

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
June 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Video Conference

In order to assist in maintaining the health of Council Members, staff and the public during COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held by video conference.

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: Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jose Orta – submitted comment to be read. Mayor Rydell read Mr. Orta's comment as follows:
Most of the times that I come before this City Council; I come because I have an issue or problem. Not today. I was asked to participate in a virtual forum meeting called "An Open Dialogue Towards a Solution" presented by the Human Equality Project and it was held at Taylor City Hall. This meeting was informative, productive and filled me with hope. I want to thank the Mayor and the Taylor City Council members who took time from their busy lives to either participate in person or participate via FB Live. I also want to thank Police Chief Fluck and the City Manager LaBorde for also participating. It shows that Taylor is truly changing for the better. Thank you.

Melanie Rathke – submitted comment to be read. Mayor Rydell read Ms. Rathke's comment as follows:

I would like to express my concerns regarding wearing face masks in public places. I believe we need to implement a face mask requirement in town. There are few people that seem to be taking Covid19 seriously while in stores especially. The rate that we are seeing new cases every day is very alarming for a town our size. I believe face masks are the only way we will get the spread of this virus under control.

I would also like to address the lack of specific direction on whether or not baseball fields are open to the public at this time. Leaving this out of the parks closure announcement leaves it to individual interpretation and confusion.

BOARDS & COMMISSION PRESENTATION

1. Airport Advisory Board update.

David Cornelius, Airport Director – gave a brief presentation on the Airport's current and future projects, and responses to COVID-19.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Airport Advisory Board presentation as presented. Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the June 11, 2020 regular Council meeting.**
3. **Consider Ordinance No. 2020-05 repealing Ordinance No. 99-17 in order to allow state law ethics standards to govern city public servants.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. **Receive and take any appropriate action on an update on public health related matters and concerns pertaining to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).**
Chief Baum, Fire Chief – introduced Derrick Neal, Justine Price, and Dr. Lori Palazzo, executive leadership team of the Williamson County and Cities Health District. Justine Price gave a presentation on the timeline/trending of occurring COVID-19 cases and the Health District's response and recommendations on preventing the spread.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to receive the COVID-19 update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Council took a break at 8:05pm.

Council reconvened at 8:10pm.

5. **Consider approving Resolution R20-19 extending the March 16, 2020 Disaster Declaration a third time through July 31, 2020.**
Brian LaBorde, City Manager - Conditions necessitate COVID-19 will continue to exist for a period of time longer than the current termination date of June 30, 2020. This would mirror the State of Texas declaration.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizen comment.

Andrew Gonzales, rep for Taylor Youth Baseball Assoc. – would like more and better clarity on the closing of the parks/fields and asked Council to come up with a plan for better communication regarding changes of uses of facilities and guidelines to follow in using the fields.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R20-19 extending the March 26, 2020 Disaster Declaration a third time to continue through the termination of the State of Texas Disaster Declaration. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

6. **Receive presentation by Halff Associates on the Parks Master Plan.**
Larry Foos, Parks Director – Introduced Brian with Halff Associates who gave a presentation on the progress of the Master Plan for Bull Branch, Murphy and Robinson parks.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the Parks Master Plan presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

7. Consider amending the City Personnel Policies, Sec. 1.10 Civil Service.

Kim Peterson, Human Resources Director – adding to Sec 1.10 a sentence stating Civil Service employees are expected to read, acknowledge and comply with Chapter 143, Sections 143.001 through 143.090 and any additional sections which apply to City of Taylor Civil Service employees.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to amend the City Personnel Policy as presented to be effective July 1, 2020. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

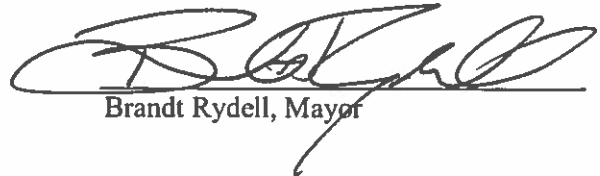
8. Receive update on 2020 Community Clean Up Day.

Jim Gray, Public Works Director – scheduled for Saturday, July 11th. Citizens bring materials/trash to two locations that get loaded onto trailers. Waste Connections assists with unloading trailers. This is not a neighborhood cleanup, this is community cleanup.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the update on the 2020 Community Clean Up Day as presented. . 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 9:54p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk

