

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 14, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell
Council Member Jesse Ancira

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

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ed Komandosky, 2207 Gladnell, came forward to acknowledge the city employee contributions to the United Way campaign.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FEBRUARY 19 and February 28, 2013.
2. CONSIDER RENEWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ADMINISTER THE TDHCA HOME GRANT PROGRAM.
3. CONFIRM COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AND MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-03 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF 2008 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, presented a request to consider rezoning property on North Main Street. Mayor Hill declared the public hearing open; Mr. Keith Hagler, property owner, explained the reason for the request is that when he purchased the adjacent property the zoning was changed and this request is to rezone the remaining portion of the block to the same General Business category. Without further discussion Mayor Hill declared the hearing closed and asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2008 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

5. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-04 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE ONE ACRE OF PROPERTY IN THE 2800 BLOCK OF BLACK WAXY ROAD FROM R-3 SINGLE FAMILY TO MH MANUFACTURED HOUSING.

Mr. vanTil presented a request to rezone a portion of a larger property to allow the owners to bring in a manufactured home.

Mayor Hill declared the public hearing open; Ms. Lisa Kruse, the property owner, asked for the change in zoning to allow them to bring in a manufactured home while they built a standard home on the same lot. Ms. Maria Saurez, a neighbor to Ms. Kruse, of 2706 Black Waxy Road, asked that this request be denied for fear that the change in zoning could result in lower property values for the area. Mayor Hill declared the hearing closed and then by general consent, Council agreed to support the decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission and did not introduce the ordinance.

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC H HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-07 CONTINUING THE JUVENILE CURFEW.

Chief Henry Fluck presented a request to introduce an ordinance to continue the current juvenile curfew policy. Chief Fluck stated that the current policy appears to be sufficient and that state law requires that this policy must be reviewed every three years.

Council Member Ancira asked for more details related to actual occurrences which Chief Fluck provided as part of his attachment. Mayor Hill declared the public hearing open; no comments were heard and the hearing was closed. Without further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2013-07

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.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-08 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING GARBAGE RATES.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to by introducing an ordinance to formally enact the rates approved by Council at their February 14 meeting Without further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-31 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

8. CONSIDER ACCEPTING ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.

Assistant Chief Dan Ramsey presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report for 2012. Council Member Osborn moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R13-06 APPROVING THE WEST 2ND STREET CORRIDOR PLAN.

Mr. vanTil provided a presentation on the proposed plan for the West 2nd Street Corridor. Primary components of the plan include strategies to assist with the improvement of the area by instituting more aggressive code enforcement efforts, allocating funds for beautification, developing design standards, and identifying a Gateway Commercial District. Mayor Hill requested staff to consider extending or creating a new TIF District that might incorporate more properties to the west of the current district.

Council Member Ancira moved to approve Resolution R13-06 adopting the plan as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Hill asked Council to adjourn into Executive Session prior to Agenda Item No. 10.)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- Disposition of Legacy Early College High School
- Old City Hall
- Project Future

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:00 pm.

12. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 8:08 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session. Mayor Hill then resumed the Regular Agenda.

10. DISCUSS THE FORMATION OF A STREET MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION UTILITY.

Mr. Joe Naizer, 700 Sloan Street, encouraged the Council to seek citizen input on the idea of a street utility to assist staff in gaining support for the plan. Mr. Straub presented an overview of information to be considered in the creation of a street maintenance and construction utility.

By consent, Council directed staff to proceed with the development of a plan for further consideration.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.


Chris Gonzales, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Susan Brock, City Clerk