

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 8, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Chris Gonzales
Council Member Jesse Ancira (arrived at 6:05)
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

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

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FEBRUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2012.

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

(Council Member Ancira joined the meeting after the vote.)

PROCLAMATION

2. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING PREVENTION OF UNDERAGE DRINKING.

Mayor Hill presented a proclamation to Mr. John Matthews and his volunteers recognizing the importance of underage drinking programs.

ORDINANCES

3. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-09 REGARDING A RATE INCREASE FOR THE MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM.

Mr. Straub presented a request to introduce an ordinance that would increase the rate for the Municipal Drainage Utility System from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). Council had discussed this item at a previous meeting and agreed that the increase would help reimburse the General Fund reserves for the amount paid for the Mallard Street Drainage Project.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce Ordinance 2012-09.

ORDINANCE 2012-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEES, RATES AND CHARGES FOR
DRAINAGE UTILITY SERVICES COLLECTED BY THE CITY;

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010- 36 ESTABLISHING THE FEES, RATES, AND CHARGES COLLECTED FOR DRAINAGE UTILITY SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 2009-36; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-36 BY INCREASING EACH EQUIVALENT RESIDENTIAL UNIT OR ERU AS DEFINED IN 2009-36 FROM \$1.00 TO \$2.00; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION R12-09 AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATIONS AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2012.

As directed by Council at the last meeting Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a resolution to begin the process of issuing certificates of obligation not to exceed \$3 million. Mr. Bart Fowler with McCall, Parkhurst & Horton, LLP, and Jennifer Douglas with Specialized Public Finance were available for additional input. Ms. Dennis stated that \$2 million would be dedicated to funding MDUS projects, including \$500,000 to reimburse the General Fund for costs associated with the Mallard Street Drainage project, and the remaining funds to be applied to miscellaneous projects. Mr. Dunaway recommended that the language on the resolution before them be amended as follows:

“...for (i) constructing, improving, extending and/or expanding the City’s drainage system, (ii) constructing, improving and/or renovating City parks, (iii) constructing, improving, extending and/or expanding City streets, including drainage, sidewalks and right-of-ways, (iv) constructing, improving, extending and/or expanding the City’s water and wastewater system, and (v) payment of professional services in connection therewith including legal, engineering, architectural and fiscal fees and the costs of issuing the Certificates....”

Council Member Ancira expressed concern for adding any thing other than drainage and street projects to the resolution and Council Member Osborn had additional concerns about issuing this amount of debt if it would result in an increase in property taxes. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales suggested an amount less than \$3 million might be more acceptable.

Following additional discussion along this line, Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R12-09 as presented for \$3 million and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; Two voted NO (Council Member Osborn and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales). Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM IESI TO CONSIDER CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND A FEE INCREASE FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to consider a request from IESI for a 3.9% increase in rates based primarily on the Consumer Price

Index. Mr. Jim Hare with IESI cited increased fuel costs as well as increases in landfill fees as the primary need for the increase.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve a rate increase of 3.9% as presented without curbside recycling and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One voted NO (Council Member Ancira). Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-06 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING GARBAGE RATES, FIRST RESPONDER FES, AND IMPACT FEES.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider amending the Fee Ordinance to reflect changes made in fees approved in previous council meetings as well as in the previous agenda item. With no further discussion or comment Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce Ordinance 2012-06.

ORDINANCE 2012-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2011-28 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2011, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

7. CONSIDER CONFIRMING CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

Mayor Hill passed on this agenda item.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under 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 personnel matters.
- Annual evaluation of City Manager, Jim Dunaway.

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:20 pm.

9. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 9:26 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

Mayor Hill and Council Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Dunaway for his leadership and their gratitude to city staff for their efforts.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don Hill, Mayor

Susan Brock, City Clerk