The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 28, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Pastor Jeff Ripple, Christ Fellowship Church, led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH.
   Council Member Rydell presented a proclamation in recognition of April as the month for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness. Ms. Monica Benoit-Beatty, Executive Director of the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center accepted the proclamation and provided additional statistics on the center's activities.

2. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.
   Council Member Hill presented a proclamation naming Thursday, May 5th as a Day of Prayer in the City of Taylor. Pastor Jeff Ripple, Jeanie Eckhardt, and others accepted the proclamation and invited the public to participate in one of the many events planned that day.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mayor Ancira asked those who had submitted requests if they want to speak now or when their respective agenda items come up for discussion. Mr. Mark Groba, 1331 CR 498, expressed his frustration in working with the city on his property at 800 7th Street. Mr. Jessie Ramos, Sr., 601 W. Walnut, asked for assistance in cleaning up his street, traffic concerns, lighting, and other improvements for safety reasons. All others who had signed up opted to speak later.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2016.
4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2016.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING, DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2750 DAVIS FROM MF-2 (MULTI-FAMILY, High density) to B-1 (LOCAL BUSINESS).
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a request to

table this item for a second time since the property owner(s) were not present again. This item was tabled at the last council meeting due to the absence of the property owner(s). The item will be rescheduled for May 12 2016.

ORDINANCES

6. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-07 AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented this ordinance at the April 14th meeting and was asked to bring back a revised Transportation User Fee schedule to continue the discussion on business categories and individual businesses. She reminded them that the development fees were included to reflect changes in department fees to better reflect the actual cost of the service as well as a new service fee for MyPermit, which is an online service program.

   Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, pointed out discrepancies on the rates for individual businesses. Staff agreed to meet with the consultant to get an accurate list of businesses and charges to present for further consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Ordinance 2016-07 as presented without the Transportation User Fee or schedule and to bring back the business list again on May 12 for final consideration. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

   ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07

   AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER UPDATE ON TISD PROJECTS INCLUDING THE 7TH STREET SCHOOL FACILITY AND THE LEGACY SCHOOL FACILITY.
Mr. Turner presented a recap of activities at the Taylor Independent School District (TISD) related to the 7th Street facility and new construction planned at the Legacy School site. The TISD Board voted to end the agreement for redevelopment and to authorize the Superintendent to sell the buildings. Council Members expressed concern for securing a location for the non-profit groups and agreed to assist if possible.

   Mr. Turner reported that Mr. Vaughn had set a date of May 12th when his Board needs a decision on whether or not the City will grant their request to close 5th street so they can begin the design phase of their plan to replace the portable buildings with a permanent structure. Mayor Ancira asked for a copy of any draft plans that might be available indicating where the structure would be placed.

Mr. Gola, Mr. Herbert Brinkmeyer, 705 Gravel Pit Road, and Ms. Annette Maruska, 308 Cherrywood Circle all spoke against closing 5th Street for this purpose. After much discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved not to abandon 5th Street and to work with the TISD to develop a timeline to relocate the portables. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AMENDING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AGREEMENT.
Mr. Bernal presented a review of changes made to the agreement approved by council last fall. These changes include a method to evaluate the impact of the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex on HOT funds through increased tourism. The amended agreement also includes performance requirements to improve the coordination of "Taylor Made Texas" logo and brand marketing materials with the Taylor Marketing Team. The budget appropriation of hotel funds will be subject to the performance of advertising, and marketing at increasing tourism on an annual basis on established criteria. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales also made a request for the Chamber to consider adding Saturday hours to allow visitors on the weekend to access their resource materials.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve the amended agreement as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE ON ANIMAL SHELTER.
Commander Joseph Branson presented an update on recent activities and grant funding received for the animal shelter. Council Member Green asked staff to consider adding an outdoor dog run at some point in the future. Council Member Hill moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REPORT REGARDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR WASTEWATER EQUIPMENT.
Mr. Bernal presented a report of an emergency situation that occurred at the wastewater treatment plant when all three pumps experienced failure during a three week period in late March and the first week in April. The failures are a direct result of damage that occurred during the Memorial Day floods in 2015. Temporary pumps were rented and emergency procurement practices were used to issue a purchase order to replace the pumps as quickly as possible. The cost to rent the temporary pumps was $6,597.25 and the new pumps including installation costs are $76,547.95.

Council Member Green moved to accept the report and approve the action taken and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.
Mr. Mike DeVito, Superintendent, presented a request to appoint Larry Cmerek to fill a vacancy on the board created when Kenny Orts resigned earlier this year. There are no other applications on file.

Council Member Green moved to appoint Larry Cmerek to the Parks and Recreation Advisory City Board and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for further discussion on speeding and traffic issues; Mayor Ancira requested an update on code enforcement and a follow up report on the Community Clean Up event; Council Member Green requested a discussion on historic preservation and Council Member Rydell asked about developing standards for the historic district.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:57 pm.)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
    - Project Access

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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.
    - 7th Street Hospital building
    - Municipal court services

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION III. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local 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 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 1700

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 9:08 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ON BEHALF OF MAYOR ANCIRA

Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk