The City Council of the City of Taylor met on December 10, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Mayor Jesse Ancira, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

INVOCATION
Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Ms. Barbara Aviles, 1700 Mallard Lane, spoke on behalf of the Blackland Quilt Guild to request advance notice if any of the non-profits will be displaced as a result of changes that may be taking place to the 7th Street facility. Ms. Tia Stone, 1306 Cecelia, expressed her support of the Downtown Master Plan and introduced herself as the new President of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDER APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH BRANSON TO REPLACE DAN RAMSEY ON THE ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS AND SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD.
2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER 2015.
3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2015.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. DISCUSS STREET FUNDING OPTIONS.
   Mr. Turner presented a brief overview of previous discussions on this subject and provided an updated fee sheet that included a number of proposed methods and tiers. Citizens who came forward to comment included Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, Mr. Ross Flint, 800 Mallard Lane, and Mr. Rich Lute, 1920 W. Lake Drive. Mr. Gola presented additional information related to a formula developed by the Chamber of Commerce task force.

   After much discussion, Council directed staff to continue to work on the formulas and do the following: look closer at the model used by the City of Austin; keep the residential fee the same for both single family and multi-family units; keep the commercial fee under \$200 per month and the residential fee less than \$10 per month; and reduce the number of tiers to less than 19. Mr. Turner agreed to bring back a revised plan at a future meeting.

5. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ORDINANCE 2015-20 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN SUPPORT OF THE BONDS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SELLING AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, introduced Ms. Jennifer Douglas with Specialized Finance, Inc. who presented a request to take action at this meeting to allow the City to take advantage of an opportunity to refund previous bonds at a lower rate.

Due to the time sensitive nature of the Ordinance, Council Member Rydell moved to approve Ordinance 2015-20 as presented and establish procedures for selling and delivery of one or more series of the bonds and authorizing other matters relating to the bonds. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-20

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX IN SUPPORT OF THE BONDS; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SELLING AND DELIVERY OF ONE OR MORE SERIES OF THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-19 AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AS A CITY DEPARTMENT IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Council at 6:50 pm to enter into Executive Session to discuss this matter with the City Attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales reconvened the Council in Open Session at 7:15 pm and stated that no action was taken during the closed meeting.

With no further discussion Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-19
TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF Taylor, TEXAS, ON THE SAME BASIS UPON WHICH EMPLOYEES OF THE

CITY ITSELF PARTICIPATE IN SAID SYSTEM, [GRANTING PRIOR SERVICE CREDIT TO SUCH EMPLOYEES,] AND ESTABLISHING THE DATE ON WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

7. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM WAY COMPANIES REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVES.
Mr. Bernal presented a brief overview of the status of an energy review and introduced staff from the Way Companies, Mr. Larry Jones who made a presentation on their services. No action was taken on this item and staff stated that additional information would be brought back for future consideration at an upcoming meeting.

8. DISCUSS POLICY REGARDING HB 910 LEGISLATION FOR OPEN CARRY IN CITY FACILITIES.
Henry Fluck, Police Chief, presented information regarding city policies related to HB 910 legislation. He stated that the city would be posting signs in specific locations according to state law. This item was for information only and no action was required.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH CAPCOG FOR ELECTRONIC PERMIT SERVICES.
Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, presented a request to consider approving an agreement that would allow the city to implement access to software that would improve the development services permit process.

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

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
Ms. Lumpkin presented an update on the progress made moving towards the implantation of the plan. She outlined what items will be addressed first and included gateway features, parking, wayfinding signage, and improvements to Heritage Square. Council members expressed their agreement with the priorities as presented but no specific action was taken on this item

11. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Green asked for staff to research the possible loss of water due to aging infrastructure and also requested an update on the 7th Street facility project.

(Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and council members retired to closed session at 8:45 pm to discuss Executive Session I.)

12. 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 South End

13. 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 551.071 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.
    - TMRS

(This item was addressed earlier during the meeting at the time agenda item 6 was discussed.)

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 8:57 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN
Hearing no further comments or discussion Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk