

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
June 11, 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: Mark Schroeder, Assistant 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

None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the May 28, 2020 regular Council meeting and the June 2, 2020 Budget Workshop.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for April 2020.**
3. **Consider approving the 2020 Grave Digging Contract with Knippa Cemetery Services.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2020-06, reducing the speed limit on FM973.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2020-08 establishing a Parklet Program in the City of Taylor.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola requested to pull item #2 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to approve consent agenda items 1, 3, 4, and 5 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

2. **Concur with preliminary financials for April 2020.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola – what items staff previously took out of the FY20 budget will be put back in now that April sales tax revenues came in better than expected. Jeff Wood, Finance Director stated nothing definitely set to go back in, but probably reinstate some big routine maintenance procedures.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve the April preliminary financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

6. **Introduce Ordinance No. 2020-05 repealing Ordinance No. 99-17 in order to allow state law ethics standards to govern city public servants.**

Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney - Ordinance 99-17 was adopted in 1999 to govern and give guidance to City Council Members on appropriate and legal conduct as city officials. This Ordinance would repeal Ordinance 99-17 and allow state laws to govern City Council conduct. 1999 Ordinance was an additional layer of guidelines over state law which created confusion. Repealing ordinance does not take away ethics rules, state law provides these rules.

The City Attorney read the caption of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO.2020-05

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 99-17 AND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE V IN THE TAYLOR CITY CODE WHICH ESTABLISHED A CODE OF ETHICS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

First reading of the Ordinance. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. **Receive presentation from HDR Engineering on Pavement Design criteria.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering - Gave a presentation on pavement design considerations, current pavement criteria, and how pavement design can be approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson to receive the pavement design criteria presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

8. **Consideration and Possible Action on Bid & Proposal Awards for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Projects.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering - In 2019, Council retained HDR Engineering and Halff Associates to perform professional engineering design for the following selected streets: W Lake Drive (Carlos Parker to Old Georgetown), N. Lynn Street (W Lake to Davis), 3rd Street (Shaw to Davis), Robinson Street (Northern end to Frank), Edmond/Cecelia/Mills (W 7th to McLain). Six proposals were received for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Anderson accept the proposal from Smith Contracting Co, Inc. for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project inclusive of all alternate bid items, and accept the bid from Smith Contracting Co., Inc. for the 3rd Street Reconstruction Project, inclusive of the alternate bid item. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

9. **Consideration and Possible Action on Authorizing Construction Inspection Services for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond to HDR Engineering, Inc. & Halff Associates, Inc.**

Jim Gray, Public Works Director - Presented proposal from HDR to perform full-time construction engineering and inspection (CE&I) services for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Streets

Projects. The proposal consists of HDR providing all CE&I services and Halff providing on-call engineering support only.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the two proposals from HDR Engineering, Inc. and Halff Associates, Inc. for the construction engineering and inspection services associated with the 2019 Infrastructure Bond street reconstruction projects as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. Consider approval of final application list of projects for Flood Infrastructure Funds (FIF) through TWDB.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – gave a brief history on the TWDB’s FIF program.

Requested Council finalize the list and choose 3 projects to submit.

David Lagere, Langford Community Management – gave a presentation on the FIF program and a list of eligible projects. Three drainage projects were highlighted; Donna Channel, Travis & Franklin, and 1st & Royal.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the final list of projects for Flood Infrastructure funds application through TWDB. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

Mayor Rydell read the Executive Session item and Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:39pm.

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. Noack Agreement
- b. RCR Agreement
- c. Hart Components

City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:29pm. No action taken.

ADJOURN

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


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST


Dianna Barker, City Clerk

