – described responsibilities of committee and the volunteerism to put on the show. Mr. Hilla would like to keep the show free to spectators.

Brad Duncan, 811 Kimbro – Car shows mission is to promote Taylor and giving back to the community. Mr. Duncan expects 20% growth in car show in 2019 and requested any new rules be implemented in 2020.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola stated he does not think Council needs to be involved in the car show and recommends the city provide funding up to \$50,000 to support the show. Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola also stated that he has discovered Councilmember Garcia was listed on the Secretary of State's website as a governing partner of SRE Limited in 2016. On May 8, 2018 the website shows 3

governing partner's including Councilmember Garcia. On May 9, 2018 the website shows 2 governing partner's, Councilmember Garcia's name was no longer there. Councilmember Garcia stated that he left SRE in 2017 and provided a copy of a letter from his CPA showing his final year of ownership in SRE. Councilmember Garcia gave the history of his involvement in the car show and stated that he is not in the car show for personal gain. The 2019 Car Show will continue as planned. No changes. No action was taken by Council.

Mayor Rydell read the executive session meeting announcement and adjourned into executive session at 9:39p.m.

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. JM Caffey Subdivision
- b. Xchange, Inc.
- c. Jackie Jones

The Council reconvened into regular session at 10:24p.m.

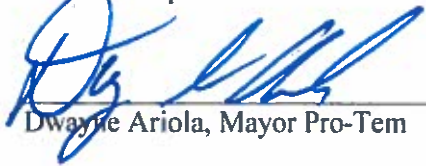
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola that the settlement agreement regarding the JM Caffey subdivision, pending final drafting changes, be signed by the City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the Xchange, Inc. agenda item.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to authorize the City Manager to sign the settlement agreement between the City and Jackie Jones in the final settlement of the suit between the parties. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26p.m.


Dwayne Ariola, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

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March 7, 2019

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ROBERT GARCIA
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Dear Robert:

We have prepared the enclosed copy of your Schedule K-1 for SRE PROMOTIONS LIMITED LIABILITY CO limited liability company. It contains your share of the limited liability company's items of income/loss, deductions, credits, and other information for the limited liability company's tax year ended December 31, 2018. These items are to be reported on your federal income tax return; therefore, this schedule should be retained with your tax records and documentation.

Also enclosed is state K-1 information, if applicable. This information should also be retained with your tax records and documentation.

Also enclosed is your basis information. This information consists of your basis in the limited liability company and, if applicable, your share of any suspended or disallowed losses. Retain this information with your tax records; it may be needed to complete your federal income tax return.

This is your final year of ownership in SRE PROMOTIONS LIMITED LIABILITY CO. Therefore, this will be the last Schedule K-1 that you will receive.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of assistance in any way, please call.

Sincerely,

Jo Ireland CPA, PLLC

