

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER



Outgoing Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. listens while City Manager Isaac Turner thanks him for his service to the citizens of Taylor.

City Council members and staff work in collaboration to serve our citizens and businesses by developing policies and programs that address community concerns, particularly the budget. In June, staff presented City Council with budget guidelines for fiscal year 2017-2018 (FY18). These guidelines provide the framework for developing the budget including:

- A balanced budget with no tax rate increase
- Fund balance to meet or exceed policy goals
- Continue the pursuit of federal, state, and private grants which support Council goals
- Increase efficiencies and productivity
- Employee compensation
- Continue Community Investment Program

(CIP) in support of council goals/vision items
The FY18 budget workshops continue into August allowing citizens an opportunity to participate in the process. City Council meetings are held every second and fourth Thursday of the month. Perhaps your schedule does not allow you to attend a City Council meeting? If so, you can watch meetings lives on your computer, tablet, or smartphone at www.taylor.tx.gov.

I Isaac Turner,
City Manager

CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW MEMBER, MAYOR

Dwayne Ariola was sworn in as the newest member of City Council on Thursday, May 16 after being elected on Saturday, May 6. At this meeting, he began his service as the At-Large representative by casting his vote for the new mayor, chosen from among the ranks of council members per the city charter. Mr. Ariola will serve until May 2020. He is the vice president of operations at Austin Cutting and Coring. He has served as a member of the city's Planning Zoning Commission. He is a member of Kiwanis and a native of Taylor.

Former Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell will hold the Mayor's seat for one year. His current term expires in May 2018. An attorney, he is also a native of Taylor. Mayor Rydell is the assistant general counsel for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT)



Pictured: Dwayne Ariola (l.) and current City Council members (above, l. to r.) with Robert Garcia, Dwayne Ariola, City Manager Isaac Turner, Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez, Chris Gonzales, Mayor Brandt Rydell

HERITAGE SQUARE PARK UPDATE

Progress continues on the re-design of Heritage Square with a public hearing held in mid-May to look at proposed design options. Preliminary costs are expected not to exceed \$4 million.

Citizens shared differing views on what elements should be considered, including the possible reduction of final costs.

Sub-committee members Mayor Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez and Councilman Robert Garcia will continue working with staff to evaluate project design. Some of the proposed features include an amphitheater, splash pad, public art and seating in a plaza area.

WORK CONTINUES ON 4TH STREET REPAIR



Reconstruction continues on 4th Street. To date, utility adjustments, relocation of pipes and lime stabilization on the eastern portion of the street are complete. The timeline has been revised for the relocation of shallow gas lines.

City Manager Isaac Turner said, "Older infrastructure in parts of the city is not always correctly marked on the original maps."

He noted that this is not unusual on older streets and expects there will be similar situations in the future.

The street repair is expected to be complete by late summer or early fall.

SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY

Monday Afternoon Movies 2:30pm. Wednesday Morning Programs 10:30am.

July 3: Storks (PG)

July 10: Trolls (PG)

July 17: Kubo & the Two

Strings (PG)

July 24: Sing (PG)

July 5: Mad Science of Austin

July 12: Magician Cody Fisher

July 19: Singer Will Parker

July 26: Wild Things Zoofari

Please, no unattended children or large strollers at any library events.

Thursday Night Programs, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Meeting Room

Legos, Games, Activities and More!

\$2K DONATED FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The City Public Library was recently awarded \$2,000 from the Tocker Foundation and Rotary Club of Taylor. The funds will be used to buy new paperback books from Scholastic, which will be given to youth and teens as part of the library's Summer Reading Program. More than 600 children participated in last year's reading program, according to Library Director Karen Ellis. She expects that number to increase in 2017. "Not all families have home libraries," she said. "This gift to the library will allow young readers who have none to have a book of their own."

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

July

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The annual Fourth of July fireworks show happens at dark at Murphy Park, 1600 Veterans Drive. The event is free and open to the public.



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THIRD THURSDAY SHOPPING & MOVIES IN THE PARK NIGHT

Taylor Made treasures await at the many unique stores in downtown. Shop until 8 p.m., then stick around for the featured movie presented by the Parks and Recreation Department, "The Lego Batman Movie."



Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. The movie is free to watch. Pets on leashes, please, and in owners' control at all times.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Offices are closed on Tuesday, July 4.
Normal garbage collection schedule

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Thursdays - July 13, July 27
All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at City Hall. You may watch meetings live online or taped recordings at www.taylortx.gov.