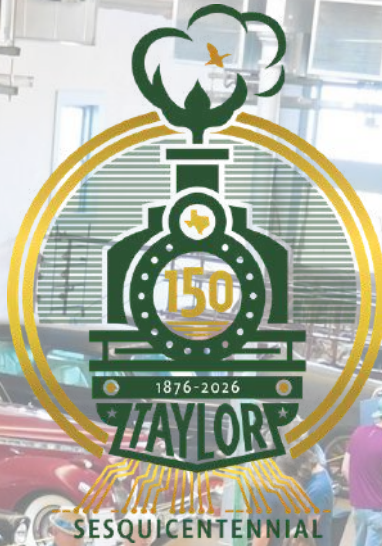




COMMUNITY CONNECTION

YOUR CITY COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

I want to take this opportunity to address the conversations taking place in our community regarding the City's approach to digital infrastructure.

We have been working to keep residents informed throughout every step of this process, providing updates on several key initiatives aimed at addressing community concerns about data centers.

One of the main components is the proposed digital infrastructure ordinance, which would allow the City to establish rigorous standards for data centers, including their water use, maximum noise levels and required setbacks from residential areas.

We are also addressing the reliability of Taylor's water supply as our city continues to grow. The Brazos River Authority has shared plans to significantly increase water treatment capacity, as well as construct a new pipeline that would double the amount of water BRA can deliver to its customers.

Another important part of this conversation is sustainable water management for data centers. While the City would provide potable water for uses such as restrooms and food service, treated water from the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant would be used for industrial processes, including closed-loop cooling systems. Wastewater from a data center would then be sent to the Mustang Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, which already meets all applicable environmental regulatory standards for treating wastewater before it is discharged into Mustang Creek.

We welcome the community's feedback on these issues. You can leave your comments by visiting TaylorTX.gov, clicking on Government and selecting Comprehensive Plan Update.

I'd also like to share with you another avenue we've added to share information from the City: a brand-new podcast called "Off The Agenda."

"Off the Agenda" is produced each week by the City's Communications Department and features conversations with elected officials, City leaders, community members and more.

I invite everyone to check out the show for long-form conversations on a wide range of topics, from updates to the City's land development code to stories about Taylor's history. You can find "Off the Agenda" wherever you listen to podcasts. It's a great way to stay informed and connected to your community.

And finally, as we continue to celebrate Taylor's Sesquicentennial, I want to highlight a unique experience that befits this incredible milestone.

Spark! Places of Innovation, a touring exhibit from the Smithsonian, is currently open at the Heidenheimer Building through late this month.

As part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street program, the exhibition gives Taylor an opportunity to reflect on the innovation that has been a vital part of our history and how that spirit continues to shape our community.

As we celebrate our Sesquicentennial, the exhibit works to spark conversations about Taylor's innovators — past, present and future — and how we, as a community, can embrace that mindset to help keep our city growing.

Brian Laborde

CITY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Off the Agenda Podcast

The City of Taylor has a new podcast: Off the Agenda! Each week, we'll share conversations with elected officials, City leaders, community members and more, along with a rundown of events happening around Taylor. You can watch Off the Agenda on our YouTube and Facebook pages, and listen wherever you get your podcasts.

[Watch the Podcast Here](#)

Margarita Mile

The Margarita Mile returns to Downtown Taylor! This festive sip-and-stroll experience transforms downtown into a vibrant tasting trail, where local businesses serve creative margaritas, mocktails and themed snacks to participants as they explore the route.

[Get Your Tickets Here!](#)



Public Hearing on Budget and Tax Rate

The Taylor City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider the Proposed Budget and Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2027. The proposed budget includes funding for Phase 2 of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code update as well as fleet and heavy equipment replacement.

[View the FY2027 Proposed Budget Here](#)

Land Development Code Updates

The City is updating its Land Development Code (LDC), which regulates what can be built, where development can occur and the standards new projects must meet. City Council will consider nine draft amendments, including an ordinance establishing digital infrastructure regulations for data centers. Read the full draft and share your input at the link below.

[Leave Your Feedback Here](#)



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Coffee With the Chief | August 6



Spark! Places of Innovation Opening | August 14



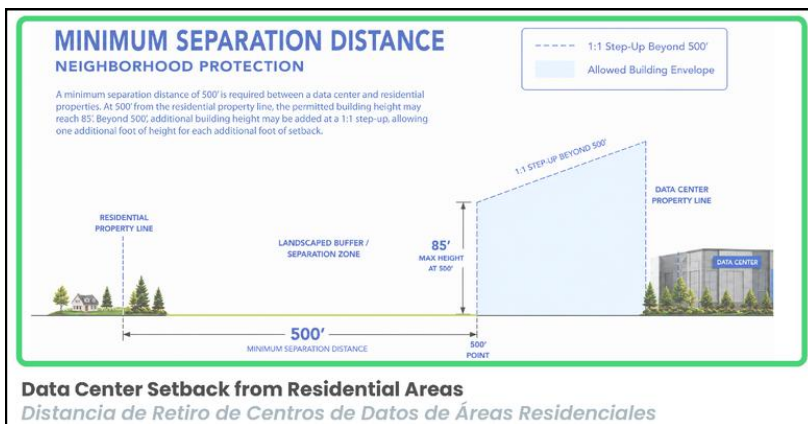
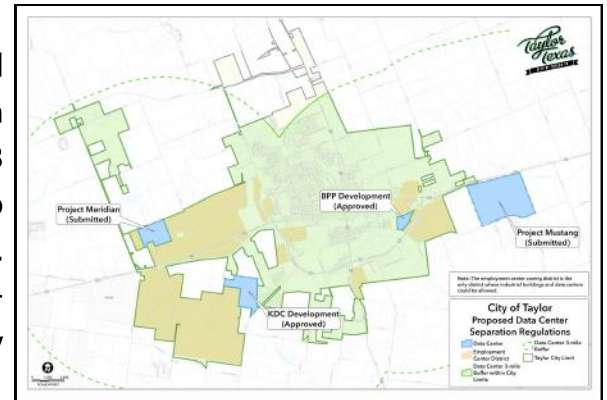
DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

August 25 Community Meeting Recap

The City hosted a Digital Infrastructure Community Meeting on August 25. The focus of the event was to establish dialogue between the City and the Community regarding the land development code updates, water and wastewater planning and digital infrastructure regulations and impacts. The following is a summary of the information shared at the meeting. Please use the link below to share your thoughts on the proposed regulations.

Data Center Separation Regulations

Last month, the City introduced a new regulation that would limit where new data centers could go within City limits. In summary, no new data centers may come into the city within 3 miles of an existing permitted or pending data center. The map on the right shows the four existing proposed data centers. Everywhere in the green areas would be off limits. The yellowish properties are those currently zoned EC which is the only zoning type that allows for Data Centers.

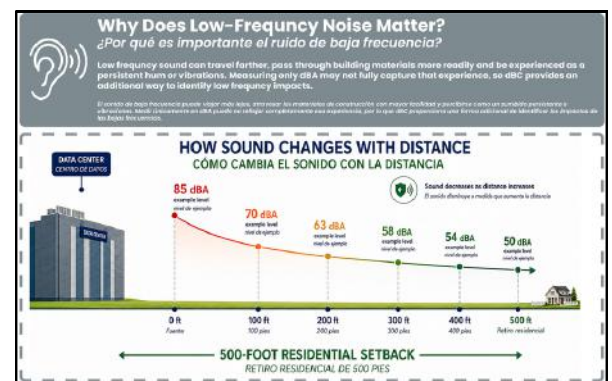


Minimum Separation Distance

The proposed regulations for data centers currently require a 500' separation between the building and nearby residential properties. It allows the building to be 85' tall at that distance. For every additional foot in height, the building must be an additional foot away from the property line. (i.e. 100' building would need to be 515 feet from the property line)

Noise

Noise regulations can be difficult to understand. First, you have regular and high frequency noise known as dBA. The draft regulations limit these to 75. The low frequency hum, like from your air conditioner, is limited to existing conditions on the property. Decibels are hard to comprehend because 70 dB is not 15% louder than 60dB. It is 100% louder. Every 10 dB increase doubles the perceived loudness. Also, distance doesn't affect loudness very much after 500 feet.



[TaylorTX.gov/ComprehensivePlan](https://taylor-tx.gov/ComprehensivePlan)

GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK

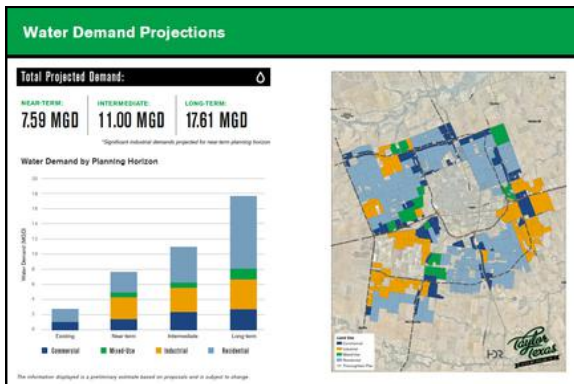
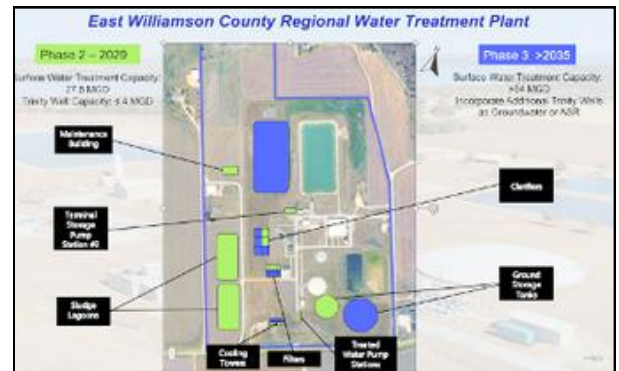
WATER AND WASTEWATER

Water and Wastewater Master Plan

The City recently completed a water and wastewater master plan update. The plan provides projections for future water needs. Those projections include residential, commercial and major industrial development. It then looks at current and future water sources and anticipates what is needed to keep up with the growth and water demands.

Water Source

The City receives its water from the Brazos River Authority's East Williamson County Regional Water Treatment Plant at Lake Granger. The City of Taylor is just one of their customers. They currently can produce 14.5 million gallons per day. They are in the process of upgrading their pipes to push 27.5 million gallons per day with long-term plans to go over 54 million gallons per day. These plans are based on projected demand and have reliable water sources included in the plans. They project more than enough water for the next 30+ years in Taylor.

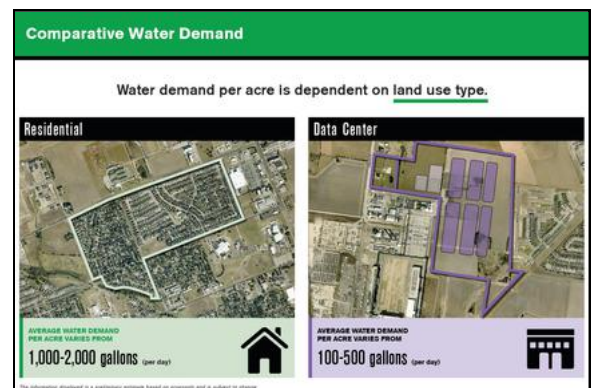


Demand Projections

The new master plan considers possible growth over the next 30+ years. In the near-term, they project significant demand increases for industrial and commercial. In the long-term, residential is projected to be the driver of growth. These long-term projections are well within the planned capacity of our water provider, BRA.

Data Center Water Use

One of the more widely shared concerns about data centers is water use. From a planning perspective, it is important to consider that water use varies across land-use type. A residential neighborhood will use a different amount of water and at different times than a commercial shopping center. In this case, we compared two similarly sized developments and their water demands. Based on the analysis, a data center uses far less water than a residential neighborhood of a similar size.



DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

WHAT'S COMING TO TAYLOR

Every month, we're providing an advanced look at projects in development around Taylor.



Project Name: N/A

Project Type: Employment Center Plan

Location: 3331 W 2nd St.

Description: N/A

Project Status: Approved at the Aug. 13 City Council meeting.



Project Name: Castlewood Phases 2 & 3

Project Type: Place Type Amendment to Employment Center

Location: 2700 and 2710 Davis St.

Description: N/A

Project Status: Approved at the July 9 City Council meeting.



Project Name: N/A

Project Type: Place Type Amendment from P2: Rural and P3: Neighborhood to P5: Urban Center.

Location: 1201 South Rio Grande St.

Description: N/A

Project Status: Approved at the July 9 City Council meeting.

Click here or scan the QR code for more updates



CIP PROJECT UPDATES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS



Project: City Hall and Justice Center

Latest Update: Slab pouring is ongoing through August, and construction has gone vertical with columns being installed.

[Subscribe to City Hall & Justice Center Updates](#)



Project: Fire Station 2 Renovation

Latest Update: Interior framing and sheathing has been completed.

[Subscribe to Fire Station 2 Updates](#)



Project Name: Donna Channel Drainage Improvement

Latest Update: Work on the trail has been completed with some temporary hand rails in place.

[Subscribe to Donna Channel Updates](#)



Project Name: Bull Branch Wastewater Upsizing

Latest Update: Work continues south of MLK and the Animal Shelter; several Change Proposal Requests are pending, including interior fencing at the Animal Shelter and manhole repair.

[Subscribe to Bull Branch Upsizing Updates](#)

[Click here to view the Capital Improvement Projects Dashboard](#)

SPARK!

PLACES *of* INNOVATION

Spark! Place of Innovation, a traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program, is part of Taylor's Sesquicentennial celebration!

The exhibition dives into innovation and invention happening in rural America. In small towns across America, people are creating new products, taking risks, meeting challenges together, and seizing upon exciting opportunities that change local life and sometimes reach far beyond.



Spark! features stories from over 30 rural communities across the nation that reveal the dynamic relationship between place and creativity. Technical, social, cultural, artistic, or a combination of all of these—every innovation is as unique as each community.

"Taylor's Story of Innovation: 150 Years on the Brazos Trail" explores how innovation has shaped Taylor and the surrounding Brazos Trail Region for more than 150 years. While the Smithsonian highlights stories of rural ingenuity from across America, Taylor's exhibit brings that story home, showcasing the people, industries, and ideas that transformed a small railroad town into a thriving Central Texas community.



Smithsonian



Part of the "Spark!" exhibit includes a collection of restored vehicles representing every decade from the 1880s to today, curated by Jeff Snyder of Jeff's Resurrections. One of the vehicles, a Plymouth Superbird, was featured in the movie "Dazed and Confused."



The exhibit from the Williamson Museum (left) highlights famous athletes, movie stars and creators from Taylor, as well as films made in the community. The Rockdale I&GN Depot Museum exhibit (right) explores the history of railroads in this part of Texas, railroad infrastructure and showcases the original Depot telegraph bug.

"Spark! Places of Innovation" is open through Sept. 27 at the Heidenheimer Building, 209 E. First St., Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visit TaylorTX.gov/Spark or scan the QR code for more info.



CITY MEETINGS



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Historic Preservation Commission

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

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Planning & Zoning Commission

6:00 PM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

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City Council Meeting Featuring FY2027 Budget Hearing

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

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Main Street Advisory Board

4:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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

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City Council Meeting

6:00 PM | CITY HALL | 400 PORTER ST

CLOSURES

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**All City of Taylor
Offices will be closed
on Monday, Sep. 7 for
Labor Day.**

SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1

Coffee With The Chief

8:30 AM | ROJAS TACOS | 400 S MAIN ST.

5

Heritage Square Farmers Market

10:00 AM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK | 400 N MAIN ST.

Historic Downtown Walking Tour

10:00 AM | RIPPLE & ROSE CAFE | 109 W THIRD ST.

8

Taylor History

6:00 PM | TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY | 801 VANCE ST.

11

Patriot Day 9/11 Memorial Event

7:00 PM | TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM | 355 FM 9723

12

Heritage Square Farmers Market

10:00 AM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK | 400 N MAIN ST.

17

Music on Main - Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff

6:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK | 400 N MAIN ST.

19

Margarita Mile

1:00 PM TO 5:00 PM | HERITAGE SQUARE PARK | 400 N MAIN ST.

26

Kid Fish

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:00 AM | BULL BRANCH PARK | 904 DELLINGER DR.



PARKS EVENTS



Senior Fit

TUESDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



Pilates

TUESDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



Stretch & Flow

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



Taylor Total Body

THURSDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



Senior Fit

FRIDAYS | 10:30 AM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE



Dance Fit

MONDAYS | 6:00 PM | MEMORIAL FIELDHOUSE | BEGINS 9/14

Kid Fish

Saturday, Sep. 26 | 8 AM
Bull Branch Park

Grab the family and your fishing gear for a fun morning of fishing and outdoor adventure at Bull Branch Park!

Haciendo Coffee will be serving coffee, while Faith Angler Network helps kids learn the basics of fishing.

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups.

SEPTEMBER



LIBRARY EVENTS

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING & COMMUNITY EVENTS

2	Storytime: Taylor Readers are Leaders	10:30 AM
4	Robotics	4:30 PM
8	Baby Storytime	10:30 AM
	Homeschool Hangout	1:00 PM
	Taylor History	6:00 PM
9	Teddy Bear Clinic	10:30 AM
11	STEAM Challenge	4:30 PM
18	Robotics	4:30 PM
22	Baby Storytime	10:30 AM
23	Bilingual Storytime	10:30 AM
24	Date Night at Black Sparrow: Poetry Open Mic	6:00 PM
29	Salsa Tasting	6:00 PM

WEEKLY PROGRAMMING

Chair Yoga
Mon & Thu | 9:30 AM

Storytime
Wed | 10:30 AM

Senior Social
Wed & Fri | 2:00 PM

Chair Massage
Thu | 10:30 AM

LEGO Day
Sat | 10:00 AM

Hooks & Needles
Thu | 5:30 PM
Sat | 11:30 AM

CLOSURES

The Library will be closed on Friday, Sept. 5, Monday, Sept. 7 & Saturday, Sept. 25.

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.



August 13 Meeting

THE CITY COUNCIL FORMALLY CALLED THE NOV. 3 ELECTION ON SEVEN PROPOSITIONS TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER. COUNCIL ALSO ADJUSTED ITS NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE AROUND THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE AND THE HOLIDAYS. THEY ALSO APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF TWO AUTONOMOUS MOWERS TO HELP MAINTAIN THE CITY CEMETERY, THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT GROUNDS AND OTHER CITY PROPERTIES.



August 27 Meeting

THE CITY COUNCIL INTRODUCED THE PROPOSED BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE COMING YEAR. COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF NEW FITNESS EQUIPMENT FOR MEMORIAL FIELD USING FUNDS DONATED BY GOOD LIFE TAYLOR AND THE HDR FOUNDATION AND APPROVED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TWO HOMES THROUGH THE HOME PROGRAM, WHICH HELPS PROVIDE NEW HOMES FOR RESIDENTS WHOSE EXISTING HOMES ARE IN DISREPAIR AND WHO ARE FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.



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CITY OF TAYLOR COUNCIL



Left to Right: Greg Redden (District 1), Shelli Cobb (District 2), Mayor Jim Buzan, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Cmerek (District 3), Heather Long (District 4)