The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 8, 2007 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Bernabe Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Donald Hill	Frank Salvato, City Manager
Council Member Rod Hortenstine	Assistant City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Ella Jez	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member John McDonald	City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION
Police Chaplain Jack Bohls led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2007.
2. ORDINANCE 2007-6 JUVENILE CURFEW
   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-19 IN RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER ACTION.
   Mayor Gonzales read the Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve Resolution R07-19 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion Passed. Mayor Gonzales congratulated the men on their outstanding service and then presented the award to Officers Mark Horacek and Christopher Fraser and Corporal Lester Patterson for exemplary service at the site of a burning residence located at 202 Oscar. In addition to the Resolution, Chief Straub congratulated his staff and presented Meritorious Service Awards to Officers Horacek and Fraser and the Life Saving Award to Corporal Patterson.

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-4 TO ADOPT ROADWAY LAND USE ASSUMPTIONS, A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, AND THE IMPOSITION OF AN IMPACT FEE FOR ROADWAY CAPACITY.
   Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented the an overview of the process to date and introduced Ms. Mickey Fishbeck to respond to questions raised at the previous Council meeting on February 27. Ms. Fishebeck consulted with Mr. Hejl, City Attorney, and Duncan and Associates to review the specific issues regarding the adoption of a roadway impact fee as well as the formula used to calculate the roadway impact fees. In summary, the fees are not a "regressive tax" and are based on actual costs; all projects included in the formula are well within the service area allowed; sidewalks are included in the definition of "roadway facilities" as defined in Local Government Code Chapter 395.001 (8); and improvements to Main and 2nd Streets are allowable due to the anticipation of increased capacity. Mr. Harry Savio, representing the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin, responded to Ms. Fishbeck's comments and did not agree with her summary.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve Resolution R07-4 and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-5 TO SET A DATE .
   Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request for Council to approve by resolution the date of April 12th for the Public Hearing on roadway impact fees.

   Council Member Jez moved to approve Resolution R07-5 and April 12th as the date for the Public Hearing and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER AWARDING BIDS FOR MATERIALS FOR THE FIRE STATION STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT.
   Mr. Jim Dunaway presented information regarding the bid process for rehabilitation of the streets around the new fire station. He expressed his disappointment with the bids received due to the way they calculated their costs. He asked Council for permission to reject all the bids and to rebid the project with specific guidelines and a more concise list of individual items to be included in order to get comparable proposals that can be readily evaluated.

   Council Member Hortenstine moved to reject all bids and authorized staff to rebid the project. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.
   Chief Jeff Straub presented the annual report as required by law on racial profiling in the City of Taylor. He stated there were no dramatic changes in the statistics for last year and praised his officers for continuing to do a good job. Having received no complaints of racial profiling and having completed a review of the case files, Chief Straub believes that racial profiling is not occurring within the City of Taylor Police Department.

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

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-7 REGARDING A FIXED ASSET POLICY.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a Resolution to adopt a fixed asset policy for the City. Until now, staff followed accepted accounting principles regarding fixed assets but had no published policy in place. Ms. Dennis also requested that the City raise their benchmark for capitalization of fixed assets from $1,000 to $5,000 to help meet the Generally Accepted Accounting Procedures (GAAP) guidelines with less of a negative effect by not including smaller assets that get charged as an expense as they depreciate. All items would continue to be included in the actual inventory and staff will begin a tagged inventory system.

   Council Member Jez moved to approve Resolution R07-7 adopting a fixed asset policy and raising the benchmark from $1,000 to $5,000. Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATION(S) AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.
   Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider submitting an application to Williamson County for $400,000 from a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to complete the next two phases in the Dickey Street Drainage project. These next two phases include work to the

north and west of the current project.

Council Member Jez moved to approve the request to submit a grant application for $400,000 for each of the next two years with matching funds of $100,000 to come from future debt. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS IN SUPPORT OF CITY OF TAYLOR'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA.
Mr. vanTil provided Resolutions on two issues that Council had expressed an interest in supporting:

a. R07-10 IN SUPPORT OF HB 2074 REGARDING EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER.
Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to adopt Resolution R07-10 in support of HB 2074 and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

b. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-18 REGARDING FUNDING OF PARKS FROM WILLIAMSON COUNTY BONDS.
Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution R07-18 in support of parks funding from Williamson County Bonds and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER QUARTERLY CIP REPORT.
Mr. Casey Sledge, Consulting Engineer, presented an overview of capital improvement projects and their current status. He highlighted the near completion of the fire station and the new library as well as the Dickey Street Drainage projects. Also underway are the airport lift station and the wastewater line on Highway 95 as well as the Downtown Streetscape projects. Future projects still in the planning or design stage include the streets surrounding the new fire station, new T-hangars at the airport, parks, and the high plane water system. Staff from BWM were present to request additional direction regarding the design of the East Williamson County Park and Council agreed to meet again in a workshop to pursue this topic more fully.

Mr. Salvato requested Council consider authorizing additional funds for both the fire station and the library. Mayor Pro Tem approved an additional amount not to exceed $42,000 with $17,000 for the library and $25,000 for the fire station. Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk