

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 28, 2009 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
Council Member Bernabe Gonzales
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR APRIL 7, APRIL 9, APRIL 14, AND APRIL 17, 2009.
2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH, 2009.
Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL TRAIN DAY, MAY 9, 2009.
Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to acknowledge National Train Day. Mr. Bob van Til was present to receive the proclamation.
4. PROCLAMATION: MAY AS NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH.
Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to remind the public that May is National Historic Preservation Month. Irene Michna was present to receive the proclamation.
5. CONSIDER SENDING CONGRATULATORY LETTER TO JUDGE JUDY HOBBS AS JUDGE OF THE YEAR BY THE CENTRAL TEXAS JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES ASSOCIATION (CTJPC).
Mayor Hortenstine presented a request to have the Council send a letter to Judge Judy Hobbs recognizing her recent award as Judge of the Year. Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the letter to Judge Hobbs as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.
6. CONSIDER AND REVIEW METHOD OF WASTEWATER AVERAGING DURING DROUGHT CONDITIONS.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to consider discussing the current method for determining wastewater fees for utility customers. She indicated that complaints have been received regarding the need to water during the regular water averaging months (December, January, and February) due to extremely dry conditions. Some residential customers have asked for some form of relief from averaging while water

use was unusually high in the winter months this year. After some discussion on methodologies by other cities, Mayor Hortenstine asked Ms. Dennis to bring back additional information for further consideration at the next Council meeting on May 14.

7. CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING TO BEGIN 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STREET AND FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE TO NAME OR RENAME CITY STREETS.

Mr. John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request begin the 30 day comment period by conducting a public meeting regarding the naming or renaming of specific streets in the city limits. Mr. Louis Hughes presented a request to consider changing the name of CR373 to Lorax Lane instead of Leon Bohls Lane as recommended by the Committee. He presented information to Council in support of his request. No other public comment was heard.

Mayor Hortenstine declared the 30 day comment period open through May 28. All comments will be gathered by city staff and presented to Council after the comment period has ended.

8. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-13 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE 2009 SWIM SEASON.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director Community Development presented a request to consider introducing an amendment to the Fee Ordinance to accommodate recent changes to swimming pool fees approved during the review of the YMCA management agreement for the 2009 swim season.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Ted Hejl to read the caption and declared Ordinance 2009-13 officially introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-31
ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, BY CHANGING CERTAIN
RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

9. CONSIDER SELECTING FIRM FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN/FUNDRAISING FOR THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.

Mr. Dunaway presented information in response to a request from Council to solicit firms for the capital campaign effort for the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. He reported that only two of the four firms contacted responded: Bacon, Lee & Associates and Graceful Impressions. Based on qualifications, proposal, and past experience with Ms. Ellis, Council Member Hill moved to begin negotiations with the firm of Graceful Impressions to conduct the capital campaign/fundraising for the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-12 ADOPTING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

Mr. Thomas presented a request to consider approving a resolution to adopt a water conservation plan. This action is required by the Texas Commission on Environmental

Quality (TCEQ) and the plan was developed by KSA Engineers. Mr. Grayson Cox with KSA Engineers was present to respond to any questions. Mr. Cox stated that the plan must be reviewed and updated every five years and that the goals included in the plan are guidelines to be used for future planning of our water supply.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R09-12 and adopt the water conservation plan as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDC).

Mr. Dunaway presented applicants for consideration to be appointed to the TEDC Board. He reported that Ms. Lopez is interested in continuing to serve and would like to be reappointed leaving one vacancy for Council to fill.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to appoint Clark Jackson to fill the vacancy and to reappoint Christine Lopez to the TEDC Board. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD.

Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to consider appointing Ms. Sharon Pick to fill the vacancy left when former board member Anna Vidal moved out of the city.

Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint Ms. Sharon Pick to the Library Advisory Board and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez made a request to the Mayor that staff seek additional applicants and make every effort to fill remaining vacancies on all other boards.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

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 it's 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.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:00 pm.

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II

Mayor Hortenstine reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:28 p. m. and announced no action was taken during either executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk