

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 10, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira 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 Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Turner led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Nathan Gray came forward at this time to express his support for a skate park.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-02 RENEWING THE CURFEW FOR MINORS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-02

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.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-06 REGARDING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR MAIN STREET ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN 2016.
3. APPROVE REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD TO SELL WINE AND BEER AND TO ALLOW CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA FOR THE 2016 BLACKLAND PRAIRIE DAYS.
4. ACCEPT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MCCRORY-TIMMERMAN PROJECT.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; Council Member Green agreed to second the motion with an amendment to correct the minutes regarding the agenda item number 12. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales agreed to amend his motion as stated with corrections to the minutes. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON SKATE PARK PROJECTS.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, and Mr. Turner presented a summary of recent undertakings related to the development of a skate park at the downtown location. Mayor

8. Ancira invited citizens to come forward who had submitted speaker forms. Those speaking in support of the project included: Austin Sumpter, Jen Lovejoy, Timothy Tebeau, Emma Rodriguez, Max Rodriguez, Miles Rodriguez, Denise Rogers, and Chisum Pierce. Mr. David Morris expressed concern for placing the park at the downtown location.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Brent Humphreys to address the council about existing funding. He stated that Project Loop had secured a \$10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation and there was a possibility for a sponsorship and/or partnership opportunity from the Levi Corporation.

Mayor Ancira expressed the need to retire into closed session at 6:49 pm to discuss legal issues with regard to securing properties at the downtown location. He cited 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. Council reconvened into open session at 7:07 pm and stated that no decision or vote was taken in closed session. Mayor Ancira announced that it appeared that costs were prohibitive to continue to pursue the downtown site for the skate park. Council Member Hill moved to direct staff find the resources to build a skate park in Murphy Park and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-10 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR THE 2016 WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TAYLOR COMMUNITY CENTER. Ms. Judy Langford, grants administrator, presented a request to consider approving a resolution in support of a request for funding a community center through the CDBG program.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R16-10 in support of a grant application for CDBG funds and to list the community center as the number 1 priority for funding and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; two voted NO (Ancira and Gonzales stated they would support the project but not as the number one priority). Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-11 SELECTING AND APPROVING A PROJECT FOR THE 2016 WILLIAMSON COUNTY CDBG PROGRAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO 3RD STREET.

Ms. Langford presented a request to approve a Resolution regarding an application for CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements to 3rd Street. This project was initially proposed as a possible option in April 2014 when council submitted an application for CDBG funding from the county. At the time, Jones and Burkett were selected as the first priority with the intention of reapplying for additional project funding in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R16-11 and the project as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one vote NO (Green). Motion passed.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE 2014-2015 WILLIAMSON COUNTY CDBG PROJECT WITH FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR 4TH STREET.

Ms. Langford presented an update on the 4th street project already funded with 2014-2015 CDBG funds. The City was awarded \$350,000 from the County to complete water, wastewater, and street improvements to 4th Street from Sloan to Vernon and another \$350,000 to extend these same improvements on 4th Street from Vernon to Howard. The commitment from the City is a minimum of 20% match and the project is scheduled to be completed later this summer.

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

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON BLACKLAND PRAIRIE DAYS EVENT.

Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, provided an update to activities and plans for the upcoming festival on Saturday, May 7th. New features and festival activities are planned along with a street dance in the evening.

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

12. CONSIDER ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH ABM BUILDING AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS.

Mr. Bernal presented a proposal to enter into an agreement with the ABM firm to develop a plan to reduce utility expenditures through energy efficient improvements over a twenty-year period.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the contract (letter of intent) as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales requested an update on cemetery streets; Council Member Green asked for an update on West End School and the Mayor himself asked for an update on 7th Street project.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:02 pm.)

14. 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 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

- Project Pecan

15. 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 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

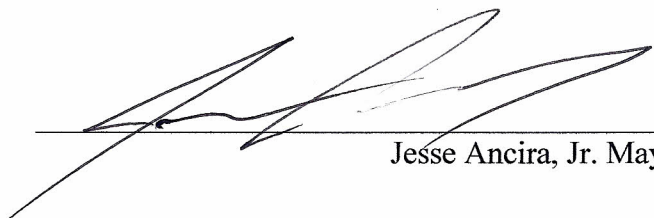
- Project Wheels

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:13 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during any Executive Session.

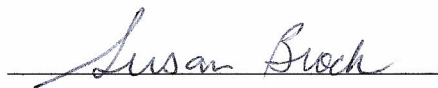
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk