

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 13, 2021 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.

Council Members attending via video: Mayor Brandt Rydell
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Mayor Pro-Tem Gerald Anderson
Council Member Robert Garcia

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. **Public Works Week proclamation, May 16-22**
Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson read the proclamation.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Stayci Roznavk Burris – Honored to have mother's name considered for renaming of the pool.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. **Approve minutes from the April 22, 2021 regular City Council meeting.**
3. **Concur with preliminary financials for March 2021.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2021-09 amending the FY2021 budget.**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2021-10 changing the current zoning for a parcel of land, consisting of approximately 6.31 acres, addressed as 4002 N. Main St., from Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to General Business Zoning District (B-2).**
6. **Ratify emergency cost estimates for city remodeling due to Winter Storm Uri.**
7. **Consider Resolution R21-19, Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the 1st/Royal Local On-System Improvement Project.**

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS / ORDINANCES

8. **Introduce Ordinance 2021-13 amending the City of Taylor Code of Ordinances Chapter 25 - Streets and Sidewalks, Article VI. - Temporary Parklets Program to make the parklet program permanent.**

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director - On June 11, 2020 City Council adopted an ordinance allowing parklets on a temporary basis. Council extended the parklet program in September 2020 and placed an expiration date of June 4, 2021 on the program. At the April 22, 2021 meeting, Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance making the parklet program permanent.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE VI – TEMPORARY PARKLETS PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR CODE OF ORDINANCES BY MAKING THE PROGRAM PERMANENT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ANY CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

This was the first reading. No action was taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. Consider Waste Connections 2021 Rate Adjustment.

John Harris, Waste Connections - Waste Connections is requesting a 6.8% rate increase for the sanitation service due to increased costs to dispose of municipal solid waste at local landfills, rising recycling commodity prices, intense market competition for skilled labor, and disruptions in supply chains caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

10. Receive presentation from Oncor on actions related to the February 2021 winter storm event.

Armando Perez, Oncor – gave a presentation on the response efforts of Oncor to the winter storm event affecting the State of Texas in February 2021. Oncor is the electricity transmission and distribution utility that serves the City of Taylor.

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

11. Receive presentation from the Brazos River Authority on actions related to the February 2021 winter storm event.

Brad Burnett, Brazos River Authority – gave a presentation on the response efforts of the Brazos River Authority to the winter storm event affecting the State of Texas in February 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to receive the Brazos River Authority presentation as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

12. Receive presentation of After-Action review of the City's response to the February 2021 winter storm event.

Daniel Baum, Fire Chief - provided Council with an after-action review on the City's response efforts to the winter storm event affecting the State of Texas in February 2021.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to receive the City's After-Action winter storm event report as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 13. Consider amending contract with Smith Contracting through Change Order to the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project to increase project allowance by \$150,000.00 from surplus bond funds.**

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering – Smith Contracting was awarded the 3rd Street Reconstruction and the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project. HDR and Smith Contracting have identified remaining known item costs and an estimate for potential unknown items based on the history of the other streets.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to amend the contract with Smith Contracting through a Change Order to the 2019 Infrastructure Bond Street Reconstruction Project to increase project allowance by \$150,000 from surplus bond funds. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 14. Discuss and consider changes to the City of Taylor phased in reopening plan.**

Tyler Bybee, Parks & Rec Director – regarding COVID-19 the City is currently in the Orange phase which does not allow tournaments at Taylor Regional Park. Most of the other outdoor park facilities are open in the Orange phase. Council considered opening Taylor Regional Park to tournaments in the Orange Phase.

Currently, the Library would open in the Yellow phase with modified services (reduced hours, some reduced services and limitations or no reservation of rooms). Council considered modification to the phased reopening plan to allow the Library to open in the Orange phase with modified services.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to modify the phased reopening plan resuming tournament play at Taylor Regional Park effective May 14th and requiring the submittal of a safety plan for tournaments and modify the reopening plan by adding the Library to the Orange phase with modified service levels effective May 24th. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 15. Consider approving an Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County to relocate City of Taylor water lines located off CR 366.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - Williamson County, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), is implementing a road widening project for CR 366 and a portion of FM 397 (Carlos Parker Blvd.) on the west side of Taylor. This project was requested by the City of Taylor back in 2013 and will upgrade the existing two-lane roadway to a five-lane roadway with a continuous center turn lane and shoulders. The roadway improvements were identified to conflict with existing City of Taylor 12-inch and 24-inch waterlines that are within the rights-of-way. Approving the Interlocal Agreement would assist in saving the city's water funds to move these waterlines, settle issues with match pledge by the City, and keep the project moving forward.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute this agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

- 16. Consider an agreement with HDR for design work to relocate City of Taylor water lines located off CR 366.**

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – presented Task Order No. 14 and asked Council to consider approving an agreement with HDR to design and bid the relocation of the city waterlines located off CR 366 as discussed above.

Motion was made by Councilmember Ariola to approve the Agreement with HDR Engineering as presented and authorize the City Manager to execute this agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

17. Discuss and consider changing the name of the Murphy Park Aquatic Center to Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - staff received a request to change the name of the city swimming pool to Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center. Doris Roznovak managed and worked at the Taylor swimming pool for 39 years and passed away in March 2021. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board conducted the first review of this request and passed the measure to change the name with a 4-0 vote with one member abstaining. The City currently does not have a policy on the naming or renaming of public facilities/streets. The anticipated cost is estimated to be \$4,000-\$4,500 for the name change. Council directed staff to move forward with drafting a Naming Policy for future use.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to rename the Murphy Park Aquatic Center to Doris Roznovak Aquatic Center. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

18. Consider approving Resolution R21-18 authorizing staff to submit a Texas HOME Investment Partnerships Program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and designated an authorized representative.

Tom Yantis, Development Services Director – presented Resolution R21-18 which provides authorization for staff to submit an application to TDHCA to continue the City's participation in the HOME Program. The City's current agreement with TDHCA is set to expire in June.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R21-18 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote.

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk