

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 23, 2010 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and, noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Jez, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Christopher Gonzales
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR MARCH 11, 2010.
2. ORDINANCE 2010-3 FOR REZONING PROPERTY OWNED BY TISD.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-3

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 65.2 ACRES OF LAND SITUATED IN THE GEORGE E. REESE SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 533, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS, PLATTED AS THE TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FROM RURAL/AGRICULTURE (R/A) AND SINGLE-FAMILY (R-1) TO INSTITUTIONAL (I); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. ORDINANCE 2010-10 JUVENILE CURFEW.

ORDINANCE 2010-10

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR; DEFINING OFFENSES FOR MINORS, PARENTS OF MINORS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS VIOLATING THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY OF A FINE NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR VIOLATION HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. RESOLUTION R10-6, DISBANDING STREET AND FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE.
5. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR FEBRUARY, 2010.

Council Member Gonzales made a request to remove item no. 4 from the consent agenda for a separate vote. Council Member Hill moved to approve consent agenda items numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5 as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE:

Four voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. RESOLUTION R10-6 DISBANDING STREET AND FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE.

Mayor Hortenstine stated that this item had already been voted on by council at the previous meeting and the formal approval of this resolution is a housekeeping item. Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R10-6 and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. One voted NO. (Council Member Gonzales). Motion passed.

6. PROCLAMATION: APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

Council Member Hill proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month and Bob vanTil accepted the proclamation.

7. CONSIDER ACCEPTING COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a request to review the audit submitted by Sheryl Messer with Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin, and Niemeier for the 2008/2009 fiscal year. Ms. Messer stated that the City of Taylor is the only city she has seen this audit year with a positive fund balance and gave credit to the finance staff and city council for maintaining the financial stability of the city. She also noted the importance of the city receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Award of Excellence for a city the size of Taylor.

Council Member McDonald moved to accept the CAFR as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER AMENDING SAFETY POLICY REGARDING DRIVING VIOLATIONS AND POINT ASSESSMENT.

In the absence of Ms. Lisa Thompson, Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider amending the current safety policy with regards to penalty point assessment for driving violations. The Accident Review Board recommended giving employees who have been assessed penalty points the opportunity to take a Defensive Driving Course at their own expense and, upon successful completion, reinstate their driving privileges while deducting three points from their record.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the amendments to the safety policy as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R10-5 REQUESTING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR MAIN STREET ACTIVITIES.

Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Coordinator, presented a request to consider approving the temporary closing of selected streets for a number of city sponsored events including the Zest Fest and Spooktacular. This is an annual request and each event requires a traffic control plan submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation and liability insurance through the Texas Municipal League.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R10-5 as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING BEER SALES FOR THE ZEST FESTIVAL, 2010.
Ms. Lannen presented a request to consider allowing the Main Street Program and Zest Fest Committee to sell beer and possibly wine coolers on the evening of Friday, April 30th at Armadillo Hall and on the festival grounds on Saturday, May 1st from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The request is an effort to generate additional revenue during the annual festival.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R10-7 as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-8 REGARDING HOTEL/MOTEL TAX.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider introducing an ordinance that would amend the current hotel motel tax ordinance. These changes are a result of the recommendations from MuniServices who recently completed an audit of the city hotels and bed and breakfast establishments. Changes include adding language to add clarification and instructions to the provider, enhanced return forms, and a lodge registration procedure to ensure the City is aware of any new establishments.

With no further discussion from Council, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance by reading the caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-8

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF HOTEL MOTEL TAXES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR PENALTY OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A MISDEMEANOR NOT TO EXCEED \$500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENALTY SHALL BE FIXED BY STATE LAW AND IF DEEMED A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISIONAL LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, THE PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF \$2,000.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE CLAUSES.

12. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE MOODY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request from Ms. Susan Komandosky, Chair of the Moody Museum Board, to appoint two new members to fill the current vacancies.

Council Member McDonald moved to appoint Kelly Eddleman and Cynthia (Tia) Kobos as recommended and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk