

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 9, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. In the absence of Mayor Jesse Ancira and noting the absence of Council Member Don Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales read the proclamation designating April as Fair Housing Month in Taylor and Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Development Services, accepted the proclamation.

2. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATION WEEK, APRIL 12-18, 2015

Chief Fluck and his staff accepted a proclamation from Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales recognizing the week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Public Safety Telecommunication Week and expressed his appreciation for the excellent job they do in providing these services to the community.

3. RECOGNITION: ANIMAL SHELTER VOLUNTEERS.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presented a proclamation recognizing the volunteers who assist City Animal Control staff in caring for the animals at the shelter. Chief Fluck and his staff introduced the volunteers and thanked them for their service.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 26, 2015.

Council Member Green moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-01 TO GRANT A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A MAJOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR FACILITY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 E. 3RD STREET, A .34 ACRE TRACT IN CITY OF TAYLOR, BLOCK 11, LOTS 3-6, SITUATED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

Ms. Laura Rouse-DeVore, Deputy Building Official, presented a request to grant a Specific Use Permit to allow an existing business expand into the other side of their building. The

current business is a small automotive repair shop that would like to expand services to include major automotive repairs. The property owner was present to respond to questions. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales opened the Public Hearing; hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl was asked to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MAJOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR FACILITY ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CITY OF TAYLOR, BLOCK 11, LOTS 3-6; ALSO KNOWN AS 210 E. THIRD STREET, TAYLOR, TX.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-02 TO NAME BILL PICKETT TRAIL, BEGIN A THIRTY DAY COMMENT PERIOD, AND SET A DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:00 PM ON MAY 14, 2015.

Mr. van Til presented a request to begin the formal process to rename a city street to Bill Pickett Trail. Council Member Green requested the ordinance be amended to extend the length of the Trail from T. H. Johnson to Carlos Parker Blvd. and north to Chandler Road when the extension of the new road is completed. Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance with instructions to bring it back in its final form with the Exhibit amended indicating the change in the length of the street. With the introduction of the Ordinance, the 30 day comment period was opened and the public hearing set for May 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

“AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF BILL PICKETT TRAIL; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE”

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. DISCUSS POLICIES REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF EXTERIOR PAINTING ON RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES.

Mr. van Til presented a summary of existing policies included in the Building Code that address exterior coverings and paint. Council members present agreed to not take any additional action and directed staff to use the existing policies to guide their enforcement of having exterior paint on structures. Staff agreed to bring back a report in a few months for Council to review and evaluate how effective our current code enforcement methods are in addressing this issue.

8. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. He asked Chief Fluck to bring back information regarding methods used to control speeding and Council Member Rydell requested an update on the Strategic Plan.

(Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and council members retired to closed session at 6:49 pm. Mayor Ancira joined the meeting while Council was adjourned into Executive Session at 7:10 pm.)

9. 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
 - Project Titanium
10. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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 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.
 - Project McKenzie
 - Project RTV
11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 7:29 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk