

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
May 12, 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
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Mayor Brandt Rydell

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Dianna McLean, City Clerk

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF REFLECTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approve minutes from the April 28, 2022 regular City Council meeting.**
2. **Concur with preliminary financials for March 2022.**
3. **Consider Ordinance 2022-15 regarding an amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**
4. **Consider Ordinance 2022-13 regarding PZ-2022-1450, a change of zoning request on approximately 0.44 acres of land, generally located near the intersection of Old Granger Road and Grace Lane from Single Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to Local Business District (B-1).**
5. **Consider Ordinance 2022-14 amending Ordinance 2019-28, changing the zoning of approximately 756.00 acres of Single-Family Residential Zoning District (R-1) to 756.00 acres of General Commercial Zoning District (B-2) with a Commercial Planned Development Overlay (B-2/CPD), addressed as 201 FM 3349, Taylor, Williamson County, Texas.**

Mayor Rydell pulled agenda item number 3 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve consent agenda items 1, 2, 4, and 5 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Consider Ordinance 2022-15 regarding an amendment to the Envision Taylor Comprehensive Plan.**

Four citizens signed up to speak on this item.

Charlotte Albert, 4804 W. 2nd St. – wants Council to revisit the ordinance and comprehensive plan, would like full city services in her area and is concerned about the ordinance's legality.

Bill Albert, 4804 W. 2nd St. – wants Council to revisit ordinance, doesn't think the changes are fair. Companies want to buy his property but can't due to the lack of full city services.

David Hortenstine, 1309 Cypress Trail – doesn't feel the proposed amendment changes much and would like Council to give more thought to the changes.

John McDonald, 2405 Meadow Lane – gave a brief history of his understanding of recent development attempts and feels the comp plan pre-Samsung is big government at its worst.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance 2022-15 as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Councilmember Ariola opposing.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. Consider awarding contract to collection agency/law firm for Municipal Court and Utility Billing collections.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager – The City has retained McCreary, Veselka, Bragg, and Allen (MVBA) as the city's collection agency since 2004. Through the vendor service (contract) evaluation process, staff determined it in the best interest to go out for bid. Three bids were received and scored by a scoring committee. For the following reasons, staff recommended MVBA: MVBA's knowledge and experience in Williamson County and surrounding area Counties, Collection practice to continue until collected, resolution rate above average during the contract, industry knowledge and expertise, and reference checks were positive.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to select MVBA for Court and Utility Billing collections and have staff negotiate a contract with MVBA to bring back for Council approval. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider Resolution R22-17, authorization to apply for a Grant for the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program.

Henry Fluck, Police Chief – The resolution would give the Police Department authorization to apply for a grant from the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Program to assist with the funding of five (5) Police Officer positions in the Patrol Division for the Taylor Police Department.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve Resolution R22-17 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Discuss, consider, and select bond counsel services provider for the TWDB Flood Infrastructure Funding project and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements.

Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - Council approved resolution R20-16 on May 14, 2020, authorizing an application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for Flood and Drainage Improvements. TWDB requires bond counsel services provider with this grant. The City applied for the funding, which included a project for the Donna Channel, and Travis/Franklin Improvements. The total application amount is \$3,636,840. Staff received three bids for Bond Council.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award bond counsel services to McCall, Parkhurst and Horton, and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Discuss, consider, and select financial advisor for the TWDB Flood Infrastructure Funding project and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements. (Jeff Jenkins)**
Jeff Jenkins, Deputy City Manager - the TWDB FIF Program will assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects to include a project for the Donna Channel, and Travis/Franklin Improvements. TWDB requires financial advisor services with this grant. The city received two bids for financial advisor.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to award financial advisor services to Specialized Public Finance and authorize the City Manager to execute any agreements. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Consider appointments and/or member changes to various Boards & Commissions.**
Dianna McLean, City Clerk – Council reviewed each board and commission and made the following changes.

Airport Advisory Board – No changes

Animal Control Board – No changes

Civil Service Commission – No changes

Library Advisory Board – No changes

Main Street Advisory Board – No changes

Moody Museum Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Applicants	New Member
Vacant		Janet Curtis	Janet Curtis

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Janet Curtis to the Moody Museum Board. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Recreation Board

Current Member	Reason for Appointment	Applicants	New Member
Vacant	Student Rep	Brennan Zupfer	Brennan Zupfer

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to appoint Brennan Zupfer to the Parks & Recreation Board as the student representative. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning & Zoning Commission – No changes

Public Arts Advisory Board – No changes

Taylor Economic Development Board (TEDC) –

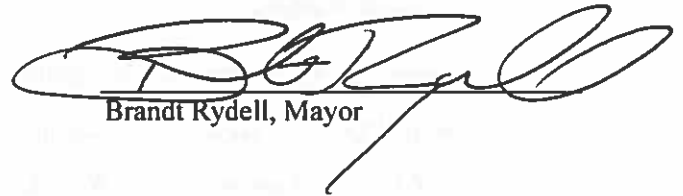
Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to appoint Councilmember Garcia to replace Councilmember Ariola on the TEDC Board as the City representative. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Tree Advisory Board – No changes

Zoning Board of Adjustment – No changes

ADJOURN

With no further business Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:18p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Dianna McLean, City Clerk