

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 13, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Christopher Gonzales
Council Member Christine Lopez
Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, MAY 4, 2017.

Ms. Jeanette Eckhardt accepted the proclamation presented by Mayor Ancira and invited the community to join in the activities at multiple locations in the city on both May 3 and May 4.

2. PROCLAMATION: APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Mayor Ancira read the proclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ancira read a list of upcoming community events and activities. He stated that due to a delay in getting information for this agenda item, agenda number 10 on Fire Suppression would not be addressed at this meeting and will be brought back at a future meeting.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jose Orta, 1320 Howard, spoke as a representative from the local LULAC and NAACP organizations to express his concerns regarding a recent lawsuit filed by Mr. Jacky Jones.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-10 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF 67.71 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE M. DENTLER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 211 AND THE W. G. ROBINSON SURVEY (T. T. WILLIAMSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 754) AND LOCATED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-10

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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-08 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE 67.71 ACRES IN THE M. DENTLER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 211 AND THE W. G. ROBINSON SURVEY (T. T. WILLIAMSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 754) FROM THE R/A DISTRICT AND ETJ TO THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL/RESIDENTIAL-PD DISTRICT).

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-08

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BEING 67.71 ACRES IN THE M. DENTLER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 211 AND THE W. G. ROBINSON SURVEY (T. T. WILLIAMSON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 754), GENERALLY LOCATED AT 530 FM 973 IN TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT R/A AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT R-1 TO SINGLE FAMILY – RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT R-1/RPD; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

5. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE KB NORTH PARK PHASE 5.
6. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2017.

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

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-07 AMENDING THE COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS BOARD AND SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINT NEW MEMBER(S).

Commander Joseph Branson presented a request to continue the discussion regarding the expansion of this committee by adding one or more members. He reported that a subcommittee had been formed and has already met to review the options for improvements to the shelter. Applications received and under consideration included Melanie Rathke, Thomas Rohlack, Patrice Dempsey, and Carrie Lynn Grayson. Council Member Garcia moved to appoint all applicants and to increase the size of the board to nine. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Two NO. (Gonzales and Lopez). Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE AND CONSIDER AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR A HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, provided an update on what steps have been completed on this project before introducing Mr. Nimesh Patel who provided additional details. Mr. Patel provided a draft site plan to Council and stated that he believes he will not need to amend the agreement to ask for additional time if demolition is considered the start of the construction timeline. The previous owners have asked for an opportunity to relocate the existing structure rather than demolish it and Mr. Patel has allowed them a few extra days. In the event this changes the date for demolition, an amendment to the agreement will be brought back at the next Council meeting for further consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to amend the development agreement to allow the site preparation to include demolition and/or removal of the structure to commence the project by May 1 and with no other changes to keep the June 2018 as the completion date. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO T. F. HARPER FOR THE DESIGN/BUILD OF A SPLASH PAD AT FANNIE ROBINSON PARK.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Director, Parks and Recreation, presented a request to consider approving an award for professional services for the design/build of the splash pad project at Robinson Park. Mr. DeVito stated that two responses were received but only one met the qualifications. The total budget for all planned improvements to Robinson Park include a grant of \$125,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and \$125,000 in city matching funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the award for professional services to T. F. Harper for the design/build of a splash pad at Fannie Robinson Park and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

Mayor Ancira restated the fact that this item would be brought back at a later date.

11. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING CITY AND COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT ON APRIL 22.

Ms. Lumpkin provided a brief report on the upcoming event and encouraged volunteers to come out on Saturday, April 22nd to help as teams will focus on a neighborhood area near the Bull Branch Hiking Trail near North Lynn and Otis and Hood Streets. Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem 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 future agenda items. Council Member Lopez asked for staff to provide information regarding the status of the property on Rices Crossing.

(Mayor Ancira and Council adjourned to closed session at 7:00 pm.)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071(1) 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.

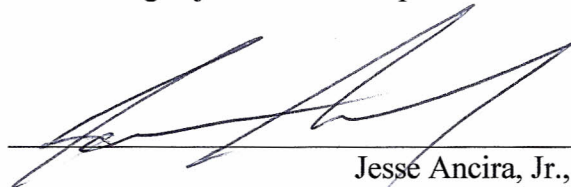
- Mark Groba No. 15-0119-C26
- Jacky Jones No. 1:17-cv-253

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 7:30 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

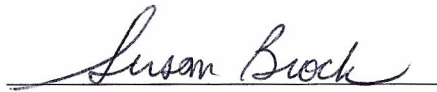
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk