

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 22, 2021, 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:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Brandt Rydell
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney

Absent: Council Member Robert Garcia

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Mayor Rydell asked for a moment of silence which was observed.

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Receive Presentation from the Texas Police Chief's Association for Best Practices Program Recognition Award for the Taylor Police Department.**

James McLaughlin, representative from the Texas Police Chief's Association presented the award of *Recognized Law Enforcement Agency* to Police Chief Henry Fluck and the Taylor PD. This award recognizes the Taylor Police Department for developing and improving the Department's policies, procedures, facilities, and operations.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

There were no citizen communications.

BOARDS & COMMISSION UPDATE

2. **Public Arts Advisory Board.**

Richard Stone, Board President – gave a presentation on the Board's 2021 projects to include Painted Pianos, Portal Project, Music on Main, and mural on Potter's Alley.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dwayne Ariola to receive the Public Arts Advisory Board update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Approve minutes from the July 8, 2021 regular City Council meeting and the July 15, 2021 special called City Council meeting.**
4. **Consider amended and restated cooperative agreement between Williamson County and the member cities of the Williamson County and Cities Health District.**
5. **Consider Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the member governments of the Williamson County and Cities Health District.**

6. **Consider amending professional service agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. to extend construction inspection services for the completion of the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$152,527.41.**
7. **Consider Resolution R21-24 approving 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 Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

Councilmember Drummond submitted a Conflict of Interest Affidavit with the City Clerk and recused himself from discussion. Councilmember Drummond left the dais and the room at 6:22pm.

8. **Hold the public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2021-19 changing the current zoning of Local Business Zoning District (B-1) on 0.78 acres to Central Business Zoning District (B-3), more particularly described by Williamson Central Appraisal District Parcels R015106 and R015107; located at 114 W. 6th Street and 620 Talbot Street, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - The applicant is proposing to re-zone 114 W. 6th Street and 620 Talbot Street from Local Business Zoning District (B-1) to Central Business Zoning District (B-3). The owner intends to convert the former church into a mixed-use development. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommend approval of the request.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:23pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:23pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY 0.777 ACRES FROM LOCAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT (B-1) TO CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT (B-3) LOCATED AT 114 WEST SIXTH STREET AND 620 TALBOT STREET; MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT PARCELS R015106 AND R015107; LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS CITY OF TAYLOR, LOTS 4, 5 & 6, BLOCK 33; 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.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

Councilmember Drummond returned to the dais at 6:27pm.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. **Consider Resolution R21-23 authorizing submission of two grant applications to Texas Department of Emergency Management and authorizing the City Manager as the official to represent the city on matters with the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - resolution R21-23 would authorize the City Manager to act in all matters related for the HGMP grant application, committing the city to the 25% matching funds and to complete the HMGP application. The main components of this grant would be to provide assistance with a drainage project (Donna Channel) and obtain generator(s).

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to adopt Resolution R21-23 as presented and authorize the City Manager to represent the city on matters of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

10. **Consider awarding grant administration services for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Project.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - The City solicited for grant administration services for the HMGP project. One proposal was received from Langford Management Services.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to award the grant administrative services to Langford Community Management Services. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried 4 to 0.

11. **Consider awarding engineering services for a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant (HMGP) Project.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - The City solicited for engineering services for the HMGP project. Two bids were received, HDR Engineering and KSA Engineering. Bids were scored by the scoring committee made up of Jeff Jenkins, Jim Gray, and Councilmember Drummond.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to award the engineering services to HDR Engineering. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

12. **Consider Telework Policy update.**

LaShon Gros, Human Resources Director – presented the current Telework Policy (adopted Oct. 22, 2020) with updates to provide additional safety measures and allow the city to continue to operate at a high service level. Employees see teleworking as a benefit, it will not require additional funding and may increase employee engagement and retention.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the Telework policy as presented with the changes. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 0.

13. **Receive an update on the redistricting process and reconsider the timing of the process.**

Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney - The City Attorney has received additional information after the presentation at the June 24, 2021 meeting. Due to the 2020 Census numbers coming out sooner than expected and the fact that other entities are proceeding with the redistricting process prior to the 2022 election, Bickerstaff, Heath Law Firm (the firm Taylor is using to process the

redistricting) is recommending Council approve starting the redistricting process so that it is complete by the 2022 election instead of waiting to complete it by the 2023 election.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to proceed with the redistricting process prior to the May 2022 election. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 6:47pm.

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 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas, and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

a. Project Green

14. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

Council reconvened into open session at 7:27pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m.

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk


~~Brandt Rydell, Mayor~~
Gerald Anderson

AFFIDAVIT
(City Council)

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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I, MITCHELL DRUMMOND (Name) as a member of the City of Taylor City Council make this affidavit and hereby on oath state the following:

I, and/or a person or persons related to me, have a substantial interest in a business entity that would be peculiarly affected by a vote or decision of the Council as those terms are defined in Chapter 171, Local Government Code.

The business entity is: TALBOT COMMONS (Name)

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_____(“I” or name of relative & relationship) (have/has) a substantial interest for the following reasons (check all which are applicable):

- _____ Ownership of 10% or more of the voting or shares of the business entity.
- ☒ Ownership of \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity.
- _____ Funds received from the business entity exceed 10% of _____ (my, her, his) income for the previous year.
- _____ Real property is involved and _____ (I, he, she) have an equitable or legal ownership with a fair market value of at least \$2,500.00.
- _____ A relative of mine has a substantial interest in the business entity or property that would be affected by a decision of the public body of which I am a member.
- _____ Other: _____

Upon filing of this affidavit with the City Clerk, I affirm that I will abstain from voting on any decision involving this business entity and from any further participation on this matter whatsoever.

Signed this 22 day of July, 2021.

[Signature]
Signature of Official

Council Member
Title

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day personally appeared Mitch Drummond and on oath stated that the facts herein-above stated are true to the best of his (his/her) knowledge or belief.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 22 day of July, 2021.

Dianna Barker

Notary Public, State of Texas

Printed Name: Dianna Barker

My Commission Expires: 10-29-21



