

City of Taylor
Regular City Council Meeting
Taylor City Hall, Council Chambers, 400 Porter Street
June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Mitch Drummond
Council Member Gerald Anderson

Brian LaBorde, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Dianna Barker, City Clerk

INVOCATION – Commander Branson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rydell stated the Executive Session on this agenda will not be conducted this evening. This item will appear in regular session on a future agenda.

PROCLAMATION

1. L.E.A.D. Taylor Graduates recognition

Mayor Rydell presented each graduate with a Certificate of Completion.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Kevin Casares, 1105 Sturgis St. – concerned about trash in streets. Would like to see efforts made to make Taylor beautiful again.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approve minutes from June 13, 2019 regular Council meeting and the June 20, 2019 special called Council meeting.**
- 3. Consider Ordinance 2019-19, to rezone approximately 39.32 acres, more or less, located at the northeast intersection of Old Georgetown Road and NW Carlos G. Parker Blvd.**
- 4. Consider HDR Engineering design proposal for 2019 Infrastructure Bond - Robinson Street.**
- 5. Consider Change order for 3rd Street at Skate Park - Trench Drain**
- 6. Consider agreement to temporarily place a construction trailer on Southpark Blvd for a construction project.**

Councilmember Garcia requested to pull item #5 for separate consideration.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve consent agenda items 2, 3, 4, and 6 as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Drummond. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider Change order for 3rd Street at Skate Park - Trench Drain

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering, stated the purpose of this change order is to address water coming up under the curb on 3rd Street and explained how the trench drain would work. The change order is to remove concrete that was found under the asphalt, remove the lime stabilization, and add the trench drain for a total change order cost of \$23,070.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Garcia to approve the change order as presented. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

7. Consider introducing Ordinance 2019-20, Unlawful Restraint of an Animal (Tethering ordinance)

Chief Fluck stated the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee unanimously voted to propose a new city ordinance regarding the tethering of animals in the City of Taylor. The proposed ordinance would ban the use of chains on animals, require a “cable run” allowing for freedom of movement, addresses providing specific shelter requirements. The Animal Control staff recommends approval of this ordinance.

Mayor Rydell allowed citizens to speak.

Betty Hile, 106 E. 2nd St. – spoke in favor of the tether ordinance. First choice is to put a ban on tethering all together, or a time restriction when dogs cannot be tethered.

David Paul, 840 W. 6th St. – spoke in favor of the tether ordinance.

Suzanne Bice, 840 W. 6th St. – spoke in favor of the tether ordinance.

Linda Lockney, 1431 Cecilia St. – spoke in favor of the tether ordinance.

Councilmember Drummond recommended the ordinance not go into effect for a few months to give citizens time to prepare to comply with this ordinance.

The City Attorney read the caption of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-20

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE UNLAWFULL RESTRAINT OF AN ANIMAL; CREATING AN OFFENSE WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; 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 LAW AND IF DEEMED A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISIONAL LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, THE PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND HAVING A REPEALER CLAUSE, AND HAVING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

First reading. No action taken.

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. Receive Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Update

Jacob Walker, HDR Engineering, gave an update on the ongoing CIP projects. See attached.

Motion was made by Councilmember Drummond to receive the Capital Improvement Project update as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Consider proposed amendment to the Hart Manufacturing Facility agreement.

Brian LaBorde stated the City and Taylor EDC was approached by Hart Components about making amendments to the current 380 agreement with Hart Components. The amendment would include date changes due to the change in the timeline of the project, an infrastructure component change as it is determined a lift station is not now needed, and a 50% sales and property tax rebate for a five year period in the incentive package starting on January 1st, 2021.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola to approve the amendment to the Hart Manufacturing Facility 380 agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Continue Budget discussion on proposed (working) FY 2019/2020 Budget.

Jeff Wood, Finance Director, presented a list of funded and unfunded ATB's (Adjustment to Base). Councilmember Garcia would like to see funds for a curator for the Moody Museum put on the funded ATB list.

Councilmember Drummond recommended increasing the over 65 citizen's tax exemption from \$17,000 to \$25,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola stated the last 3 years Council has lowered the tax rate, now looking at raising it 2 cents. Mayor Pro-Tem Ariola wants to make sure there's a detailed game plan for the tax money.

The Executive Session was postponed.

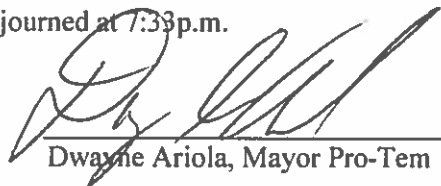
Executive Session I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- a. Conflict of Interest

No Executive Session held. This Executive Session will be put on a future agenda.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m.



Dwayne Ariola, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Dianna Barker, City Clerk



June 20, 2019

PROJECT UPDATES:

Heritage Square

- 1) The punch list walk-through for the project was performed on December 17 and the contractor has worked on completion of some of the punch list to bring the project to final completion, however, there are several that remain incomplete.
- 2) The park was opened to the public on Monday, January 28 and the official Grand Opening was held on April 12.
- 3) City staff is coordinating warranty claim items associated with the park construction with BWC.
- 4) Pay Application No. 11 was received from BWC and no action is being taken until additional progress is made on the punch list to reach final completion. HDR had a follow up conversation with BWC on 4/16/19 to go over the remaining items and informed BWC that no additional payments would be made until the project was deemed to be at final completion. There is \$57,054 remaining on the contract.
- 5) HDR requested a plan/schedule from BWC for completion of the remaining punch list items to achieve final completion, but has not received a response.
- 6) HDR is working with City staff to determine what enforcement mechanisms are available per the contract to bring this project to final completion.

Skate Park

- 1) Westar Construction has completed the project with the exception of some of the landscaping items (native ornamental grasses) and installation of the approved park signage. The skate park was opened to the public on Saturday, February 9.
- 2) Water has been seeping up through the expansion joints in the bottom of the skate bowl at specific locations. Investigations as to the source of this water have been made. This has not been experienced since the bowl construction was completed by Evergreen over a year ago. Leaks were discovered in the water line in 3rd Street and in the irrigation system around the park. Those leaks were repaired and there is still seepage occurring. Additional investigations on potential water system leakage have been conducted and none have been found. HDR and City staff have taken measurements and photos to monitor the leaking within the bowls, and there is noticeably less water seeping each as time progresses. Continued monitoring as seepage reduces is the current plan.

- 3) 3rd Street Pavement – With the relocation of a City water line, Atmos gas line, and Oncor underground electric power under 3rd Street, the pavement was in extremely poor condition and warranted a rebuild in this downtown area. HDR prepared a plan for this reconstruction and pricing was received from Westar that was favorable. City Council authorized a change order in the amount of \$118,052.00 to rebuild this half-block of 3rd Street. It is recommended to be completed as part of the plan for the downtown streets funds.
 - Westar began construction on 3rd Street on March 16 and have excavated the road to the proposed subgrade level.
 - Westar was put on hold by the City on March 20 after the City found a leaking water main. Sections of the water main in 3rd Street were replaced in April.
 - A geotechnical engineer from Raba-Kistner Consultants conducted a field visit and made recommendations for a trench drain along 3rd Street's northern gutter line to intercept any seeping water to protect the pavement structure. This trench drain solution is being brought to council as a change order to the project.
- 4) Signage and Landscaping – Installation of signage that was approved is scheduled for installation at the end of June. The remaining landscaping items will be scheduled to coincide with the 3rd Street reconstruction to minimize re-mobilization by Westar. If the trench drain change order is approved, Westar is expected to be on-site on Friday, 6/28 to remobilize.

4th Street Pedestrian Improvements

- 1) Lone Star Sitework was awarded the contract on March 28th for \$143,678.20 and a preconstruction meeting was held on 4/5. Construction started on 5/16, and the anticipated construction time was 6 weeks. Construction is complete 2 weeks ahead of schedule and on-budget. The only remaining item is waiting for Oncor to provide an electric meter to turn on the RRFB signals. Once the signals are operational, a punch-list walk through will be scheduled, and the project will move toward final completion.

Dickey-Givens Community Center

- 1) City Council authorized the selection of Reliance Architecture for design of the Dickey-Givens Community Center on February 14. An agreement was executed with Reliance Architecture on March 13 and a kick-off meeting was held on March 20 at the existing building. Following the meeting on March 20, HDR was directed to suspend the project. The project has now been re-started and design coordination is underway, however, the schedule is about 1 month behind as a result of the delays.

The project is on an expedited path as grant funds need to be expended for construction by 7/30/19 in order to avoid the potential for losing the first CDBG grant that was acquired a few years ago.

- 2) The site of the building is being relocated to the corner of Dolan and MLK within Robinson Park per the 6/13 City Council approval.
- 3) Reliance Architecture and HDR met with City Staff and the Development Review Committee (DRC) on 6/19 to discuss the project. Currently, the team is evaluating options for how to bid the building and site construction to meet the grant deadline.

2019 Street Maintenance Plan

- 1) 2019 Street Maintenance Plan was approved at the 6/13 Council Meeting.
- 2) The plan consists of mill and overlay operation for 10 street segments, including partnering with Williamson County's seal coat program.
- 3) The bid package will advertise on 6/23 and 6/30 for bid opening on 7/11

Gateway Signage

- 1) Bid opening occurred May 1st and resulted in 3 responsive bidders: Fazzone Construction, Westar Construction, and Landart America. The lowest responsive base bid was \$218,996.91 from Fazzone Construction.
- 2) Fazzone Construction was awarded the contract by Council on 6/13. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for 7/11.

Amtrak Station Grant

- 1) Grant application was approved by City Council and submitted by Judy Langford.
- 2) Grant was not awarded, but Judy Langford is resubmitting.

Justice Center

- 1) HDR provided architectural planning services for planning/concepts and interviews. Planning sessions were conducted in September/October and an initial space plan was drafted. Initial cost estimates indicate that this space plan will exceed the City's proposed budget that was identified in the CIP.
- 2) HDR's real estate team researched the area based on City Staff input and created a list of potential sites. HDR & City Staff reviewed and prioritized these locations.
- 3) City staff and HDR, including HDR architects, have a meeting scheduled on 7/10 to review the potential sites and establish next steps.

Murphy Park Pool

- 1) HDR assisted City Parks & Recreation staff in preparing bid documents for rehabilitation of Murphy Park Pool. The project includes replacing mastic on angle from the pool to the deck, grinding concrete joints to eliminate trip hazards, replacing failed sections of deck concrete, replacing the beach entry, and removing the surface and installing a new surface on the entire deck.
- 2) Bids were opened on 2/19/19 and the contract was awarded in the amount of \$115,396.88 to Progressive Commercial Aquatics. Contractor is substantially complete, and punch-list work is ongoing. Project is under budget with no change orders.

Downtown Streets Project

- 1) HDR presented an exhibit and cost estimate for necessary improvements to the street segments located in the downtown area at the 10/25 City Council meeting. Next steps are to discuss City priorities in the downtown area and identify street segments to move forward with to design and construction.
- 2) HDR will present recommended street segments this summer once Skate Park, 4th Street Pedestrian Improvements, and 3rd Street Change Order are complete in order to advance an accurate budget for the project.

2019 Infrastructure Bond

- 1) City Council approved the proposed project list for the 2019 Infrastructure Bond on 3/14/2019.
- 2) Design proposal from Half was approved on 6/13
- 3) Design proposal from HDR was partially approved on 6/13 by removing Wabash Street from the proposed list and replacing with Robinson. HDR is bringing the design proposal for Robinson Street on 6/27 for Council consideration.

Streets

- 1) 3rd Street (Shaw to Davis)
- 2) N. Lynn Street (W. Lake to Gilmore) (*Gilmore to Davis as funds allow*)
- 3) W. Lake Drive (Carlos Parker to Old Georgetown)
- 4) Robinson Street (160' North of 3rd Street to UPRR) (*UPRR to Frank as funds allow*)

MDUS

- 1) Edmond Street Phase 2
- 2) Edmond Street Phase 3
- 3) 1st/Royal/Walnut
- 4) McLain Street/Travis Street (*As funds allow*)

Utilities

- 1) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Replace Influent Pumps & Valves
- 2) Wastewater Treatment Plant – Launder Replacement
- 3) Water & Wastewater Trouble Areas and Point Repairs

GIS Update

- 1) W/WW and zoning maps are interactive and online.
- 2) Updated PDF maps are online.
- 3) Updating additional maps
- 4) Developing the streets/roads ArcGIS map
- 5) On-going training and updates

Water Model & Master Plan

- 1) HDR cleaned up the GIS data for modeling, and the distribution network is built in the modeling software. HDR is currently adding in the storage tank and pump data.
- 2) Coordinating with BRA to understand the operation of how the City receives pressurized water from BRA.
- 3) The City's billing department is working on compiling the utility billing data. Still waiting on billing data.
 - Once received, HDR will need to process in GIS/Excel, but will use this to load in the water demands to the model.

Wastewater Model & Master Plan

- 4) HDR cleaned up the GIS data for modeling, but have not imported the network into the modeling software.
- 5) Need manhole survey information before importing data into modeling software.
- 6) Delay in manhole survey is delaying wastewater model due to unknown existing infrastructure data.
- 7) The water billing data will be the basis for the sanitary sewer flows as well

Wastewater Manhole Survey

- 1) Gorrondona & Associates contracted to survey 350 manholes with City assistance in locating and opening manhole lids ahead of time.
- 2) City crews had been assisting manhole surveyor by prepping manhole lids per the agreement. This process has been problematic due to City crews having significant difficulty locating, accessing, and opening manholes, which limited survey efficiency.
 - Surveyor is out of budget and has achieved 192 of the 350 manholes.
 - HDR has asked the surveyor for a day-rate to use as on-call once City is able to locate and open enough manholes for maximum efficiency.
 - HDR is evaluating the remaining manholes to determine the minimum number needed for an accurate model.

Animal Shelter

- 1) HDR and City Staff (Police and Public Works) held a coordination meeting to begin next steps for the Animal Shelter Improvements associated with the bond sale on 4/24/2019.
- 2) Direction was given for HDR to request a proposal from Connolly Architects for the design and consulting services needed to implement the first phase of the long-term remodel. Connolly, PD, and HDR held a scoping meeting on 5/15, and Connolly is preparing a proposal to bring before Council.
- 3) Larry Connolly provided an architectural, planning, and design proposal on 6/14 for turn-key remodeling and building design. A scoping meeting is scheduled with City Staff on 7/8 to discuss proposal and implementation strategy with available funding.
- 4) Public Works, Main Street, and Internal Services departments are working on removing excess materials from the Animal Shelter site.

Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Grant

- 1) HDR and City Staff is working with Judy Langford's team to prepare an application for the SRTS grant through TxDOT for the construction of approximately 3,000 LF of sidewalk between First Baptist Church and Pasemann Elementary along the north side of Mallard Lane.
- 2) HDR, City Staff, and Langford Community Management met with TxDOT to discuss application on 6/3. Final application is due mid-August.