

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
June 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Rocio Lopez, CM Executive Assistant

Absent: Council Member Robert Garcia

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

1. **Williamson Country Retired Teachers Association Proclamation.**
Mayor Rydell presented the proclamation to the Retired Teachers Association.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Jayson Danek, CR374 – asked Council to keep conservative values alive in Taylor.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the May 26, 2022 regular Council meeting.**
3. **Concur with preliminary financials for April 2022.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2022-17 regarding PZ-2022-1473 a request for a Specific Use Permit to operate an event center on approximately 6.375 acres, consisting of Tract Two – 0.81-acre tract, and Tract 3 – 5.656-acre tract, part of and out of the Parthinia Coursey Survey, Abstract No. 131, generally located at 2109 East Fourth Street.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2022-18, for a Specific Use Permit for a Concrete/Asphalt Batch Plant with outside storage on approximately 40.00 acres at RCR – Taylor Logistics Park, addressed as 201 FM 3349, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**
6. **Consider Ordinance 2022-20 regarding PZ-2022-1434 a change of zoning, on approximately 7.60 acres located along the southern side of N.W. Carlos G. Parker Boulevard, approximately 1,400 feet west of the intersection of N.W. Carlos G. Parker Boulevard and North Drive from Rural/Agricultural (R/A) to Single-Family Residential with a Residential Planned Development Overlay (R-1/RPD).**

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

7. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2022-21 to change the suspension of the prohibition of alcoholic beverages on public property and rights-of-way within the Central Business District except within Heritage Square and Pierce Park.**

Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney – At the April 28, 2022, Council meeting, Council gave direction they would like an ordinance allowing for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property and right of ways except within Heritage Square and Pierce Park. This ordinance would repeal Ordinances 01-03-94 in order to allow that possession and consumption in public areas within the Central Business District except within Heritage Park and Pierce Park.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:12pm.

Joe Naizer, 701 Sloan – wanted to confirm that this would allow persons to walk on sidewalks and cross streets downtown with alcohol in their hand.

With no one else appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:13pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 01-03-94 AND 2018-09 IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION OF THE POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS.

This was a first reading. No action was taken.

8. **Hold a public hearing and introduce Ordinance 2022-19 to amend Chapter 19.5 Parks and Recreation, prohibiting consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages within Heritage Square and Pierce Park, and provide authority to the City Manager to temporarily allow possession or consumption within parks normally prohibited.**

Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney - this ordinance is to prohibit consumption or possession of alcohol in Heritage Square or Pierce Park. This ordinance would allow for the City Manager to temporarily designate an area within these parks to possess or consume during special events.

Mayor Rydell opened the public hearing at 6:16pm. With no one appearing, the public hearing was closed at 6:16pm.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 19.5 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE CITY CODE ADOPTING A PROHIBITION OF THE CONSUMPTION OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN HERITAGE SQUARE PARK AND PIERCE PARK LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND THE PROHIBITION FOR SPECIAL USES OR EVENTS; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR PENALTY OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR

EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENALTY SHALL BE FIXED BY STATE; AND HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND HAVING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND HAVING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

This was a first reading. No action was taken.

9. Introduce Ordinance 2022-22 Increasing the Over 65 Property Tax Exemption and Establishing a Disabled Persons Exemption.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director - This ordinance will increase the Over 65 ad valorem property tax exemption to \$40,000 from the current amount of \$30,000 and would establish a Disabled Persons exemption at \$40,000. Council has expressed the goal of balancing the financial needs of the City with trying to keep Taylor an affordable place to live. These exemptions would support that goal.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL EXEMPTION FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) FOR PERSONS WHO ARE DISABLED OR SIXTY-FIVE (65) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BEGINNING IN TAX YEAR 2022; AND HAVING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND HAVING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

This was a first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

10. Receive update from Simplecity Design on the Development Ordinances project.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – introduced Matt Lewis with Simplecity Design who gave a presentation on the status on the project of modifying the City’s regulations to accommodate the recent comprehensive plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Consider resolution R22-19 regarding a petition to create a municipal utility district on land within the City’s extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – This resolution denies consent to the creation of a municipal utility district located south of Chandler Road and east of CR101 because the land is within the Restricted Growth Sector as defined in the City’s comprehensive plan and is within the drainage basin of the city’s wastewater treatment plant.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve resolution R22-19 denying consent to the creation of a municipal utility district as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Consider request to temporarily suspend Ordinance 2001-46 and allow rollerblades in the Taylor Pride event venue on June 25, 2022.

Jan Harris, Main Street Manager – a request was received from Taylor Pride representatives to temporarily suspend the current prohibition of bicycles, roller skates, etc. in the downtown district so that their group can utilize a Parasol Patrol on roller skates.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizen comments.

Joe Naizer, 701 Sloan – feels the request is too wide open. The request would open the area up to bicycles, roller skates, skateboards, etc. to everyone, not just the Parasol Patrol. Also feels closing two blocks of 2nd Street would create a chokepoint for traffic; traffic pattern is too restrictive.

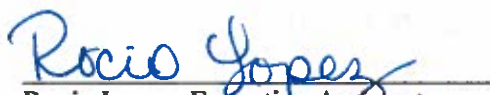
Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson to temporarily suspend Ordinance 2001-46 and allow rollerblades in the downtown district for the Taylor Pride event 2022. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried 3 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.


Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rocio Lopez, Executive Assistant