

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
July 8, 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 Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Brandt Rydell

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

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson, Council Member Dwayne Ariola

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Rev. Terry Pierce gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Parks and Recreation Month proclamation.**
Councilmember Drummond read the proclamation and presented it to Tyler Bybee, Parks Director.
2. **Rodeo Day proclamation.**
Councilmember Garcia read the proclamation and presented it to Robert Randig.
3. **Rev. James A. Davis, Jr. recognition.**
Mayor Rydell read the recognition and presented it to Reverend Davis.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Sophia Aguirre, 1410 Hillcrest Dr. – Opposed to the recent support for the Taylor Pride event and feels the event is creating a safe space for child predators.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. **Approve minutes from the June 24, 2021, regular Council meeting.**
5. **Concur with preliminary financials for May 2021.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2021-18 increasing the Over 65 Property Tax Exemption.**

*Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 3 to 0.*

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. **Consider award of bid for the sale of a city-owned lot described as City of Taylor Block 50, Lot 2.**
Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – Two city owned lots, Blk 50 Lots 1&2, that were previously identified as not needed are at the intersection of E. 2nd Street and Murphy Street. One bid for Lot 2 was received. Staff recommended Council reject the bid and re-bid the two lots as a single bid item in order to dispose of both lots.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to reject the bid and re-bid the two lots as a single bid item. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 3 to 0.

8. Discussion and possible direction to staff regarding proposed revisions to the current sign ordinance for temporary signage for special events.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - current sign ordinance prohibits off premise signs for special events unless there has been a determination of the City Council. Staff asked for clear direction from Council on the way forward and revising the sign ordinance for temporary special events signage. Council directed staff to move forward with amending the current sign ordinance. No motion was made.

Mayor read the executive session item and adjourned into closed session at 6:46pm.

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.

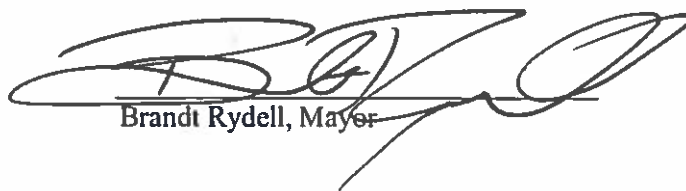
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9. Reconvene into open session and take any action.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:30pm. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.



Brandi Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk