



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION



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# YOUR CITY COUNCIL





## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I would like to extend my congratulations to our new District 4 Council Member, Heather Long, who was sworn in during the canvassing of the runoff election votes at a special called City Council meeting on June 17. I also want to congratulate Mayor Dwayne Ariola and Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek on their re-election at that same meeting.

With the continued support of our community, City Council will help guide Taylor through this period of growth and opportunity. Let's look forward to an exciting and productive time ahead.

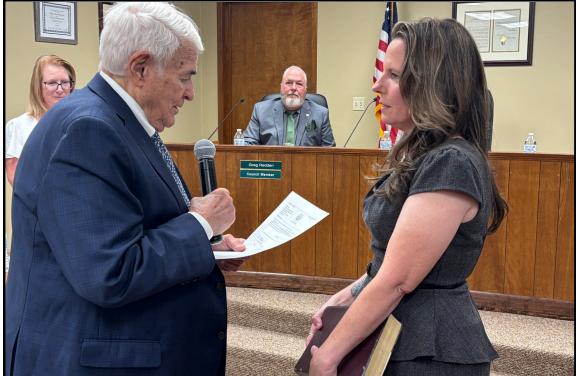
I'd also like to share some upcoming changes in our Development Services Department. We're streamlining the permitting process by launching a full-service counter at City Hall, where contractors and residents can receive immediate assistance and use an on-site workstation to complete required forms and documents.

In addition, we will be offering permitting clinics to help applicants navigate the process more easily, along with a dedicated hotline for rapid-response permitting needs.

I hope you and your families are enjoying a wonderful summer, and I want to wish you all a safe and happy Fourth of July

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Laborde". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "B" at the beginning.

# CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## New District 4 Council Member Sworn In

At a special called City Council meeting on June 17, the Taylor City Council canvassed the votes from the June 7 runoff election. Heather Long was sworn in as a new council member for District 4, with Congressman John Carter administering the oath of office. Ms. Long takes the place of outgoing councilmember Robert Garcia, who has represented District 4 since 2016.

[More About Council Member Long](#)

## Mayor And Mayor Pro Tem Re-Elected

At a special called meeting, City Council held an election for the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. At-Large Council Member Dwayne Ariola was re-elected as Mayor, and District 3 Council Member Kelley Cmerek was re-elected as Mayor Pro Tem to serve until May 2026. In the 2026 election, the At-Large Council seat will transition into the Mayoral seat per the charter amendment passed in May 2024.

[Meet Your City Council](#)



## TH Johnson Public Meeting

A virtual public meeting about the road construction on TH Johnson Drive from Main Street to North Drive was held on June 12. The meeting included an overview of the project, a look at the construction timeline, and answers to frequently asked questions. The meeting was recorded and is available to view at any time.

[Watch The Meeting Here](#)



## East Wilco Highway Now Open

On June 20, regional leaders including Mayor Ariola celebrated the grand opening of Segment 3 of the East Williamson County Highway with a ribbon cutting. Now open to traffic, this major new roadway improves travel, safety, and connectivity throughout eastern Williamson County. As the largest road project in county history, it lays the foundation for continued growth and new opportunities across the region.

[More About The East Wilco Highway](#)



# IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

## Engine 3 Push-In Ceremony | June 7



## Juneteenth | June 21

(Photos Courtesy Nakevia Miller)



# CITY MEETINGS



## **8** Planning and Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

## **10** City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

## **15** Moody Museum Advisory Board

5:30 PM | DAN MOODY MUSEUM | 114 W 9TH ST

## **16** Main Street Advisory Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

## **16** TIF #1 Board

5:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

## **16** Parks and Recreation Board

6:00 PM | DICKEY GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1015 BLVD. MLK JR.

## **23** Public Arts Advisory Board

5:30 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST.

## **24** City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

**4th of July Parade**  
9:00 AM | FROM DAVIS & 7<sup>TH</sup> ST. TO MURPHY PARK

**4th of July Ice Cream Social**  
10:00 AM | AMERICAN LEGION HALL - MURPHY PARK

**Dale Watson's American Legion 4th of July Picnic**  
4:00 PM | MURPHY PARK PAVILION

**4th of July Fireworks**  
SUNSET | MURPHY PARK

**Fire Truck Spray Down**  
7:00 PM | FANNIE ROBINSON PARK

**Historic Downtown Walking Tour**  
10:00 AM | HACIENDO COFFEE ROASTERS - 116 W. 6TH ST.

**Taylor Second Saturdays**  
ALL DAY | DOWNTOWN

**Taylor On Foot**  
10:00 AM | DISTRICT 4

**Movie in the Park: "The Goonies"**  
7:30 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK

## CLOSURES

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All City of Taylor  
Offices will be closed  
Friday, July 4, for  
Independence Day



# PARKS EVENTS

## **Zumba**

MONDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **Senior Fit**

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **Pilates**

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **Track Time**

TUESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELD TRACK

## **Yoga**

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **Butts 'N' Guts**

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **Senior Fit**

FRIDAYS | 11:00 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | MURPHY PARK

## **July Special Events**

### **Splash Pad Play Days**

MON | 9:00 AM | ROBINSON PARK  
FRI | 9:00 AM | HERITAGE SQUARE

### **Sports & Games**

TUE & THU | 9:00 AM | EVENTS CENTER GYM

### **Summer in the Park**

TUE & THU | 7:00 PM | ROBINSON PARK

### **Movies at Dickey-Givens**

WEDNESDAYS | 2:30 PM | DICKEY-GIVENS  
COMMUNITY CENTER

# JULY

# LIBRARY EVENTS

TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

- 2** **Austin Reptile Show**  
10:30 AM
- 9** **Mr. Will**  
10:30 AM
- 12** **Puzzle Swap**  
2:30 PM
- 14** **Grief Support**  
6:30 PM
- 16** **Ramblin' Rita**  
10:30 AM
- 17** **WaterFest**  
4:30 PM
- 28** **Grief Support**  
6:30 PM

## CLOSURES

- 4** The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4 & Saturday, July 5

## WEEKLY

- M** **Chair Yoga**  
MONDAYS | 9:30 AM
- M** **Monday Movie**  
MONDAYS | 2:30 PM
- T** **Hooks and Needles**  
TUESDAYS | 9:00 AM
- T** **LEGO/Crafts for Kids**  
TUESDAYS | 2:30 PM
- TH** **Chair Yoga**  
THURSDAYS | 9:30 AM
- TH** **Chair Massage**  
THURSDAYS | 10:30 AM
- TH** **Teen Crafts**  
THURSDAYS | 5:00 PM
- F** **Senior Social**  
FRIDAYS | 2:00 PM

# COUNCIL CONNECTION

## COUNCIL MEETING RECAP VIDEOS

The Council Connection video series provides a recap of what happened at each Council meeting. They are released within a week following each meeting.



### June 12 Meeting

COUNCIL APPROVED APPLICATIONS TO THREE GRANT PROGRAMS FOR SIDEWALKS, SHARED USE PATHS AND SIX ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS, AMENDED AN AGREEMENT WITH SAMSUNG, AND PRIORITIZED PARK PROJECTS USING FUNDS FROM LAST YEAR'S DEBT ISSUANCE.



### June 26 Meeting

COUNCIL CONSIDERED AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO FUND CITY PROJECTS, A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE SAMSUNG PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR'S WATER SUPPLY, AND HEARD A PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S DUCK POPULATION.



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Left to Right: Greg Redden (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2),  
Mayor Dwayne Ariola (At-Large), Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek  
(District 3), Heather Long (District 4)