The City Council of the City of Taylor cancelled the February 23rd meeting due to inclement weather and rescheduled the meeting for March 4, 2010, at which time 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	City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Council Member Christopher Gonzales	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Donald Hill	City Clerk, Susan Brock
Council Member John McDonald	

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2010.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-9 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUTTO REGARDING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.

ORDINANCE 2010-9

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF TAYLOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY FOR FUTURE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION EXPANSION BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS.

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-6 ABANDONING THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE ALLEY ON BLOCK 26, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, BETWEEN BLAND AND SYMES STREETS, NORTH OF SAN GABRIEL STREET.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-6

A AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS VACATING THE SOUTH HALF OF THE 20’ WIDE ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK 26 OF THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ADDITION.

4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY, 2010.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

5. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R10-4 CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 8, 2010 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO BUILD AN INDOOR RECREATION CENTER; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND

PROVIDING NOTICE OF THE ELECTION.

Ms. Brock presented a request for Council to consider approving a resolution calling a bond election on May 8, 2010. Mr. Bart Fowler, bond counsel with McCall, Parkhurst and Horton, responded to questions from Council regarding the tax status of the proposed bond. Ms. Jennifer Douglas, with Specialized Public Finance, Inc., provided details on the different available options and rates for repaying the bond. Mayor Pro Tem Jez expressed concern about the possible negative effect of incurring additional debt on the city's bond rating, but Ms. Douglas assured Council that the amount was minimum and would not have much, if any, effect. Ms. Jez added her concerns of the need for a possible tax increase if the bond were to pass at the election and the fact that some citizens are unaware of other increases possible with an MDUS fee and the school bonds that were recently approved. Council Member Gonzales added his concerns for incurring debt for any new project before addressing our immediate needs such as streets, drainage, and other capital improvement projects and equipment purchases that have been delayed due to such a tight budget.

After continued discussion on the merits of the proposal going to the public for a vote, Council Member Hill moved to approve the Resolution as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE (Hortenstine, Hill, McDonald). Two voted NO (Jez, Gonzales). Motion passed.

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING AND BEGIN THIRTY DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO NAME OR RENAME STREETS IN CITY LIMITS.

   Mr. Elsden asked Council to consider a request from the Street and Facility Naming Committee to begin a thirty day comment period on proposed name changes to two streets. The streets currently under consideration are South Edmond and Sycamore. Council questioned the recommendations as presented and further questioned the continued purpose of this committee. Initially established to address new streets being taken in by annexation and unnamed or existing streets in need of renaming, the Council requested time to reconsider the purpose and existing policy of the committee at a future meeting. The public hearing was never conducted and no further action was taken.

7. CONSIDER FINAL EXTERIOR DESIGN FOR THE GROUND STORAGE TANK AT THE UPPER PRESSURE PLANE PUMP STATION.

   Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, and Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented a request to review the plans for painting the exterior of the water storage tank at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. During previous discussions, Council had approved preliminary plans to add decorative columns and a printed message on the tank at a combined cost of over $18,000. With the tank near completion, Council no longer feels the need to add these adornments.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to not fund the exterior design on the ground storage tank which included pilasters and a painted logo and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Council Member Gonzales recused himself prior to the discussion of the next agenda item.)

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO ENHANCE USE OF TIME WARNER CHANNEL 10 PUBLIC INFORMATION CHANNEL.

Chief Jeff Straub, Police Department, presented an overview of the current status of our community access Channel 10 with Time Warner and the possible alternatives to gaining more control over its content while expanding its capabilities. Using RushWorks Multizone software, available services would include the current bulletin board format, the potential for video programming, video streaming, slide shows, as well as video on demand. Plans to partner with other community entities including the school district and the TEDC would allow expanded opportunities for citizen communication on a higher level than we currently have. Chief Straub recommends using funds previously allocated to the police department for new vehicle computer equipment to purchase the Rushworks software and maintenance for the first year.

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

(Council Member Gonzales rejoined the meeting)

9. <u>CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE TAYLOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.</u>
   Mr. vanTil presented a request to Council Members Hill, Gonzales and Mayor Hortenstine to submit their nominees they are recommending as members of the newly formed Taylor Community Development Corporation. At the last council meeting Mayor Pro Tem Jez had nominated Claire Maxwell and Council Member McDonald asked to have the head of the TEDC as a member. Mayor Hortenstine nominated Casey Sledge, Council Member Gonzales nominated Ernest Alderete and Council Member Hill nominated David Henderson as members of the board.

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

10. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION I.</u> 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: Appointment of Interim Fire Chief.

11. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION II</u>. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with it's City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act: legal issues in connection with awarding a contract for park concessions.

    Mayor Hortenstine adjourned Council to Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

12. <u>CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.</u>
    Council returned to open session at 8:36 p.m. and Mayor Hortenstine stated that no action was taken during either Executive Session.

    Mayor Hortenstine asked if there were any items from either closed session needing action. Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to confirm the city manager appointment of Lt. Eric Woods as

Interim Fire Chief and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Hortenstine then entertained a motion from Council Member McDonald to approve the one year exclusive agreement with Coca-Cola for drink concessions at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk