

AGENDA

CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 PORTER STREET

MAY 9, 2013, 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARE A QUORUM

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

(The City Council welcomes public comments on items not listed on the agenda. However, the Council cannot respond until the item is posted on a future meeting agenda. Registration forms are available at the sign in table.)

CONSENT AGENDA

(The Consent Agenda includes non-controversial and routine items that the Council may act on with one single vote. The Mayor or any Council member may pull any item from the Consent Agenda to discuss and act upon individually on the Regular Agenda.)

1. Approve minutes for April 25, 2013. (Susan Brock)

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

2. Proclamation: National Police Week, May 12-18, 2013. (Mayor/Chief Fluck)
3. Proclamation: May is National Historic Preservation Month. (Mayor/Bob van Til)
4. Proclamation: Train Day is May 11, 2013. (Mayor/Bob van Til)

REGULAR AGENDA; REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. Receive quarterly report from Taylor Chamber of Commerce. (Thomas Martinez)
6. Receive annual report from the Dan Moody Museum Advisory Board. (Susan Komandosky)
7. Consideration and action with respect to a "Resolution R13-10 authorizing proceeding with issuance of Certificates of Obligations and further directing the publication of Notice of Intention to issue City of Taylor, Texas Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013." (Jim Dunaway/Rosemarie Dennis)
8. Consider introducing Ordinance 2013-11 to abandon alleyways located in the Dr. J.S. Brown Addition, Northwest corner of 8th and Davis Streets. (Jim Dunaway/Ted Hejl)
9. Consider introducing Ordinance 2013-12 regarding a change in position classifications for the Police Department. (Jim Dunaway/Chief Fluck)
10. Consider Resolution R13-09 opposing adoption of proposed Insurance Services Office Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. (Chief Ekiss)

ADJOURN

The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items listed in this Agenda. The Council reserves the right to retire into executive session concerning any of the items listed on this Agenda, whenever it is considered necessary and legally justified under the Open Meetings Act. I certify that the notice of meeting was posted in the Taylor City Hall Lobby before 6:00 pm on May 6, 2013 and remained posted for at least 72 hours continuously before the scheduled time of said meeting. I further certify that the following news media was notified of this meeting: Taylor Daily Press.

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Posted By:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk

Date

5/6/13



***City Council Meeting
May 9, 2013
Agenda Item Transmittal***

Agenda Item #: 1
Agenda Title: Approve minutes for April 25, 2013.
Council Action: Approve by consent or approve with corrections
Initiating Department: City Management/City Clerk
Staff Contact: Susan Brock, City Clerk

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

Pursuant to the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Local Government Code and in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.021 and the City Charter, the "Minutes" of each City Council must be recorded, compiled and approved by the City Council in subsequent meetings. The purpose of this item is to conform to these legal requirements.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

N/A

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

N/A

4. RECOMMENDATION

Approve as submitted or amend with changes noted.

5. REFERENCE FILES

1a. [Minutes, April 25, 2013.](#)

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 25, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Jesse Ancira, Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Nancy Tyson, 1220 West Lake Drive, voiced concern regarding the issue of awarding a contract to Sledge Engineering in agenda item number 6.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 11, 2013.
2. CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MAIN STREET RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH, 2013.
Council Member Rydell asked to remove item number 2 for further consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda items number 1 and 3 as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. CONSIDER APPROVING ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR MAIN STREET RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

In Ms. Lannen's absence Mr. Straub presented details on the rental assistance program. He stressed the need for additional funding as a result of the success of the program itself.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve this item as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON WILLIAMSON COUNTY VOTE CENTERS FOR THE MAY 11, 2013 ELECTIONS.

Ms. Connie Watson, Public Information Officer of Williamson County presented information on behalf of Commissioner Ron Morrison and Mr. Jose Orta regarding the use of centralized vote centers in Williamson County. No formal action was taken on this item.

5. DISCUSS AND APPROVE PROJECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY BOND ELECTION.

Mr. Dunaway and Mr. Casey Sledge, City Consulting Engineer, presented a list of projects to be reviewed with regard to the Williamson County Bond Election. The proposed list includes improvements to CR 101, CR 366, CR 367, and the trails in Bull Branch Park. If included in the bond election and all voter approved the local match would be estimated to be approximately \$1,972,664.

(Council Member Ancira joined the meeting at 6:35 pm during this discussion.) Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the list of projects as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3 MILLION IN CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR PHASE I OF THE STREET RENOVATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH SLEDGE ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN AND OVERSIGHT OF PHASE I.

Mr. Dunaway presented a proposal to bring all streets categorized as “fair” up to “good” with funds obtained through certificates of obligation. Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting City Engineer, provided background on how this initial phase would ultimately impact the entire street maintenance project. He provided a plan that would also incorporate the funds previously redirected from the recreation center for a total of \$5.4 million available at this stage of the program. The plan presented would include 15.75 miles of streets for a total of \$4.9 million. Mayor Hill made a request to add one more block of 1st Street to complete the downtown street plan as presented.

Staff addressed public concerns about not using a bid or request for proposal process in awarding engineering professional service agreements. It was noted that under the Professional Services Procurement Act, Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code, professional service agreements are not subject to the competitive bid process. The City entered into an agreement in 2005 to hire Mr. Sledge as a consultant to the city for engineering services. Since that time he has provided engineering expertise and/or oversight to numerous city projects. Operating in this capacity, he has also recommended that the city hire outside engineers when suited to the project and beneficial to the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to authorize the issuance of \$3 million in Certificates of Obligation for the Phase I of the Street Renovation Program as presented and to approve the contract with Sledge Engineering. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion and requested an amendment to the motion to accept staff recommendations, authorize the \$3 million in C.O.'s, approve the contract with Sledge and to authorize the entire \$5.4 to be used for the Phase I project. Mayor Gonzales agreed to the amended motion. Prior to the vote, Council Member Osborn requested an amendment and directive to include an evaluation of hiring an in-house engineer after Phase I is completed and Council Member Rydell seconded

this motion. Mayor Hill proceeded to take the last amendment first. He asked for a vote on the second amendment made by Council Member Osborn: VOTE: Four voted AYE; One vote NO (Gonzales). Motion on second amendment passed. First amendment and motion: VOTE: Four voted AYE; One NO (Ancira). Motion passed.

7. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Mr. Sledge presented an update on capital improvement projects for the month of March.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don Hill, Mayor

Susan Brock, City Clerk



City Council Meeting
May 9, 2013
Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 2
Agenda Title: National Police Week Proclamation
Council Action to be taken: Mayor Hill to present the proclamation.
Initiating Department: Police Department
Staff Contact: **Henry Fluck, Chief of Police**

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

The intent of this item is to recognize National Police Week 2013 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Taylor Police Department. Approximately 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries. In 2012, there were 119 officers killed in the line of duty.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

May 15, 2013, is designated by the Congress and President of the United States as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and the week in which it falls, May 12-18, 2013 as National Police Week.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Mayor Hill present the National Police Week Proclamation.

6. REFERENCE FILES

2a. [National Police Week](#) 2013 Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Taylor Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which it falls as Police Week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Taylor Police Department play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of Taylor; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our police department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence or disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Taylor, I do hereby call upon all citizens of Taylor to observe the week of May 12-18, 2013 as Police Week.

I further call upon all citizens of Taylor to observe May 15, 2013 as Peace Officers Memorial Day to honor those peace officers who, through their courageous deeds, have lost their lives or have become disabled in the performance of duty.

PROCLAIMED this the 9th day of May, 2013.

Donald Hill, Mayor



***City Council Meeting
May 9, 2013
Agenda Item Transmittal***

Agenda Item #: 3
Agenda Title: Proclamation: May is National Historic Preservation Month
Council Action to be taken: Mayor will present Proclamation
Initiating Department: Planning and Development/Main Street Program
Staff Contact: Bob van Til, Director

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

This item is added to bring attention to the role, relevance and importance of National Historic Preservation in the community.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Each year, Staff asks the Council, more specifically the Mayor to make this proclamation in order to demonstrate the City's support for the preservation of historical buildings. The national theme this year is **"See! Save! Celebrate!"** to focus on events that will engage citizens by taking the time to celebrate history and historic places.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

N/A

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

This recognition is done annually during the month of May.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the month of May be proclaimed as National Historic Preservation Month.

6. REFERENCE FILES

3a. [Proclamation](#)

Proclamation

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Whereas, historic preservation is an important tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, and fostering local pride; and

Whereas, historic preservation is important for all communities, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all age; and

Whereas, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve their heritage; and

Whereas, “*See! Save! Celebrate!*” is the theme for National Historic Preservation Month , 2013, cosponsored by Taylor Main Street, Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Now, therefore, as Mayor of the City of Taylor I do hereby proclaim the month of May be recognized as

National Historic Preservation Month

Proclaimed this 9th day of May, 2013.

Don Hill, Mayor



***City Council Meeting
May 9, 2013
Agenda Item Transmittal***

Agenda Item #: 4
Agenda Title: Proclamation for 2013 Train Day
Council Action to be taken: Proclamation read by Mayor Hill
Initiating Department: Planning and Development
Staff Contact: Bob van Til, Director

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

In recognition of the 6th annual Train Day, staff requests that the Mayor read a proclamation recognizing May 11, 2013 as National Train Day in Taylor.

I invited a representative from Amtrak to join us on this day, but have not yet received confirmation. In March, we received a sign from Amtrak which I will present to the Mayor for placement in the community.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Taylor is served by Union Pacific and Amtrak. Freight rail has served Taylor since the 1870's. Amtrak has served Taylor for over 40 years with two trains per day. In 2012, the ridership was approximately **4,980**.

According to 'nationaltrainday.com' "Trains take us where we need to go, want to go. They remind us of what other lives seen only out the window look like. They employ our townspeople, bring passengers with a few extra dollars to spend into local coffee shops, draw activity to sleepy downtowns, and attract funds to the roads and buildings around the stations. They bring us to school, to work, to visit a friend in need. They connect our towns together. They connect us to each other. They tell the American story."

Also, 31.2 million people rode Amtrak in 2012, 120 towns are served by Amtrak with over 500 destinations nationwide.

The Texas Eagle services from Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, San Antonio, Los Angeles (amtrak.com, texaseagle.com).

As part of Train Day, several public service announcements will be released to educate our residents of the importance of rail to our community.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Train Day is May 11, 2013.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Mayor Hill present the Proclamation.

6. REFERENCE FILES

4a. [Train Day Proclamation](#)

PROCLAMATION

National Train Day May 11, 2013

WHEREAS, National Train Day, 2013 marks the anniversary of the “golden spike” completing the transcontinental railroad in Promontory Summit, Utah 145 years ago.

WHEREAS, this year’s National Train Day campaign, is titled “Trains Matter,” and serves to recognize the impact and vital role rail plays in the success of our communities and country.

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor is the site of a rail station for both Union Pacific and Amtrak and continues serve as a vital link between cities with connections to 46 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian Provinces.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Taylor, I hereby proclaim May 11, 2013 as **TRAIN DAY** and encourage citizens to celebrate and take note of how trains matter to our community.

Donald Hill, Mayor



City Council Meeting May 9, 2013 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 5
Agenda Title: Consider accepting quarterly report from the Taylor Chamber of Commerce.

Council Action to be taken: Accept report as presented

Initiating Organization: Taylor Chamber of Commerce

Staff Contact: Thomas Martinez, President

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is present to the City Council a Report of Activities and Budget for the Chamber of Commerce.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Section 3.3 of the Agreement between the City of Taylor and the Taylor Chamber of Commerce states in part, "The Chamber of Commerce shall prepare written reports for submission to the City Council on a quarterly basis, during the months of January, April, July, and October". The attached report is meant to fulfill this requirement.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

N/A

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

The last report was presented to Council on January 24th and was for the period October – December, 2012. This report will cover January - March, 2013.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and ask questions of Mr. Martinez as needed.

6. REFERENCE FILES

5a. [Taylor Chamber of Commerce Report](#)

Taylor Chamber of Commerce – Report to Taylor City Council

Presented Thur., May. 9th, 2013 - Report from Jan. thru March., 2013

Agenda items:

1. Deposits and Expenditures

- a. Report for Jan. – March of 2013, detailing deposits & expenditures (XL spreadsheet)
 - i. 9% - Advertising
 - ii. 14% - Promoting local events/businesses
 - iii. 75% - “HOT” Funds Awards
 - iv. 1 % - membership fees in organizations
 - v. 1% - building & furniture

2. Hotel/Motel Tax funds

- a. 2013 Hotel/Motel funds applicants list (Word document)

3. Taylor Regional Park

- a. Reported on every 6 months. Will provide update at 2nd Quarter, 2013 report.

4. Update on “Short Code” concept for retail sales

- a. Short Code phone number in place – 41411
 - i. Rough draft mockup of how it will work is in place
 - 1. Text “eattaylor” to phone number #41411
- b. Web site domain purchased – www.esptaylor.com
 - i. espTaylor stands for “Eat – Shop – Play/Stay in Taylor”
- c. Logo design is completed (see example).
- d. To do –
 - i. Create web site structure.
 - ii. Define guidelines for participation.
 - iii. Create timeline for implementation



5. Additional Taylor Chamber reports & information

- a. Participating in –
 - i. 2013 Festivals of Central Texas brochure/website
 - ii. 2013 Texas BBQ Trail brochure/website
 - iii. 2013 Taylor Daily Press FYI ad
 - iv. Austin Relocation Guide ad
- b. Ongoing –
 - i. Facebook page, web site & constant contact Friday newsletter

Questions or comments

- Council questions or comments?

Thomas E. Martinez
President – Taylor Chamber of Commerce
1519 N. Main St.
Taylor, TX 76574
512.352.6364

Tourism Account - Deposits and Expenditures, Jan. - March 2013

Jan. 1, 2013 to March 29, 2013	Date	Deposit	Comments	Expenditure	Check #	Comments	Total
End of Dec. 2012 Balance	12/31						\$14,405.66
Jan. - bank postings	1/10			\$693.25	1221	Chamber web site updates - Nov. 2012	\$13,712.41
	1/8			\$200.00	1222	Best Western Taylor Inn - Chamber dues	\$13,512.41
	1/14			\$75.00	1223	On Technology - I.T. technical support	\$13,437.41
	1/15			\$206.50	1224	Chamber web site updates - Dec. 2012	\$13,230.91
	1/16			\$268.38	1225	"HOT" Funds bank account blank checks	\$12,962.53
	1/24	\$7,836.15	70% check #127181				\$20,798.68
	1/31			\$1,250.00	1228	2012 "HOT" funds - SPJST BBQ Cook-off	\$19,548.68
	1/31			\$1,200.00	1230	2012 "HOT" Funds - BOLP Reunion	\$18,348.68
Feb. - bank posting	2/1			\$2,298.00	1226	2012 "HOT" Funds - Tractor Pull	\$16,050.68
	2/1			\$3,028.90	1227	2012 "HOT" Funds - Rodeo	\$13,021.78
	2/1			\$2,000.00	1229	2012 "HOT" Funds - Zest Fest	\$11,021.78
	2/4			\$1,500.00	1231	2012 "HOT" Funds - Taylor TRP Tournament	\$9,521.78
	2/11			\$354.00	1232	Chamber web site updates - Jan. 2013	\$9,167.78
	2/11			\$90.00	1233	New chamber logo design	\$9,077.78
	2/12			\$75.00	1234	AC vents issues - odor removal	\$9,002.78
March - bank postings	3/4			\$49.00	1235	Taylor ESP "short code" - monthly fee	\$8,953.78
	3/1			\$2,051.00	1236	2013 Texas BBQ Trail Brochures	\$6,902.78
	3/7			\$20.00	1237	Domain purchase for www.esptaylor.com	\$6,882.78
	3/7	\$2,852.34	70% check #127569				\$9,735.12

Totals		\$10,688.49		\$15,359.03			\$9,735.12
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Mailing List - 2013 Applicants for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds

Friends of the Moody Museum
Attn: Susan Komandosky
P.O. Box 669
Taylor, TX 76574

SPJST Lodge 29
Linda Pospisil – BBQ Cook-off
P.O. Box 69
Taylor, TX 76574

Taylor Artists Guild
Attn: Jan Konarik
P. O. Box 781
Taylor, TX 76574

LULAC Council #4721
Attn: Jose Orta
1320 Howard St.
Taylor, TX 76574

Taylor Rodeo Association – Tractor Pull
Attn: Treasurer John Carter
P.O. Box 562
Taylor, TX 76574

Taylor Rodeo Association – Rodeo
Attn: Treasurer John Carter
P.O. Box 562
Taylor, TX 76574

City of Taylor - Main St. Program
Attn: Deby Lannen
400 Porter Street
Taylor, TX 76574

Taylor Conservation & Heritage Society
Attn: Frances Sorrow
P.O. Box 385
Taylor TX 76574

Folkloric Dance Collaboration
Attn: Alma Holiday
1202 Sloan St.
Taylor, TX 76574

Project LOOP
Attn: Brent Humphreys
2015 W Lake Dr.
Taylor, Texas 76574

Blackshear O.L. Price Ex-Student Assn.
Attn: Jennifer Harris
P. O. Box 1274
Taylor, TX 76574

City of Taylor Parks Department
Attn: Mike Devito
400 Porter St.
Taylor, TX. 76574

Everything Sports
Attn: Amy Coulter
P.O. Box 27
Manchaca, TX 78652

Taylor Chamber – Taylor International BBQ
Cookoff
P.O. Box 231
Taylor, TX 76574

Removed the following –

Taylor Jaycees – Rattlesnake Sacking
Championship
P.O. Box 789
Taylor, TX 76574

Taylor Jaycees – BBQ Cookoff
P.O. Box 789
Taylor, TX 76574



City Council Meeting
May 9, 2013
Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 6
Agenda Title: Receive Annual Report from the Dan Moody Museum
Advisory Board

Council Action to be taken: Receive report

Initiating Department: Planning and Development

Staff Contact: Bob van Til, Director

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is to receive a report from the Dan Moody Museum Advisory Board. The Chair, Mrs. Komandosky, will be present to deliver the report.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Please also refer to the attached report from Mrs. Komandosky. Over the preceding years the Board has made annual reports to the City Council to enhance communication between the City Council and the Moody Board members. This supplements the agendas and minutes that are regularly sent out.

The City Council has supported the Museum in a number of important ways. This support has been greatly appreciated by both the Board and the community. The recent improvements for example, have made a tremendous difference in the appearance and operation of the Museum.

Although there are numerous other improvements still needed at the Museum, the many improvements made through the generous budgetary allocations over the years have allowed the facility to 'move up' to the next level in terms of its value to the City and to our citizens.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

5. RECOMMENDATION

6. REFERENCE FILES

6a. [Moody Museum Advisory Board report.](#)

May 9, 2013
Susan Komandosky,
Moody Museum Advisory Board Chair

There has been a great deal of change at the Moody Museum over the past year. It all began when everything was packed and moved out of the house so that all new wall coverings could be installed.

Since the movers just brought back packed boxes and left them packed, the museum's advisory board has been working to unpack everything and replace it in the rooms. In the process we made a few exciting discoveries including finding one of the Governor's original campaign banners from 1924 when he was running for Attorney General. That banner is now on display at the museum.

A major change at the Moody came when the board members decided to convert the upstairs area of the home into a museum, leaving the downstairs to feature the family's possessions in a home-like setting. The upstairs museum includes a room devoted to Miss Mary Moody without whom the museum would not exist. Another room is devoted to the Governor's life and career. The final room is a Taylor History Room where some of the story of the community is being told. This room features a display on Pet Brown, Taylor's world champion wrestler; Dr. James Dickey, the 1953 Citizen of the Year honoree, and individual signage about other notable Taylor people. The individual signs will be changed periodically so that the accomplishments of many local citizens can be showcased.

Of all the features in the Taylor History Room the one we find most exciting is the showcase provided for local families to tell their own stories. The Gonzales family was the first to put up a display, followed by the Blomquist family. Each display remains in place for six weeks. During that time the family is offered the opportunity to have a Sunday afternoon reception to which they can invite friends and family. We are hoping to get participation from families of all ethnic and racial groups who have helped make Taylor the community it is today.

For the first time ever the Moody was the site of the city's Veteran's Day observance. Local Vietnam veterans were invited to borrow a shadow box from the Moody and use it to tell their own story. Those were displayed during the reception.

The Friends of the Moody Museum used some of their limited resources to purchase and have installed new blinds in all the rooms. As you can imagine sunlight is not kind to antique furnishings and the old window coverings were in serious need of replacement. The Friends have also paid for many of the expenses involved in setting up the museum, expenses ranging from the purchase of a ladder to frames and other materials needed for displays. The Friends have also paid for refreshments to be served on numerous occasions.

We have recently been informed that the Moody is to be a beneficiary of a bequest from the estate of Nancy Paxton Moody, the Governor's daughter. That bequest has not yet been received, but when it is it will be added to the fund already established with the money from the Louis Ned bequest. The Moody Board is trying to be good stewards of all funds received knowing that such bequests are all too rare. Some of the money in the bequest fund is being spent on development of an educational program that will include seven grade students from Taylor and other nearby districts. Two of our board members who are educators, Cissie Pierce and Betty Jackson, are developing this program.

Next week the Moody will play host to a meeting of the Texas HELP program, a group of small museums from around the state that includes the Moody. The museums involved in the program were chosen through an application process and members of the Moody Board have been involved in the grant-funded HELP training for the past two years.

One major issue of concern is the poor state of the exterior of the museum. The paint job that was done several years ago is peeling badly and despite a 10-year warranty on the work the painter has not made good his promises. This is not an issue that the Moody Board can pursue since it was a city-issued contract.

That training represents only a small portion of the hours members of the Moody Advisory Board have devoted to the museum. Taylor has a little-recognized treasure in the Moody and we need to do all we can to make it accessible to locals and visitors alike. Extended hours are a major part of that. Our limited hours also eliminate us from consideration for many grant programs. It is our hope that the time is not be too far off when the city sees fit to provide a paid staff member for the museum so that it can be open more than three hours per week.



City Council Meeting May 9, 2013 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 7

Agenda Title: Consider action with respect to Resolution R13-10
Authorizing Proceeding with Issuance of Certificates of
Obligation and further Directing the Publication of Notice
of Intention to issue City of Taylor, Texas Combination
Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013.

Council Action to be taken: Approve Resolution R13-10

Initiating Department: Finance/City Management

Staff Contact: **Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager**
Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

In accordance with previous discussions and directives on this matter, the enclosed Resolution would officially give notice of the City's intent to issue Certificates of Obligation, not to exceed \$3,000,000.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

In accordance with the Council's direction to move forward with the issuance of \$3,000,000 in Certificates of Obligation, this Resolution will allow us to begin the process of issuance. The debt issuance will be used to fund Phase I of the Street Renovation Program.

Provided in your packet, you will find the City of Taylor's timetable of events for the issuance of the bonds. Also included is an illustration of the City's debt schedule for the new \$3,000,000. This assumes today's rates for this issuance and of course, this could change. This is dependent upon on the market at the time the Certificates of Obligation are priced in late June.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

According to our financial advisor (Jennifer Douglas), the City can issue this debt without increasing the debt portion of the City's tax rate. This essentially will have no negative effect on our tax rate. Also, please be advised that, as always, the proceeds for this will be net of the issuance costs.

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Staff has been advised that we need to issue prior to the County calculating next year's tax rate in order to receive the cushion mentioned by Ms. Douglas.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval as submitted.

6. REFERENCE FILES

- 7a. [Resolution R13-10](#) Notice of Intention of Issue
- 7b. [Taylor 2013 CO Timetable](#)
- 7c. [Illustration of the City of Taylor's](#) Debt Service Schedule

RESOLUTION NO. R13-10

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH ISSUANCE OF
CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATIONS AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF
TAYLOR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES
OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2013**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON §**

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Taylor, Texas (the "City") has determined it to be in the City's best interest to issue certificates of obligation for paying all or a portion of the City's contractual obligations incurred or to be incurred for (i) constructing, improving, extending and/or expanding City streets, including drainage, sidewalks and right-of-ways, and (ii) payment of professional services in connection therewith including legal, engineering, architectural and fiscal fees and the costs of issuing the Certificates (collectively the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Council has deemed it advisable to give notice of intention to issue the Certificates in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Certificate of Obligation Act of 1971, Section 271.041 et seq., Local Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), for the purpose of financing the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to the issuance of the Certificates, the Council is required under Section 271.041 et seq., Local Government Code to publish notice of its intention to issue the Certificates in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, the notice stating: (i) the time and place tentatively set for the passage of the order authorizing the issuance of the Certificates, (ii) the maximum amount and purpose of the Certificates to be authorized; and (iii) the manner in which the Certificates will be paid; and

WHEREAS, the meeting at which this Resolution is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Government Code, as amended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS:

1. Attached hereto is a form of the Notice of Intention to Issue the Certificates, the form and substance of which is hereby adopted and approved.

2. Bond Counsel for the City, shall cause the notice to be published in substantially the form attached hereto, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on the same day in each of two consecutive weeks, the date of the first publication to be at least 31 days prior to the time set for the order authorizing issuance of the Certificates as shown in the notice.

3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to execute the certificate to which this Resolution is attached on behalf of the City and the Mayor, City Clerk, the City Manager and Director of Finance are further authorized to do any and all things proper and necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution including approving appropriate changes to the notice and approving the final form of any Preliminary Official Statement for distribution to the market in connection with the sale of the Certificates.

4. The City hereby authorizes the disbursement of a fee equal to the lesser of (i) one-tenth of one percent of the principal amount of each series of the obligations being issued or (ii) \$9,500 per series, provided that such fee shall not be less than \$750, to the Attorney General of Texas Public Finance Division for payment of the examination fee charged by the State of Texas for the Attorney General's review and approval of public securities and credit agreements, as required by Section 1202.004 of the Texas Government Code. The appropriate member of the City's staff is hereby instructed to take the necessary measures to make this payment. The City is also authorized to reimburse the appropriate City funds for such payment from proceeds of the obligations.

[Execution Page Follows]

PASSED, APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS MAY 9, 2013.

Mayor
City of Taylor, Texas

ATTEST:

City Clerk
City of Taylor, Texas

[SEAL]

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION,
SERIES 2013**

NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas to issue Certificates of Obligation of the City in one or more series for the purpose of providing funds for paying contractual obligations incurred or to be incurred for: (i) constructing, improving, extending and/or expanding City streets, including drainage, sidewalks and right-of-ways, and (ii) payment of professional services in connection therewith including legal, engineering, architectural and fiscal fees and the costs of issuing the Certificates. The City Council tentatively proposes to authorize the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation at its regular meeting place in the City Hall, 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas to be commenced at 6:00 p.m., on the 27th day of June, 2013. The maximum amount of Certificates of Obligation that may be authorized for the above listed purposes is \$3,000,000. The City Council presently proposes to provide for payment of the Certificates of Obligation by a pledge of ad valorem taxes upon all taxable property within the City within the limits allowed by law. The Certificates of Obligation will be additionally payable from a limited pledge of the City's surplus water and sewer system revenues not to exceed \$1,000.



SPECIALIZED PUBLIC FINANCE INC.
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

City of Taylor, Texas Summary Timetable for Issuance of Combination of Tax & Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013

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| *Thursday, May 9, 2013* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Council adopts a resolution directing publication of notice of the City's intention to issues Certificates of Obligation (COs).• City Council authorizes financial advisor to prepare offering documents for COs. |
| Friday, May 17, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First publication of notice of the City's intention to issue COs. |
| Friday, May 24, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Second publication of notice of the City's intention to issue COs. |
| Week of June 2, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rating agency calls with City Staff. |
| Tuesday, June 18, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratings are received. |
| Thursday, June 20, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale are electronically distributed by financial advisor. |
| *Thursday, June 27, 2013* | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COs are priced by financial advisor through competitive sale.• Award. COs are awarded by City Council to winning underwriter(s). |
| Wednesday, July 24, 2013 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing. COs are delivered and proceeds received. |

* Requires Official Council Meeting.

City of Taylor
Preliminary \$3,000,000 Certificates of Obligation, Series 2013

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY

FYE 9/30	Net Taxable		Existing Tax-Supported D/S	\$3,000,000 Series 2013			Projected Total Tax-Supported D/S	Est. I&S Tax Rate
	Assessed Valuation	Est. Growth		Dated: 6/15 Principal	Est @ 2.67% Interest	Total		
2013	\$ 794,203,833		\$ 1,814,354	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,814,354	\$ 0.2409
2014	811,448,378		1,763,155	-	88,052	88,052	1,851,207	0.2328
2015	811,448,378	0.00%	1,765,143	20,000	75,474	95,474	1,860,617	0.2340
2016	811,448,378	0.00%	1,771,770	20,000	75,354	95,354	1,867,123	0.2348
2017	811,448,378	0.00%	1,758,119	25,000	75,204	100,204	1,858,323	0.2337
2018	811,448,378	0.00%	1,767,091	20,000	74,979	94,979	1,862,070	0.2342
2019	811,448,378	0.00%	1,691,353	95,000	74,759	169,759	1,861,112	0.2340
2020	811,448,378	0.00%	1,684,486	100,000	73,524	173,524	1,858,010	0.2336
2021	811,448,378	0.00%	1,725,640	65,000	72,074	137,074	1,862,714	0.2342
2022	811,448,378	0.00%	1,714,188	75,000	71,001	146,001	1,860,189	0.2339
2023	811,448,378	0.00%	1,726,450	65,000	69,651	134,651	1,861,101	0.2340
2024	811,448,378	0.00%	1,677,270	115,000	68,416	183,416	1,860,686	0.2340
2025	811,448,378	0.00%	1,486,003	240,000	66,093	306,093	1,792,096	0.2254
2026	811,448,378	0.00%	1,466,193	245,000	60,885	305,885	1,772,078	0.2228
2027	811,448,378	0.00%	1,100,637	250,000	55,250	305,250	1,405,887	0.1768
2028	811,448,378	0.00%	565,185	260,000	49,175	309,175	874,360	0.1100
2029	811,448,378	0.00%	603,023	265,000	42,623	307,623	910,646	0.1145
2030	811,448,378	0.00%	598,585	270,000	35,309	305,309	903,894	0.1137
2031	811,448,378	0.00%	598,510	280,000	27,425	307,425	905,935	0.1139
2032	811,448,378	0.00%	596,910	290,000	18,885	308,885	905,795	0.1139
2033	811,448,378	0.00%	534,500	300,000	9,750	309,750	844,250	0.1062
2034	811,448,378	0.00%	532,695				532,695	0.0670
			\$ 28,941,257	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,183,880	\$ 4,183,880	\$ 33,125,137	

Assumptions:

- (1) Preliminary 2013 AV for FYs 2014 provided by the City.
- (2) Estimated assessed valuation growth shown for purposes of illustration only. Preliminary, subject to change.
- (3) All financing assumptions are as of April 29, 2013 for purposes of illustration only. Preliminary, subject to change.
- (4) Est. tax collections rate: 98.00%



City Council Meeting June 28, 2012 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 8

Agenda Title: Consider introducing Ordinance 2012-14 to abandon alleyways within the Dr. J. S. Brown Addition, NW corner of 8th and Davis Streets

Council Action to be taken: Introduce Ordinance 2012-14

Initiating Department: City Administration

Staff Contact: **Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager**
Ted W. Hejl, City Attorney

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

The purpose of this item is for Council to consider abandonment of the alleyways within the Dr. J. S. Brown Addition, at the northwest corner of 8th and Davis Streets, and to consider introducing Ordinance 2012-14. This item was brought before you in June, 2012 and due to some conflicting information and testimony, you directed Staff to revisit this and resolve any possible conflicts that may exist. Staff, including the City Attorney, has done so and is now bringing this item back before you for resolution.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Right of Way Location

905 Davis Street, Brown's Addition, Block 1, Lot 6-7 - 3pt, St/pt, Acres 0.58, (Aka Brown's Addition, Block 1, Lot 6B-7B),

Applicant

Joe Burgess, property owner adjacent to alleyways

Location

905 Davis Street

Acres

The size of the lot owned by Mr. Burgess is 0.58 acres – the proposed abandonment is approximately 0.11 acres. The E/W alley segment width varies from 10' at Davis Street to 16' at the west terminus, and the N/S segment width varies from 16' to 10'. Additional alley in the Dr. J. S. Brown Addition (created during 1901) not measured.

Existing Zoning/Land Use

R-1, Single Family

Utilities in Right of Way

Overhead electric only

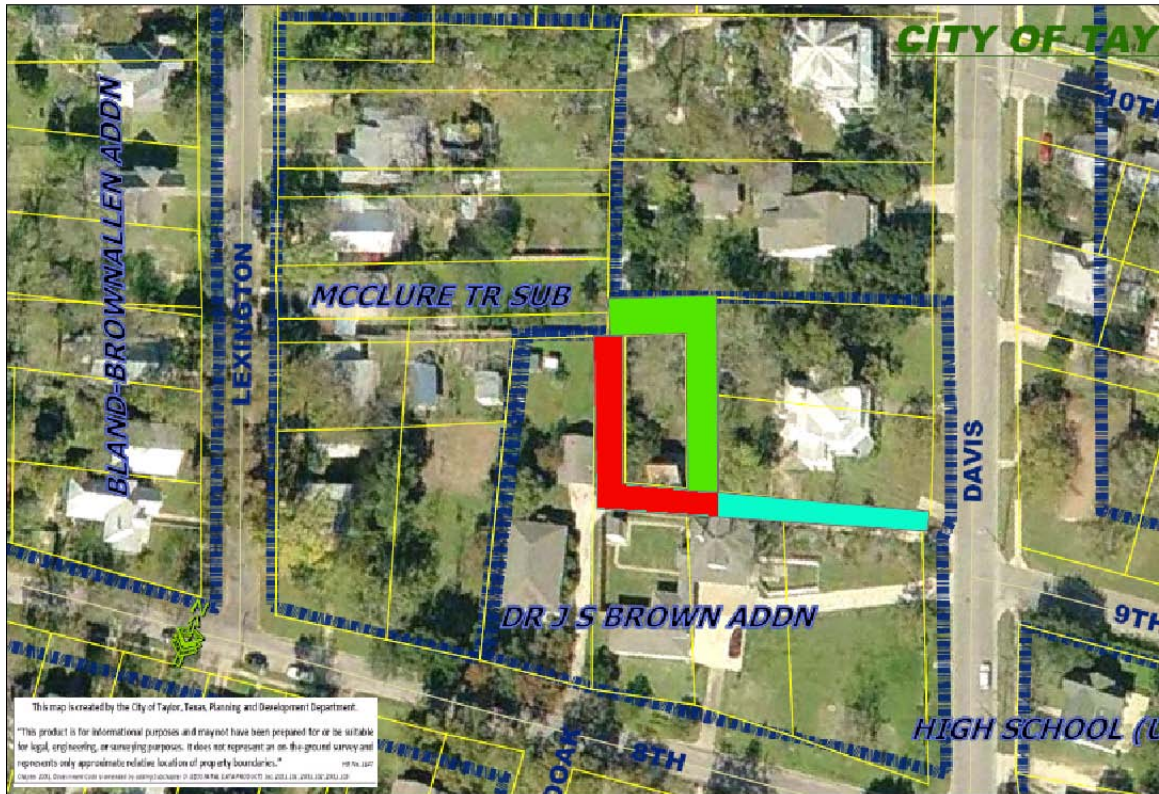
Future Use of Right of Way

No future use of the right of way is anticipated

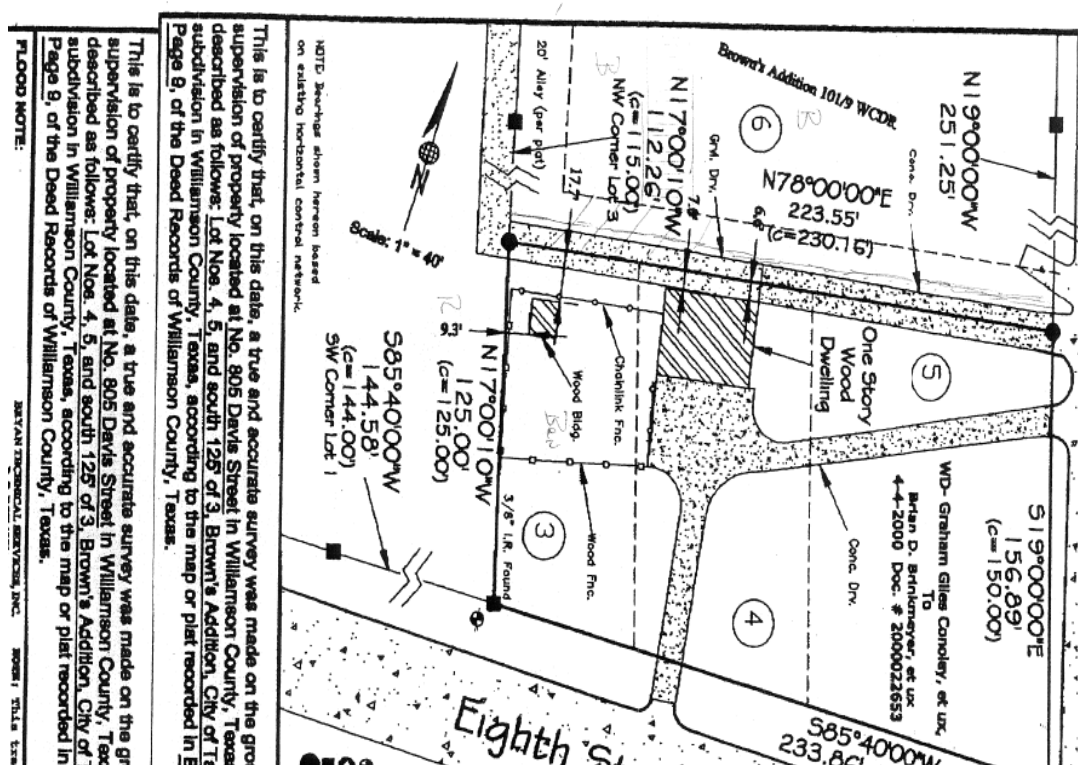
Photo of Alleyway from Davis Street:



Aerial
Map:



Alley shown on Survey for Lot at 805 Davis:



Discussion

The property owner of 905 Davis is interested in the City abandoning the alleyways within and adjacent to his property. Only overhead utilities exist and are minimal in this discussion. The property owner in question has agreed to grant access to ONCOR to maintain their lines.

Two L-shaped alleyways were shown on the original transmittal letter; however, Mr. Hejl has learned that **the alleyway highlighted in red actually does not exist**. Given this, the issue(s) currently presented no longer actually exist. The property owner at 905 Davis has secured agreements with all of the remaining adjacent property owners, so no conflicts exist to our knowledge. All of the blue and green alleyways displayed are located on or adjacent to Mr. Burgess' property as displayed on the aerial map.

The Ordinance for this request will include both the blue and green alleyways within the Dr. J. S. Brown addition as shown on the aerial map.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

N/A

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

This item was originally brought before you during the summer of last year, so the sooner we can complete the abandonment, the sooner the property owners can adjust their respective fences, drives, etc.

5. RECOMMENDATION

At the June 12, 2012 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, the Commission recommended approval for this request. Staff is now recommending approval of this resubmittal as presented.

6. REFERENCE FILES

8a. [Minutes of June 28](#), 2012

8b. [Ordinance 2012-14](#)

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 28, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Mayor Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Assistant City Attorney, Mark Schroeder
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES JUNE 14, 2012.
2. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN A SALES TAX REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BURROWS CABINETS AND TAYLORCRAFT CABINET DOORS.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY, 2012.

Council Member Rydell requested a correction on the Minutes and Council Member Osborn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented (with minutes amended) and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCE

4. CONDUCT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-19 REGARDING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF US HWY 79 AND CR 101 ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS.

Mr. Elsdon presented a request to conduct a second public hearing and to consider introducing an ordinance regarding the annexation of properties located on the west side of the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales opened the Public Hearing; hearing no comments he declared the hearing closed and asked Mr. Schroeder to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2012-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREINAFTER MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF

TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS TO INCLUDE THE ANNEXED TRACT; PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL INVALIDITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-14 TO ABANDON ALLEYWAYS WITHIN THE DR. J. S. BROWN ADDITION, NORTHWEST CORNER OF DAVIS AND WEST EIGHTH STREETS.

Mr. Elsdon presented Council with a request to consider abandoning alleys near Davis and West Eighth Streets. This item was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their June 12, 2012 meeting with no objections.

Mr and Mrs. Reginald Rieger of 714 West 8th Street expressed their desire to keep the alley open for their convenience. They stated that while they do have other access to their property from 8th Street they also want to continue to have use of the alley when needed. Mr. Burgess, 905 Davis Street, also spoke as the property owner requesting the city abandon the alley and allow him to confirm his property lines prior to constructing a fence.

It was the consensus of the Council to take no action at this meeting and to have staff investigate the matter further to firmly establish the alley(s) with respect to existing property lines. This ordinance was not introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS VACATING ALL ALLEYWAYS LOCATED IN THE J.S. BROWN ADDITION.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

6. CONSIDER CONFIRMING CITY MANAGER REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY CHAPA TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request for Council to consider reappoint Ms. Mary Chapa to the Civil Service Commission. She has served on the Commission since its inception and is willing to continue in this role.

Council Member Osborn moved to confirm the appointment of Mary Chapa to the Civil Service Commission and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion.
VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER SETTING MEETING DATE FOR WORKSHOP ON STREET MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM.

Mr. Straub requested that Council provide a date to conduct a workshop to continue the discussion on streets. Council Member Osborn moved to set the meeting date for Thursday, July 19 at 6:00 pm and Council Member Ancira

seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. 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.

- Legal issues associated with a street project.

9. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas, and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

- Project Remington

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and council members retired to closed session at 6:58 pm.

10. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 7:16 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk

Chris Gonzales, Mayor Pro Tem

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-11

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS VACATING
ALL ALLEYWAYS LOCATED IN THE J.S. BROWN ADDITION.**

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor, Texas desires to vacate all alleyways in the J.S. Brown Addition in the City of Taylor; and

WHEREAS, no utilities are located within these alleys:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. All of the facts recited in the preamble to this Ordinance are hereby found by the City Council to be true and correct and are incorporated by reference herein and expressly made a part hereof, as if copied herein verbatim.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas does hereby vacate all alleys in the J.S. Brown Addition as shown on the plat attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION 3. The filing of a certified copy of this Ordinance in the official records of Williamson County, Texas along with the filing of the replat will evidence the release of the alley granted by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Should any section, paragraph, clause, phrase, or provision of this Ordinance be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part of the provisions thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1, of the City Charter, Ordinance No. 2013-11 was introduced by the Taylor City Council on the 9th day of May, 2013.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED on the ____ day of _____, 2013.

Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

I, Susan Brock, being the City Clerk of the City of Taylor, Texas, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 2013-11, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas, on the _____ day of _____, 2013, and such Ordinance was duly introduced, passed, approved and adopted at meetings open to the public and notices of the meetings, giving the dates, places, and subject matter thereof, were posted as prescribed by Government Code Section 551.043.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Susan Brock
City Clerk



City Council Meeting May 9, 2013 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 9
Agenda Title: Consider introducing Ordinance 2013-12 regarding a change in position classifications for the Police Department.

Council Action to be taken: Introduce Ordinance 2013-12

Initiating Department: City Administration/Police Department

Staff Contact: **Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager**
Henry Fluck, Chief of Police

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

On April 18th, I sent an email to Council notifying them of my intent to implement some proposed personnel/staffing changes within the Police Department. Chief Fluck recommended the changes prior to me notifying you and now we need formal action on the Council's part to make the changes formal within Chapter 143 (Civil Service). This matter was taken before the Civil Service Commission on April 30th and they unanimously recommended approval. Chief Fluck will be present to discuss this matter in more detail with you at the meeting.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

Chief Fluck reviewed the study conducted by the Texas Police Chiefs Association and spent some time reviewing his current staffing and command staffing. His recommendations are in line with the TPCA's recommendations and based on his past experience in other police organizations, his recommendations most certainly seem legitimate and proper at this time.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

As previously mentioned, we will need to adjust this year's budget by some \$53,000 to cover the proposed changes and needed capital outlay. Next fiscal year's budget will see an increase of some \$135,000 to adjust for these changes, which we will readily be able to absorb.

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Staff is asking that this matter be handled during the month of May to become effective on June 3, 2013.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff is recommending approval as submitted.

6. REFERENCE FILES

- 9a. [Strength of Force Ordinance](#) 2013-12
- 9b. [Civil Service Commission](#) Minutes of April 30, 2013
- 9c. [Police Department Current Organizational](#) Chart
- 9d. [Police Department Proposed Organizational](#) Chart
- 9e. [Job Description for Police Commander](#) Position

**CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-12**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING RESOLUTION 2010-16; ORDINANCE IS CONCERNING POSITION CLASSIFICATIONS AND MAXIMUM POSITIONS IN EACH CLASSIFICATION FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 143.021; CREATING THE CLASSIFICATION OF APPOINTED POLICE COMMANDER AS PERMITTED BY §143.014 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE AND ABOLISHING ONE (1) ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF POSITION AND ONE (1) POLICE CAPTAIN POSITION; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Taylor, Texas has adopted Local Government Code Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service for the City of Taylor Police Department and Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Local Government Code Chapter 143, Municipal Civil Service, §143.021 provides that the municipal governing body shall establish police officer and firefighter classifications, as well as the number of positions in each classification; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2013; the Taylor Civil Service Commission approved the rank structure of the Taylor Police Department as follows: Police Chief, Police Commander, Police Sergeant, Police Corporal, and Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to authorize the abolishment of one (1) assistant police chief and one (1) police captain and to create the rank of Police Commander, which will be appointed by the Police Chief in the Taylor Police Department, pursuant to §143.014 of the Texas Local Government Code, to assist the Police Chief in the efficient administration of the Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, THAT:

I.

Prior to the effective date of this ordinance, the following classifications and number of positions in each classification in the Police Department existed:

Police Chief	1
Assistant Police Chief	1
Police Captain	1
Police Sergeant	4
Police Corporal	4
Police Officer	<u>15</u>
Total	26

II.

As of 12:00 a.m., of June 3, 2013, the effective date of this Ordinance, the position of Police Commander is created, and accordingly, there continue to be at least four (4) ranks/classifications below the department head in the Taylor Police Department. Therefore, in accordance with §143.014 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Police Chief may appoint the two (2) persons to the Police Commander rank. It is anticipated that the Police Chief will appoint one (1) Police Commander from the Assistant Chief rank, and one (1) Police Commander from the Police Captain rank.

Those appointments will be made at 8:01 a.m. on June 3, 2013, the effective date of this Ordinance.

In addition, the Chief of Police is requesting to add one additional Police Sergeant's position. This additional Police Sergeant would supervise the Criminal Investigation Division, which consists of two detectives and one School Resource Officer, who also is assigned cases for follow-up investigation when a juvenile is the suspect. Currently there is no supervisor assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division.

The following classifications and number of positions in each classification in the Police Department shall exist, and no others:

Police Chief	1
Police Commander	2
Police Sergeant	5
Police Corporal	4
Police Officer	<u>15</u>
Total	27

As of 8:05 a.m. of June 3, 2013, the rank of Assistant Police Chief is abolished. As of 8:06 a.m. of June 3, 2013, the rank of Police Captain is abolished. As shown above, four (4) ranks/classifications below the Police Chief exist.

This Ordinance does increase the total authorized strength of the Police Department by one Police Sergeant. This Ordinance does create one promotional vacancy that is required to be filled through competitive testing and there is a current eligibility list that has already been established for Police Sergeant, as well as a currently eligibility list that has already been established for Police Corporal. No employee should have any expectancy or right of promotion to the rank of Assistant Police Chief or Police Captain, which have been and/or are being abolished through this Ordinance.

III.

This Ordinance shall operate to repeal all ordinances which are inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance.

IV.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

V.

This Ordinance does not demonstrate, nor is it any evidence of any intent to form a contract, unilateral or otherwise, with any civil service employee. This ordinance is enacted to comply with Chapter 143, Texas Local Government Code, specifically §143.021, and for no other purpose. The City Council expressly disavows any intent to form any sort of contract by adoption of this Ordinance.

VI.

This Ordinance shall become effective and shall be in full force and effect on June 3, 2013 after passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas, and upon approval thereof by the Mayor of the City of Taylor, Texas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas on this the 23 day of May, 2013.

APPROVED:

Donald R Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk

The City of Taylor Civil Service Commission met on April 30, 2013 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Chairman Leland Enochs declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. with the following present:

Leland Enochs, Chairman	Starla Hall, Civil Service Director
Mary Chapa, Vice-Chairman	Henry Fluck, Police Chief
Clarence Tolliver, Sr., Commissioner	Beth Wilkes, Support Services Admin.

Approve minutes from the January 30, 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Mary Chapa and seconded by Clarence Tolliver, Sr. to approve the minutes as presented from the January 30, 2013 meeting. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Consider Police Chief Fluck's recommendation for reorganization of Police Department from the current rank structure of Assistant Police Chief, Captain, Sergeant, Corporal and Police Officer to: Police Commander, Police Sergeant, Police Corporal, and Police Officer, and pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 143.021, the Civil Service Commission "shall provide for the classification of all firefighters and police officers." This reorganization will result in the abolishment of the Assistant Police Chief rank and the Police Captain rank.

Chief Henry Fluck addressed the Civil Service Commission. He has reviewed the police structure and wants to make it more efficient. He would like to delete the Assistant Police Chief and Captain and add the Commander classification and another Sergeant position. Chief Fluck showed the Commission the current rank structure with five positions under the Police Chief. The Assistant Police Chief is redundant at this time and is serving the same duties as the Chief of Police. This position was created when Jeff Straub was serving as Police Chief and Assistant City Manager so the City created this Assistant Police Chief but is no longer needed. Currently, the Assistant Police Chief is an appointed position. Proposed rank structure would be two Commanders and they would be appointed under 143.014. These two Commanders would be appointed and would have equity in compensation and duties. Currently, the Police Department does not have a supervisor over the detectives. The Sergeant position already exists just increasing from four to five positions. The City currently has an eligibility list for both the Sergeant and Corporal so process to accomplish this has been given with City Manager approval and today coming before the Civil Service Commission if approved then will be presented to City Council on May 9th. A motion was made by Mary Chapa and seconded by Clarence Tolliver, Sr. to approve Chief Fluck's recommendation for reorganization of the Police Department as outlined. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Authorize Civil Service Director to give Police Officer entrance exam on June 28, 2013.

Civil Service Director explained that the last applicant on the current eligibility list has been given a conditional offer of employment and has started the pre-employment process. The City would like to schedule an entry level exam to establish another eligibility list. A motion was made by Leland Enochs and seconded by Clarence Tolliver, Sr. to authorize Civil Service Director to give Police Officer entrance exam on June 28, 2013. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

New Business-Items for next agenda.

Next item the commission will need to approve is the eligibility list from the Police Officer entrance exam.

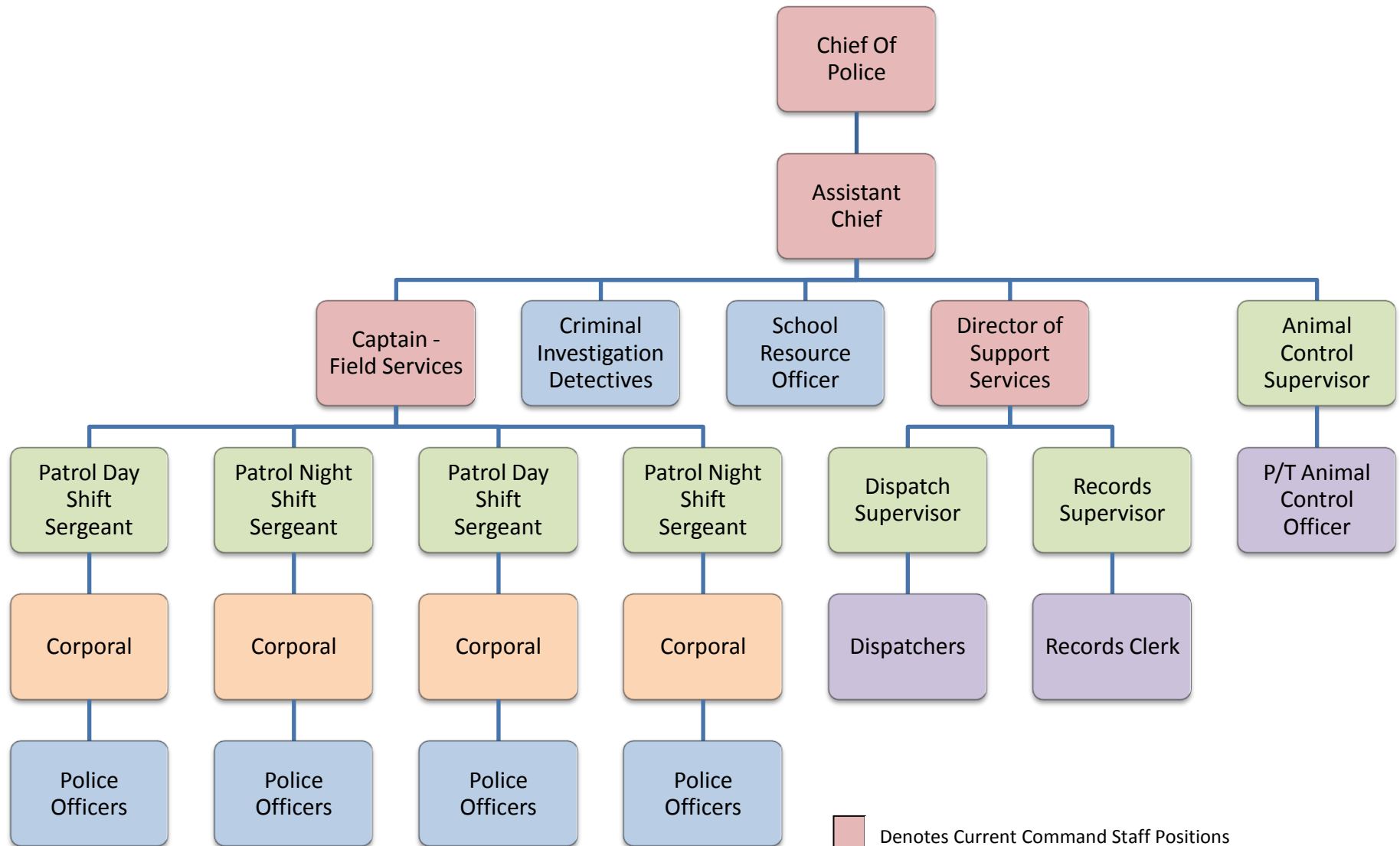
A motion was made by Mary Chapa and seconded by Clarence Tolliver, Sr. to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Leland Enochs, Chairman

ATTEST:

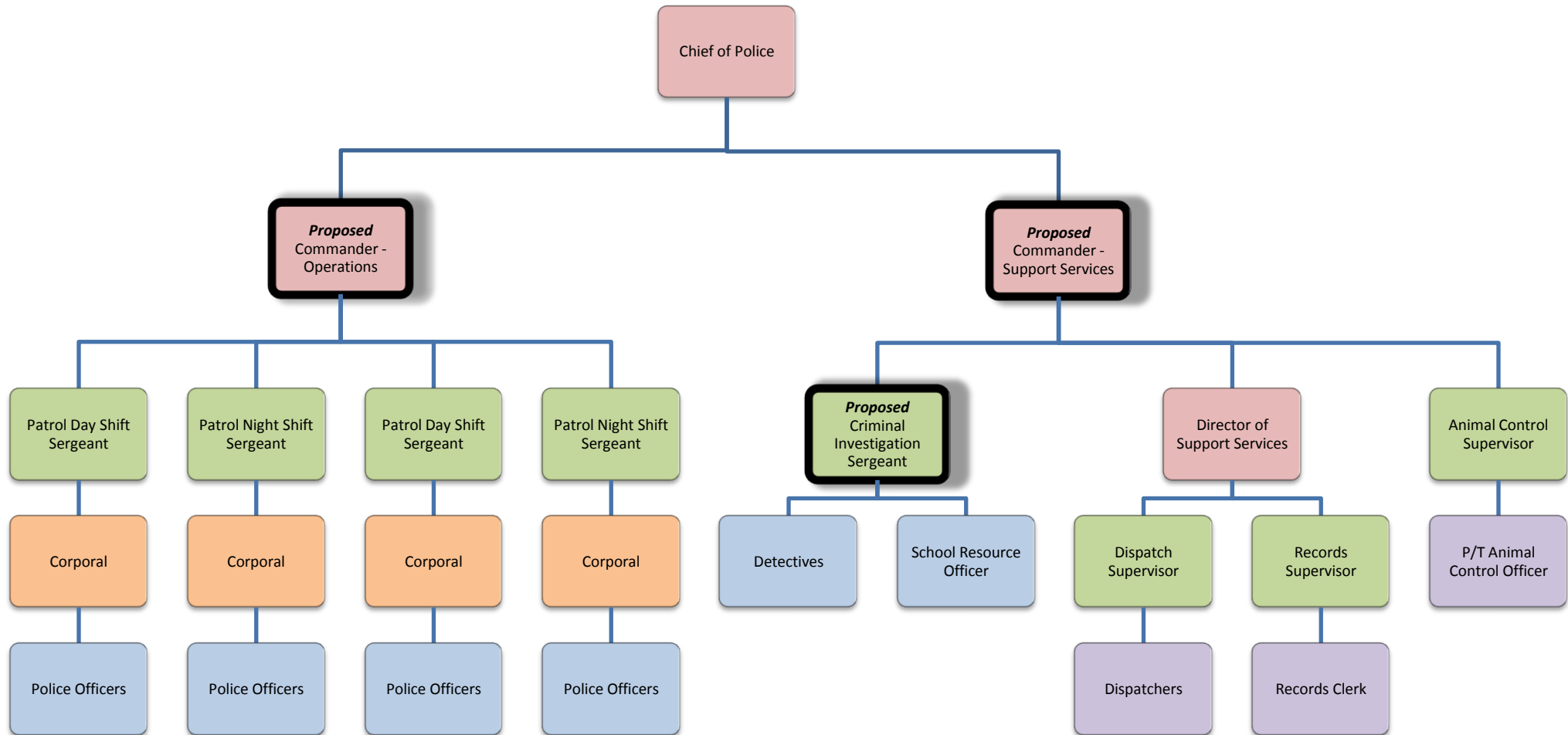
Starla A. Hall, Civil Service Director

**TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**



- Denotes Current Command Staff Positions
- Denotes Current Sergeants/Supervisor Positions
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**TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – JUNE 1, 2013**



- Denotes Command Staff Positions
- Denotes Sergeants/Supervisor Positions
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JOB DESCRIPTION

Class No: 543

Job Title: Police Commander

Pay Group: CS Pay Plan

EEOC Category: Professional

Date: April 15, 2013

FLSA Category: Non-Exempt

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE JOB:

Protects the city's residents and property and enforces laws and ordinances as appropriate by supervising the patrol division. Duties include planning, coordinating, and directing the activities of the Patrol, Investigations, and Telecommunications Divisions, and reviewing and implementing department policies.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Reports to: Chief of Police

Directs: Sergeants, Corporals, Police Officers and Telecommunications Supervisor; is subject to performing all duties of a police officer. Serves as acting Police Chief in that person's absence.

Other: Has frequent contact with other Police Department employees, District Attorney, County Attorney, Adult and Juvenile Probation Department representatives, other law enforcement agencies, other criminal justice agencies, city government, related agencies and organizations, the general public, and the media.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

This is a description of the way this job is currently performed; there is potential for accommodation.

Description of Work	Av. % of Time	Strength*	Physical Demand Code*
Plans, directs, coordinates and participates in department divisions or units as assigned.	12%	M	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Supervises, reviews, and makes recommendations concerning the work and	12%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I, Q,R,S,T

employment status of subordinate personnel;			
Directs and evaluates the performance of subordinate personnel and assists in departmental resolution;	9%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I, Q,R,S,T
Interviews job applicants and hires, or makes recommendations for hiring, personnel;	1%	L	A,B,C,G,H,I,Q,R,S
Supervises and manages police responsibilities, including traffic control, accident investigation, radio patrol response, investigations, personal equipment issue and control, arrest and booking of suspects, work scheduling, and maintenance of accurate records of personnel productivity and time;	8%	M	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Supervises, coordinates and is responsible for all criminal investigative activities, including such areas as felonies, narcotics, vice, and misdemeanors;	8%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G, H,I,J,K,C,M,N,O, P,Q,R,S,T
Works closely with City, County, and District Attorneys in preparing cases for presentation to the Grand Jury for trial; presents all criminal cases before the Grand Jury;	4%	L	A,B,C,D,E,G,H, N,O,Q,R,S,T
Supervises the police communication center if assigned;	4%	L	A,B,C,E,G,H, I,Q,R,S,
Supervises warrant execution; obtains search and arrest warrants;	2%	L	A,B,C,D,E,G,H,M, Q,R,S,T
Assists in planning and implementation of activities involving department training;	9%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H, I,J,M,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Conducts follow-up and internal investigations;	2%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K, M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Assists patrol officers at the scene of a crime when necessary;	2%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Acts as police officer and/or criminal investigator when necessary or assigned;	3%	M	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Replies to correspondence received by the department;	1%	L	A,B,C,D,F,G,H,I,M, Q,R,S,
Responds to citizens complaints;	4%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I, M,Q,R,S,T
Collects, maintains, reviews and controls all police records regarding criminal offenses, motor vehicle accidents, criminal records, necessary statistical data, and other required written, filmed, or taped data of police activities when necessary;	3%	L	A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,K,M N,O,P,Q,R,S
Meets with and answers questions from the Chief, City Manager, other city officials, and the public when requested;	2%	L	A,B,C,H,Q,R,S,T

Maintains controls, examines, and processes all property and evidence taken into custody;	3%	L	A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M,N,Q,R,S
Maintains, controls and inspects department facilities and equipment, including department vehicles;	3%	L	A,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J,K,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,
Researches applicable statutes and case law;	3%	L	A,B,C,D,E,,F,G,H,I Q,R,S,
Assists in development and maintenance of departmental operations manual and other policies and procedures;	2%	L	B,C,D,E,G,H,I,V,R,S,
Assists the District Attorney, County Attorney, and other police/criminal agencies;	1%	L	A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T
Reads periodicals, bulletins, and other information related to police work;	1%	L	B,D,G,H,Q,R,S
Performs such other duties as may be assigned.	1%	L-M	ALL CODES

See Physical Demands portion of job description for key to codes

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

1. Overall Strength Demand

☐ Sedentary ☒ Light to ☐ Medium ☐ Heavy ☐ Very Heavy

2. Frequency for each physical demand listed in Essential Duties:

☒ A. Standing	☒ G. Reaching	☐ L. Crawling	☒ Q. Vision
☒ B. Sitting	☒ H. Handling	☐ M. Bending	☒ R. Hearing
☒ C. Walking	☒ I. Fine Dexterity	☐ N. Twisting	☒ S. Talking
☒ D. Lifting	☐ J. Kneeling	☐ O. Climbing	☒ T. Foot Controls
☒ E. Carrying	☐ K. Crouching	☐ P. Balancing	☐ U. Other
☒ F. Pushing/Pulling			

C-Continuously, F-Frequently, O-Occasionally; R-Rarely

3. Description of Physical Demand

Physical Demand	Description
STANDING/WALKING	To talk to suspects; question witnesses at a scene; supervise officers
SITTING	To drive car; work at the desk; attend meetings; review police officer's reports; perform other miscellaneous administrative duties
LIFTING/CARRYING	Frequently: light objects including firearms and recovered property; occasionally: 50-100 lbs., or over 100 lbs. to move victims at the scene of an accident or to assist elderly or disabled

EQUIPMENT, MACHINES, TOOLS, AND WORK AIDS:

Police vehicle, two way radio, firearms, vehicular radar, Intoxilyzer 5000, handcuffs, body armor, defensive weapons, mobile telephone, video camera/equipment; computers.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS AND SAFETY HAZARDS:

Exposure to weather extremes, smoke from fires, noise during firearm training or use, occasional risk of bodily harm, moving traffic near accident sites

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

Up-to-date, thorough knowledge of: departmental rules and regulations; state, federal, and local laws; law enforcement techniques; and good communication skills.

Knowledge of: the use and care of vehicles, firearms, and specialized equipment.

Demonstrated ability to: supervise and motivate employees.

Ability to: establish and maintain effective working relationships with other law enforcement agencies, judicial officials, and the general public; analyze situations and adopt a quick, effective, and reasonable course of action; and maintain appropriate necessary certifications, Texas driver's license applicable to job responsibilities, and good driving record.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

Meets all requirements for appointment as set forth in civil service statutes and local civil service rules and regulations.

APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL

As set forth in the Texas Local Government Code Section 143.014, the position of Commander is an appointed position that falls under the provisions of Appointment and Removal of Person Classified Below Department Head and the person appointed under this section serves at the pleasure of the Department Head, Section 143.014 (g).

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES REQUIRED:

Intermediate certification or higher from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education and an appropriate Texas driver's license.

I have read the above job description. I agree this job description is a fair representation of the duties of the position that I will be expected to perform and by signing below, indicate that I can perform these duties with or without accommodations.

Applicant or Employee:

Printed Name

Signature

Date



City Council Meeting May 9, 2013 Agenda Item Transmittal

Agenda Item #: 10
Agenda Title: Consider approving Resolution R13-09 opposing adoption of proposed Insurance Services Office (ISO) Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

Council Action to be taken: Approve Resolution R13-09 as presented.

Initiating Department: Fire Department

Staff Contact: Pat Ekiss, Chief

1. INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

To approve a resolution opposing adoption of the proposed Insurance Services Office (ISO) Fire Suppression Rating Schedule and, to submit a copy to the Commissioner of the Texas State Board of Insurance.

2. DESCRIPTION/ JUSTIFICATION

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) recently filed a new Fire Suppression Rating Schedule for consideration by the Texas Department of Insurance. As discussed in earlier meetings, if passed, this schedule could affect the improved rating (3) received by the City of Taylor during a recent ISO grading review. Certainly passage would eliminate any possibility of improving the rating to a two (2) which staff has already begun preparing for. Members of the Texas fire service have worked hard to provide and maintain specific components within the current grading schedule that are specific to the State of Texas. Millions of dollars have already been invested by countless cities to comply with the current standards. Acceptance/passage of the proposed ISO schedule would eliminate the benefits gained through those investments. The result would be increased insurance cost.

3. FINANCIAL/BUDGET

While there is no impact to the current city budget it is important to remember that each time our Public Protection Class (PPC) rating improves the benefits are seen through reduced insurance premiums to each and insured every home and business owner in our city. A point swing either way could mean as much as 6 1/2% to 16 1/2% difference (higher if the PPC rating increases) in billed premiums to the insured party.

4. TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS

Staff requests that a copy of the executed document be submitted to the Texas Department of Insurance Commissioner while the proposed schedule is still under review.

5. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed Resolution.

6. REFERENCE FILES

10a. [Resolution R13-09](#)

10b. [Cover Letter for Resolution](#)

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS OPPOSING ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE (ISO) FIRE SUPPRESSION RATING SCHEDULE; PROVIDING THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF THE TEXAS STATE BOARD OF INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Insurance Services Office (ISO) recently filed a new Fire Suppression Rating Schedule for consideration by the Texas Department of Insurance, and

WHEREAS, after careful review of the proposed schedule, the City of Taylor believes the updated rating schedule will not be as beneficial to the fire service of Texas and would result in numerous communities across the state regressing in the Public Protection Classification upon a re-evaluation by ISO; and

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule does not include important aspects for which communities should receive credit, for example, for things like training participation, compressed air foam systems, and adoption of fire codes; and

WHEREAS, items such as these are things for which Texas Fire Departments have worked hard over the years to ensure inclusion in the rating schedules, thus, the "Texas Addendum" was enacted to account for these safety and operations efficiency items;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Taylor opposes the Texas Department of Insurance's adoption of the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule as proposed on January 24, 2013; and

Section 2. The City of Taylor hereby requests that the Commissioner and governing body of the Texas Department of Insurance not consider adopting the proposed schedule until appropriate changes are made to the document to account for advancements in safety, prevention and suppression within the new schedule; and

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall immediately be submitted to the attention of the Commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance upon its passage and execution; and

Section 4. This resolution shall be in force and effect from and after its passage and it is accordingly so resolved.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
THIS the 9th day of May, 2013.**

Donald Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk

May 9, 2013

Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman
Texas Department of Insurance
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104

Commissioner Kitzman:

Recently the Insurance Services Office filed their new Fire Suppression Rating Schedule for your consideration to adopt as the rating schedule which would rate a community on its fire services, water supply and communication systems.

After careful review of the proposed schedule, our organization feels that the new/updated rating schedule would not be beneficial to the fire service of Texas and would result in numerous communities across Texas regressing in the Public Protection Classification upon a re-evaluation by ISO. The new rating schedule does not account for items we feel are worth credit to the departments in Texas including credit for training participation, compressed air foam systems, cities/municipalities adopting fire codes, etc.

Texas Fire Departments have worked hard over the years to make sure these items are included in the grading schedule and thus the adoption of the "Texas Addendum" was given for these safety and operations efficiency items. We would ask that you not consider adopting the proposed rating schedule by ISO until changes are made to the proposed schedule to account for the advancements in safety, prevention and suppression.

The State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas represents over 1200 fire, EMS and industrial emergency departments and over 22,000 firefighters which serve Texas. The Texas Fire Chiefs Association represents over 1016 Texas Fire Chief's, and the Texas Chapter of International Association Arson Investigators represents 355 Texas Arson Investigators. All of these organizations have opposed the adoption of this schedule as written. The City of Taylor also opposes the adoption the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule as proposed on January 24, 2013 in Austin.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Donald R. Hill
Mayor, City of Taylor, Texas