The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 11, 2010 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
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
Chief Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Mike DeVito, Parks Superintendent, presented the first ball pitched at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex on Thursday, March 4, 2010. The ball was signed by the team members of the Taylor High School Varsity team.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR MARCH 4, 2010.
   Council Member McDonald moved to approve consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

(Mayor Pro Tem Jez recused herself prior to discussion on the next agenda item.)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-3 REGARDING A REQUEST BY THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PROPERTY OWNER, TO REZONE 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.
   Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to conduct a public hearing and to consider rezoning the site for the new Taylor High School from Rural/Agricultural to Institutional to better suit the use of the property. Council Member Hill expressed concern for what effect this change would have on future development in the area.

   There was no public comment or other discussion and Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance by reading the caption.

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.

(Mayor Pro Tem Jez rejoined the meeting.)

3. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-10 REGARDING JUVENILE CURFEW.

Chief Jeff Straub presented a request to consider continuing the current Juvenile Curfew as presented. Mayor Hortenstine declared the Public Hearing open; hearing no comments, it was closed. With no further discussion from Council, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance by reading the caption.

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. CONSIDER ACCEPTING ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.

Chief Straub presented a request to review the annual statistical report on crime statistics. He stressed the fact that his officers strive to continue to treat individuals the same no matter what race or ethnicity. Chief Straub reported that there have been no complaints of racial profiling this year and after a careful analysis of stops, cases, and searches, they have determined that racial profiling is not occurring within the Taylor Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to accept the annual racial profiling report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TAYLOR JAYCEES FOR USE OF MURPHY PARK AND PAVILION FOR 2010.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, Chief Jeff Straub, Police Department, presented a request from the Taylor Jaycees to reserve the Murphy Park pavilion for their use during their main fundraising events in 2010. Mr. Shawn Jonas, President of the Taylor Jaycees, was present to respond to questions. Mayor Hortenstine expressed his concern that the Rattlesnake and BBQ events may have outgrown Murphy Park and the group should be considering relocating these two events to the Rodeo Arena. Council Member McDonald would like to see city policy remain consistent and that all non profit groups pay 50% of the regular fee for use of the park pavilion.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the request for the Rattlesnake Roundup event (with a 50% use fee applied) and the July 4th events as presented with the intent to continue the discussion of the location of the fall BBQ Cook off at the next meeting. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF STREET AND FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE AND POLICY.
At the request of Council at the March 4th meeting, Mr. Elsden presented a request to consider the disposition of the Street and Facilities Naming Committee. For the record, Council Member Gonzales reiterated that at the last meeting the Council did not take any formal action to disband the committee, but only to continue the discussion.
He stressed the need to continue the process in a way where public input is sought and the possibility of keeping the committee on an "as needed" basis. Mayor Hortenstine expressed his appreciation for the work done by the committee but also his concern on how to simplify the process by eliminating a duplication of efforts with a review of suggested names by a committee prior to the final decision by the council.

Council Member McDonald moved to repeal Resolution R09-5 and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one voted NO (Council Member Gonzales). Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER FUNDING FOR FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.
Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented information regarding funds already obligated and uncommitted for future capital improvement projects. Those under consideration for immediate funding include 1) Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex signage and third restroom/concession stand ($430,000); 2) Sloan Street rehabilitation ($2,300,000); 3) High Plane Water pump and lift station ($3,850,000); 4) Second Street rebuild, city portion ($2,500,000); 5) extending water/wastewater improvements to the TISD new high school site ($2,900,000). Council Member McDonald questioned the need for the city to fund the improvements for the TISD site rather than the school district itself. TISD School Board member Johnny Sanford requested a workshop between the two entities to continue this discussion but due to Spring Break, it is not possible to meet prior to the awarding of the school bid. Council reviewed the options for the water and wastewater lines along Highway 79 South and along FM 973 to find the most advantageous and most cost effective method of providing services to the school.

The discussion continued and Council Member Hill moved to authorize funding for items #1-5 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one voted NAY (Council Member McDonald).

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will hold 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 551.074 to discuss a personnel issue: City Manager annual performance evaluation. Council adjourned into closed session at 8:06 p.m.

9. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Council returned to open session at 10:18 p.m. and Mayor Hortenstine stated that no action was taken during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk