The City Council of the City of Taylor met on December 9, 2010, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Chris Gonzales	Jim Dunaway, City Manager
Council Member Don Hill	Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Chris Osborn	Ted Hejl, City Attorney
	Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2010.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-48 AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE FOR CITY SERVICES.
3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-50 ESTABLISHING A COURT OF RECORD.
4. CONSIDER PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER, 2010.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

5. CONSIDER ACCEPTING LOU BELL HARRIS PAVILION AS CITY ASSET.
   Mr. Dunaway requested Council formally accept the gift of the pavilion from the Taylor Garden Club in order to add the facility to the city list of assets. The pavilion was completed last month and a dedication ceremony was held on November 23rd.

   Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the pavilion as a city asset and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R10-19 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM.
   Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider entering into a HOME Program Reservation System in order to move forward on one of the remaining properties previously approved for the HOME grant program. Ms. Robin Sisco, grant administrator with Langford and Associates, provided background on the need for this action in order to execute the closing on a home with a lender lien on the existing property.

Under the rules of the Reservation Program the issue with the lien would be resolved and the program would allow the completion of the five homes as planned.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve Resolution R10-19 as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. <u>CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM ALMA KONZE ESTATE TO THE TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT.</u>
   Chief Ekiss, Fire Department, presented a request to formally accept a donation from the Alma Konze estate in the amount of $3,000. Ms. Konze specified the funds should be used to purchase "life saving equipment".

   Council Member Hill moved to accept the donation as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. <u>PRESENT NATIONAL MAIN STREET COMMUNITY AWARD TO THE TAYLOR MAIN STREET PROGRAM.</u>
   Mayor Pro Tem McDonald presented an award to Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, recognizing the Taylor Main Street Program as one of 52 programs nationally who have met the stringent criteria for this award. No other action was taken on this item.

9. <u>CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT OF RECORD.</u>
   With the change in the municipal court to a municipal court of record Mr. Straub presented a request for council to consider appointing Randall Pick as the judge for the newly created Municipal Court of Record. The appointment term is for two years and becomes effective immediately.

   Without further discussion, Council Member Hill moved to approve the appointment of Randall Pick as Judge for the Municipal Court of Record for a two year term effective immediately. Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

   (Council Member Osborn recused himself from the next agenda item; his wife is a member of the Keep Taylor Beautiful group presenting the recommendation for locating a site on city property.)

10. <u>CONSIDER LOCATION OF RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER.</u>
    Mr. vanTil presented information regarding possible options to locate a recycling center within the city limits. Nancy Tyson and Lisa Drummond, members of Keep Taylor Beautiful, recommended to Council one of three sites they researched for the center: land west of CVS Pharmacy on West Lake Drive, land directly in front of the Ford water tank located south of Walgreens on North Main Street, and behind the National Guard Armory also on North Main Street. Based on the results of their research, the group recommends the Ford tank site. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald asked staff to continue researching appropriate sites including the parking lot to the north of the armory site.

    Council requested this item be tabled until the next meeting in January and directed staff to provide additional research on the armory location.

(Council Member Osborn rejoined the meeting.)

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R10-20 REGARDING RENEWAL OF INVESTMENT POLICY.
    Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to approve the annual renewal of the investment policy. Ms. Dennis indicated there were no changes to the policy and this was merely a housekeeping item.

    Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R10-20 as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH SLEDGE ENGINEERING LLC FOR A PAVILION AT FANNIE ROBINSON PARK.
    Mr. Dunaway presented a request to approve a contract with Sledge Engineering, LLC to construct a 3,000 square foot pavilion at Fannie Robinson Park. He pointed out this item was approved with other capital improvement projects earlier in the year and this was merely the contract to begin construction. Ms. Jennifer Harris and Mr. Roosevelt Harris asked the Council to consider the possibility of constructing an enclosed building to be used as a wellness center as an alternative to the pavilion. Mr. Hejl reminded staff and council that the only item under consideration on the agenda was the actual contract for services, and the debate about what type of building was not on the table for discussion at this meeting.

    Council Member Hill moved to approve the contract with Sledge Engineering as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

    (Council Member Gonzales recused himself from the next item citing his employment with Time Warner as the conflict.)

13. CONSIDER APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN TARIFF FOR TELECOMMUNICATION COST REDUCTION AND RECOVERY SERVICES.
    Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider a contract with a firm to audit our telephone and internet bills for overcharges by our provider. Council Member Osborn asked for clarification on the actual term of the contract and cited a discrepancy in the length of time this firm could continue to collect fees from the city.

    Council Member Osborn asked to have this item tabled until January 13th for further clarification regarding the actual length of the contract for future charges. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

    (Council Member Gonzales rejoined the council.)
    (Council adjourned into closed session at 7:20 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, 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 Stream

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, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.
    - 12.7 acres northwest of City cemetery
    - .15 acres within city limits

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II.
    Mayor Pro Tem McDonald resumed the open meeting at 8:42 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during either of the Executive Sessions.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Pro Tem McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

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John McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk