The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 23, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of both Mayor Jesse Ancira and Council Member Christine Lopez, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris Gonzales

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Chief Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 167 was invited to lead the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION

1. BOY SCOUT TROOP 167 EAGLE SCOUTS RECOGNITION.
   Council Member Garcia invited all council members to assist in recognizing the most recent scouts who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout: Isac Waters, Parker Lake Knapp, Thomas L. Hartnagel, Kenneth D. Kruse, Aaron R. Olsen and Noah H. Hurst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Patrice Dempsey, 4106 Big Bend, asked for council support to seek funds to make improvements to the current animal shelter situation, including the possibility of building a new facility.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-03 ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMISSIVE GRANTS FOR PAYMENT OF BUILDING USE FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ("BUILDING GRANT"); THE BUILDING GRANT WILL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CITY BUILDING PERMIT FEE ; A BUILDING GRANT SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IF THE BUILDING SUBJECT TO THE BUILDING GRANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR RECEIVES ANY OTHER REDUCTION FROM THE ORDINANCE FEE TO BE CHARGED FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEES; CITY FUNDING FOR THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE ON AN ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR BASIS; THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM MAY BE FUNDED BY THE CITY UNDER THE CITY ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS; IF THE BUILDING

GRANT PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE CITY UNDER THE CITY ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS FUNDING SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY ANNUAL BUDGET YEAR; UNUSED GRANT FUNDS IN ANY FINANCIAL YEAR SHALL NOT BE CARRIED FORWARD INTO A SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR; BUILDING GRANTS SHALL NEVER EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANY ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR; THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS IN WHICH RELIGIOUS SERVICES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AND NEW BUILDINGS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OWNED BY A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION THAT HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE EXEMPTION PROVISION 501 (C) (3) AND MUST BE FURTHER QUALIFIED BY THE CITY UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. APPROVE RESOLUTION R17-03 REGARDING TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES FOR MAIN STREET ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN 2017.
4. APPROVE REQUEST FROM MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD TO SELL WINE AND BEER AND TO ALLOW CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL AREA FOR THE 2017 EVENTS.
5. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-08 AWARDING BID FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE HOME PROJECT.
6. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2017.
7. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2017.
   Council Member Garcia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING/ORDINANCES

8. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.84 ACRES LOCATED AT 1403 WELCH STREET FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (M-1) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO REDEVELOP THE PROPERTY AS A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented an overview of the history of this property zoning changes in recent years as well as the Future Land Use map that designates this property as "public". Staff supports the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to deny this request as a result of a public hearing on this same item at a January 10th Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The R-1 District is not appropriate zoning for this location.

   Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the Public Hearing Open; hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and a request for a motion was entertained. Council Member Gonzales moved to deny the request for rezoning as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion to deny the request is passed.

9. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-05 TO REQUEST REZONING OF PROPERTY FOR A HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.
Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to consider a request to rezone a tract of land from Residential/Agricultural to Local Business to support the development of a hotel project. The property is situated adjacent to the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex and at the entrance to the Williamson County Expo Center. The Future Land Use map recognizes this property as appropriate for Commercial use. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the Public Hearing open; hearing no comments, he asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-05

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS BEING 1.104 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT No. 65, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 200 CARLOS G. PARKER BOULEVARD IN TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURE DISTRICT R/A TO LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT B-1; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

10. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-04 AMENDING PLUMBING CODE.
Mr. Matthew Rector, Director, Public Works, presented a request to consider an ordinance amending the current plumbing code. The amendment is necessary to bring the code to current TCEQ standards and into compliance in three areas. Hearing no additional discussion or comments Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-6 ADOPTING THE STANDARD PLUMBING CODE 1994 EDITION BY AMENDING SECTIONS AS AMENDED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-06 AMENDING INDUSTRIAL WASTE ORDINANCE.
Mr. Rector presented a request to consider an ordinance amending the current Industrial Waste Ordinance to comply with requirements by the TCEQ. Some of these issues are also related to the previous ordinance and Mr. Turner stated that staff will continue to update these codes and ordinances as needed and as funding allows. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Hejl was asked to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-06

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE DISCHARGE OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES INTO PUBLIC SEWERS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; PROMULGATING REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY UPON CONVICTION FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES ONLY TO THE EXTEND THEY ARE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A PUBLICATION CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

12. DISCUSS COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS BOARD AND SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
Commander Branson presented information related to the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee makeup and proposed changes. Citing the need to have an ordinance to review prior to making any changes to the board composition, Council agreed to bring this item back on the next agenda.

    Council Member Garcia moved to bring back an ordinance amendment to expand the board to nine members and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. No vote was taken but council agreed to bring this item back on the March 9th agenda.

13. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMPENSATION STUDY.
Ms. Kim Peterson, Director of Human Resources, introduced Mr. Sam Hines with the Public Sector Personnel Consultants service. Mr. Hines provided information on the efforts currently underway to gather information for a salary survey, benchmark positions in both the municipal and private sectors, and to develop and adjust pay plans for current pay ranges. Staff stressed the need to phase any changes in over time and on an individual basis as well as to include some of the results in the budget discussions.

    Council Member Gonzales moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. RECEIVE ANNUAL RACIAL PROFILING REPORT FOR 2016.
Chief Henry Fluck presented the annual Racial Profiling Report for 2016. He reported that they received no complaints of racial profiling in 2016 and that based on the analysis of traffic stops, cases, and searches there is no indication that racial profiling has occurred with the Taylor Police Department.

    Council Member Garcia moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CRIME STATISTICS.
Chief Fluck presented a report on police activity, arrests, calls for service, traffic stops and clearance rates for the past two years. The results indicate a 13% reduction in Part 1 Crimes and a 54% reduction in burglary.

Council Member Garcia moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION AND APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-07 REGARDING THE TXDOT TURNBACK PROGRAM FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., BLVD.
Mr. Rector presented a request from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to have the city take over future maintenance of FM112/Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. In October 2016 the estimate to reconstruct the road was roughly $5 million. This amount did not include relocating utilities which would be paid by the City. Mr. Rector did not recommend moving forward with this project due to the numerous other financial needs for street rehabilitation at this time. However, Mr. Turner indicated that other council members who are not present at this meeting expressed an interest in researching the possibility of partnering with the TEDC on this project and to not rule out this offer at this early stage.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R17-07 as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

17. CONSIDER APPROVING DOWNTOWN AND GATEWAY SIGNAGE PROJECT.
Ms. Lumpkin presented a request for council to approve a sign design to move the Gateway project forward. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell continued to provide support for the "retro" design style sign and Council Member Garcia said either one would be a good choice. Council Member Gonzales moved to approve design #2 (the retro version) for the Gateway sign project and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

18. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Garcia asked to add a discussion about an entertainment district to an upcoming agenda and Mr. Turner stated that the subject will also be a point of discussion at the Growth Summit event.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk