

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 29, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Chris Gonzales
Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

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

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

1. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION WITH RESPECT TO APPROVING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2012; PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THIS SUBJECT.

Mr. Dunaway presented background information on a resolution approved by the TEDC Board of Directors regarding the issuance of debt to fund certain costs related to infrastructure for the rehabilitation of 2nd Street. A resolution by the city is required to approve their issuance of debt backed by city sales tax revenues. Mr. Jason Ford, President of the TEDC responded to questions from Council Member Ancira and clarification on the process of how the lending institution was selected.

Council Member Ancira moved to approve Resolution R12-11 as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One Voted NO (Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales). Motion passed.

2. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request to approve an amendment to the TEDC Articles of Incorporation recommended and approved by the TEDC Board. Article Twelve is amended to read:

“Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation to the City of Taylor to be used exclusively for public purposes.”

Council Member Osborn moved to approve the amendment as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

3. DISCUSS POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER, 2012 ELECTION.

Mr. Joe Naizer of 701 Sloan Street, asked to address the council on this issue. He requested citizen input be taken into consideration on any possible charter amendments. Mr. Dunaway assured him that the public would have an opportunity to speak to these issues through a mechanism on the city website as well as during public meetings on this subject in the future. He reminded Mr. Naizer and Council that any amendments to the city charter must have voter approval.

Mr. Straub presented a list of potential issues that may be considered for a possible charter amendment election. These included 1) electing the Mayor At Large; 2) removal of a council member by council for "good cause"; 3) method for filling a vacant council seat; 4) city manager to appoint and remove employees; 5) election of council members by majority vote; and 6) the power to own, operate, and maintain utilities. Council asked to move forward on these items, gather additional input from citizens, and to provide more details and specific wording at a future meeting.

4. CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

Mr. Dennis Kleppe, City Engineer, provided a presentation on the mechanism and costs to create a full service in-house street department to rebuild, rehabilitate, and maintain the city streets. Council asked to continue this discussion with additional details at a meeting on April 26.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Brock, City Clerk