

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 28, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Chris Osborn

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

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-10 ADOPTING ENGINEERING MANUAL AND MODIFYING THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-16 ADOPTING INTERNATIONAL
BUILDING CODES FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS
WHICH INCLUDED THE 2003 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL
CODE; AMENDING 2006-16 TO REQUIRE EROSION CONTROL
MEASURES FOR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE 2003
INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE; INCLUDING A
SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH, 2011.
Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. PROCLAMATION: IN RECOGNITION OF EXEMPLARY POLICE SERVICE.
Mayor Pro Tem McDonald presented a proclamation to police officers who provided exceptional services during their scheduled shifts. Accepting the award were Sgts. Roy Jordan and Terry Dechiara, Officers Mark Horacek, Keith Urban, and Mike Culp with Captains David Clawson and Don Georgens and Assistant Chief Ramsey supporting their efforts.

5. PROCLAMATION: IN RECOGNITION OF COMMUNITY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDERS TO CITIZENS OF TAYLOR.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald publicly recognized the volunteers who provided free tax assistance to 531 area residents. Mr. Jose Orta, Ms. Kristee Watts, and a representative from the United Way of Williamson County accepted the proclamation.

9. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN SMALL AREA MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, introduced Mr. Les Edmonds with Komatsu who presented a review of the master plan which includes options for redevelopment of the designated area. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald declared the Public Hearing open and the following citizens who came forward to comment on the plan: Joann Rummel, 506 Porter, Jo Mowdy, 1805 Carey Avenue, Windy Ellis, 418 Vernon, Sue Tilden, 120 W. 4th St., Calvin Jayroe, 103 W. 4th St., and Joe Naizer, 701 Sloan Street.

Hearing no other comments the public hearing was closed and Council took no further action.

6. CONSIDER INITIAL ASSESSMENT FROM BICKERSTAFF, HEATH, DELGADO, ACOSTA, LLP REGARDING THE NEED TO REDISTRIC CITY COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS BASED ON RECENTLY ISSUED 2010 CENSUS DATA.

Ms. Brock introduced Ms. Cindy Crosby with the Bickerstaff firm who presented the results of the initial assessment based on 2010 Census data. The review indicated the need to redistrict and Ms. Crosby laid out a timeline and steps necessary to take to complete the project by September of this year.

Council Member Osborn moved to accept the information as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(The next item was taken out of order to accommodate the continuing discussion on redistricting.)

Council retired into closed session at 7:21 p.m.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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 the City's redistricting obligations.

(Council returned to open session at 7:54 p.m. and continued with the regular agenda. No action or vote was taken during the closed session.)

7. CONSIDER APPROVE RESOLUTION R11-14 ADOPTING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED BY THE CITY FOR THE 2011 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

Ms. Crosby asked Council to formally approve standard criteria to be used throughout the redistricting process and in developing plans.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R11-14 as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-15 ADOPTING GUIDELINES WHICH CONTROL THE PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2011 REDISTRICTING.

Ms. Crosby presented an additional request for Council to adopt guidelines and a timeline for the process with one minor change to the language in paragraph 6 regarding contact information. Ms. Crosby added that all comments be submitted to the City Clerk.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R11-15 with changes as presented by Ms. Crosby and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-15 FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (WCF) AT 4000 WEST SECOND STREET.

Mr. John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request to conduct a public hearing regarding a specific use permit to allow the construction of a communication tower on private property. The tower transmissions would be used to control farm equipment within the boundaries of the requestors own property.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald declared the Public Hearing open; Mr. Josh Muller with Coufal-Prater, provided details on the proposed use of this type of technology and stated that the tower would transmit within a twelve mile radius. No other comments were received and the hearing was closed. Mr. Hejl introduced the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-15

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY AS DEFINED IN THE TAYLOR ZONING ORDINANCE 2001-17, AS AMENDED, ON PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

11. CONSIDER ACCEPTING TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

Mr. Thomas Martinez, President Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented a report on chamber activities fore the period between November 1, 2010 and March 31,

2011. Council Member Osborn moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER STAFF REPORT ON CONDUCTING A PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT INVENTORY.

Mr. Dunaway presented a proposal regarding a plan to analyze and rank conditions of city streets in order to consider future funding for maintenance. The plan was submitted by Sledge Engineering, LLC and provides two options: one plan includes utilizing the GIS database and one without. Also included in either plan is the development of a priority list of streets in need of repair and what level of maintenance is needed for each street.

Council Member Hill moved to approve \$86,000 for 87 miles of street inventory with the GIS feature and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PAVILION STRUCTURE AT FANNIE ROBINSON PARK.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to award the contract for construction of a 3,000 square foot open air pavilion at Fannie Robinson Park. Two competitive sealed proposals were received and staff recommended award to the low base bid.

Council Member Hill moved to award the contract to Patin Construction not to exceed \$162,420 and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. CONSIDER AWARDING A BID CONTRACT FOR THE MALLARD LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT.

Mr. Thomas presented a request to award a contract to replace drainage culverts under Mallard Lane. He reported that six proposals were received and the award under recommendation is for an amount below under budget.

Council Member Osborn moved to award the bid to Patin Construction not to exceed \$530,420 and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. CONSIDER ALLOCATION OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) FUNDS.

Mr. VanTil presented a request to consider using a portion of the monies collected through the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund for selected projects. The four projects include demolition of properties located at 700/706 W. 2nd and 218 Porter, the purchase of benches for Heritage Square Park, and to assist in the exterior design of the 1883 building at the corner of Main and 2nd Streets.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve \$58,950 for all projects excluding the 1883 Building and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted

AYE. Motion passed.

16. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Mike DaVito, Parks and Recreation Superintendent, presented a request to consider appointing Mr. John Ingliss to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to fill a vacancy. If appointed, Mr. Ingliss's term would expire in January 2012 as he is filling an unexpired term.

Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint John Ingliss as recommended by the Board and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

17. CONSIDER REVIEWING PROPOSED AIRPORT HANGAR WAITING LIST POLICIES.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald passed on this item to be brought back at a later date.

(Council adjourned into closed session at 9:06 p.m.)

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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.

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20. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald resumed the open meeting at 9:37 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business or action Mayor Pro Tem McDonald adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

John McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk