The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 23, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales	Isaac Turner, City Manager
Council Member Scott Green	Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Don Hill	Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Council Member Brandt Rydell	Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. MAY IS NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH.
   Council Member Rydell read the proclamation designating May as National Historical Preservation Month in Taylor and members of the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society and the Main Street Advisory Board accepted the proclamation.

2. NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, MAY 11-17, 2015
   Chief Fluck and his staff accepted a proclamation from Council Member Hill recognizing the week of May 11-17, 2015 as National Police Week and expressed his appreciation for the excellent job they do in providing services to the community.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Mark Birchard, 4203 Zion Ave., representing the Home Owner's Association for Summerfield, offered their support of the name change of North Park Drive to Bill Pickett Trail. Mr. David Morris, 1704 Lexington, cited safety issues as he expressed his lack of support for a skate park located under the Main Street overpass. Mr. Timothy Tebeau, 2900 Tyler Lane, spoke in favor of the skate park project and wanted to inform Council that Project Loop was featured in a video produced for ESPN.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2015.
4. ACCEPT SEMI ANNUAL IMPACT FEE REPORT FROM THE TAYLOR IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015.
5. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH 2015.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. CONSIDER ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN.
   Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Development Services, introduced Mr. Steven Spears with Design Workshop who presented a summary of the final plan. Council Members Hill and Green expressed some concern for the recommended location of the skate park under the 1st Street

overpass due to its proximity to the railroad tracks. Mr. Hill also expressed his desire to have had more input regarding the transportation element of the plan. Council asked staff to schedule a workshop on implantation of the plan and Council Member Green asked the Main Street Advisory Board to develop a plan on signs prior to that workshop.

Council Member Green moved to approve the plan as presented with comments from advisory boards and commission and to follow through with the items discussed. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE GREATER TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
   Ms. Janetta McCoy, Chair of the Greater Taylor Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, presented a brief overview of financial activities from January through March of 2015. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales requested additional details on expenses for future reports. Ms. McCoy announced that Ms. Stacy Stork, President, had resigned and they would be seeking a replacement as soon as possible.

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

8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON LEAD, A NEW JOINT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE CITY AND THE GREATER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
   Ms. Laura Rouse-Devore, Deputy Building Official, presented an overview of a new program that will be offered jointly by the City and the Chamber to encourage potential community and business leaders in the city. The program will consist of nine sessions, one per month, and there will be a $50 fee to enroll in the program that will have an emphasis on leadership.

   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the program as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM.
   Mr. van Til presented a request to award the contracts for the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. Mr. Robb Stevenson, grant administrator, stated that the City of Taylor has surpassed any other city or county in the number of homes addressed through this program. He stressed the fact that the bid advertisement included an outreach to local contractors but no Taylor firms submitted a proposal. His recommendation was to award contracts as follows:

On-Call Management Services, Inc.	$18,215 (1808 Holly Springs) $28,000 (1301 Washburn) $16,605 (1010 Burkett)
Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization, Inc.	$18,335 (1017 Talbot) $18,075 (708 Maple)

Council Member Green moved to award the bids as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER CITY OF TAYLOR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.
Mr. van Til and Mr. Turner presented a list of topics that the Council may consider as issues that are important to the community and may be distributed to appropriate legislators and their staff at the upcoming Williamson County Legislative Day, April 30, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the list as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING THE FINANCING OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request approve the financing of capital equipment to include police vehicles, trucks, and mowing equipment. Based on proposals received, Ms. Dennis recommended the lease-purchase agreement be awarded to Cal First Government and Education Group with the best interest rate. Council expressed a desire to consider awarding the agreement to the local firms who submitted proposals as a way to support local businesses. Unsure of the legality of splitting the bid award, staff requested more time to review the proposals and bring this item back at a future meeting.

12. REVIEW DRAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOAL AND OBJECTIVES AS OUTLINED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN.
Mr. Turner presented a first look at the goals and objectives brought forward during the strategic planning sessions with Council. Some changes were mentioned and Mr. Turner agreed to bring this item back for further discussion.

13. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Rydell requested an update and report on current code enforcement activity and strategies for expanding our efforts on this front.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:52 pm.)

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION. 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
    - Project Titanium

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 7:59 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Protem on behalf of
Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk