

City of Taylor
Special Called City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conferencing

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 via video: Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION - Citizens who wished to address the Council were given instructions prior to the meeting on how to join the meeting or leave their comments/questions with the City Clerk. None at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. Receive presentation and provide direction regarding the maintenance of landscaping in public rights-of-way.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – gave a presentation regarding the maintenance of landscaping in public rights-of-way (ROW). Mr. Yantis requested City Council to provide some direction and prioritization regarding the maintenance of landscaping and trees within the rights-of-way within the City.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizen comments:

Nancie Hernandez, 3401 Crystal Cr. – After rains, trash collects in drainage area next to house. Ms. Hernandez requested help to dig out that area to make water flow better so as not to leave pockets of stagnant water.

Staff asked Council for guidance on these areas:

Regarding mowing of ROW –

- a) Is the current ordinance requirement that private property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the parkway portion of the rights-of-way still acceptable and applicable? *Yes, but educate property owners on definition of ROW vs easements.*
- b) Are there certain rights-of-way that the City should maintain instead of the private property owners? *No.*

Regarding tree maintenance in ROW –

Council requested Tree Advisory Board review this issue and bring it back to Council.

Regarding alley maintenance –

Should the city have more responsibility in maintaining alleys due to many alleys not being maintained?

Council recommended staff develop an inventory and condition assessment of all alleys and map those alleys. Also, determine which alley ways should/could be abandoned.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

2. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding carports within the required front setback in residential neighborhoods.

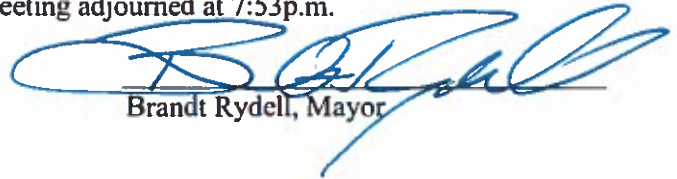
Councilmember Anderson – complaints of carports in the front setback have been voiced and a request for discussion has been made to allow carports to be placed in the front setback.

Council requested P&Z Commission consider this issue and bring a recommendation back to Council. Council requested while working on this issue, suspend enforcement on illegal carports unless it's a safety issue.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to have the Planning and Zoning Commission review the current carport requirements and the requirements used by other communities and bring a recommendation back to Council. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dianna Barker, City Clerk