The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 22, 2011, 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
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member Chris Osborn

Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Asst. City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Jeff Ripple led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Nancy Tyson submitted a request to provide public comment on agenda item number 7 related to recycling and chose to speak during the time the item is under discussion. No other citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 10, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-6 REZONE CHURCH OF CHRIST PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE 2011-6

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST FACILITY, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 2702 NORTH MAIN STREET, WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS, FROM SINGLE FAMILY, R-1, TO INSTITUTIONAL, I, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY, 2011.
   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:

4. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM MOODY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD.
   Ms. Susan Komandosky, Chair of the Moody Museum Advisory Board, presented an update on recent activities at the museum.

5. CONSIDER RECEIVING THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010.

Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented Ms. Sheryl Messer with Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin and Niemeier to respond to questions regarding the information presented in the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2009/2010. Ms. Messer reviewed the document and stated that the city is in good financial standing.

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

6. <u>CONSIDER APPROVING A FRANCHISE FEE ON ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION FRANCHISE FEES.</u>
Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request from ATMOS regarding the levying of a franchise fee on the franchise fees collected. Randy Hartford, Manager of Public Affairs with ATMOS, presented an overview of the issue and options the city has regarding the collection of franchise fees on the franchise fee amount collected on a customer utility bill. Council Member Osborn requested more time to evaluate this issue and moved to table this item until the next meeting. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion to table this item passed.

7. <u>CONSIDER EXTENDING CONTRACT WITH IESI AND DISCUSS SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING OPTIONS.</u>
At a previous meeting, Council requested additional information regarding pricing for residential single stream curbside recycling. Mr. Thomas reported that the costs provided to him from IESI is directly related to the number of participating households with a minimum charge of $3 if 100% of all 5000+ customers were included. If only the minimum number of 600 participants is met the fee would be $7 per month. Ms. Nancy Tyson urged Council to consider a recycling option but to also seek financial incentives for citizens who opt to recycle. Council Member Gonzales expressed concern for adding any new fees to citizens at this time. Due to the current economic climate and the past response to this service option he stated that he would prefer delaying introducing any new fee based services until next year.

Council Member Osborn moved to extend the contract with IESI to January 31, 2014 and to include the recycling options for customers to participate on a subscription basis if the minimum number is met. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; One vote NO (Gonzales). Motion passed.

8. <u>CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR AAA STORAGE.</u>
Mr. Thomas presented a request for Council to consider formally accepting the public improvements made during the construction of AAA Storage located at 3706 N. Main Street. The value of these improvements totals over $70,000 and includes 500 linear feet of a twelve inch water main, 850 linear feet of an eight inch Fire Suppression water main, and two fire hydrants and fittings.

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

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-4 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A FINANCE CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING TWO BRUSH TRUCKS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

   Ms. Dennis presented a request to approve a financial agreement for the purchase of two brush trucks and equipment necessary to equip these vehicles. Council previously approved the purchase and this Resolution authorizes the city to enter into a finance contract to carry out those wishes.

   Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R11-4 as presented Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WASTEWATER MAIN PROJECT

    Mr. Thomas presented an overview of the recent results from a bid opening for the Southwest Regional Wastewater main project. Eleven bid proposals were received and the low bidder was McLean Construction of Killen, Texas. This project will provide and upgrade and extension of the wastewater system to the new high school as well as future development in this area.

    Council Member Osborn moved to award the bid for the Southwest Regional Wastewater Main Project to McLean Construction in the amount of $883,704.90 and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER CHANGING DATES OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

    Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider changing the regular meeting dates for council meetings to the second and fourth Thursday of each month for consistency.

    Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R11-6 authorizing a change in regular council meeting dates to the second and fourth Thursday of the month and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING "RESOLUTION R11-5 CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2011 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION OF A BOND PROPOSITION FOR $8 MILLION TAX BONDS FOR CITY STREET AND ROAD PROJECTS; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

At the request of Council Member Osborn, Mr. Dunaway presented a resolution calling a bond election May 14, 2011 for $8 million in tax bonds for city street and road projects. Council Member Osborn provided a presentation regarding the need for street repairs. Council agreed future discussions and research are needed to move forward with a plan to address the situation. Council Member Gonzales would like to see other options other than a bond election which would result in an increase in property taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald suggested a bond election may also be considered to address the old city hall disposition. Funds are needed to take action to rehabilitate, demolish or rebuild this structure and citizen input would be valuable in determining what direction needs to be taken and where those funds will come from.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve Resolution R11-5 as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: One vote AYE (Osborn); three votes NO. Motion failed. Council agreed to bring back the topic at the March 10th council meeting for further consideration.

(Council adjourned into closed session at 8:20 p.m.)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its 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 associated with November 23, 2010 City of Taylor Annexation

14. 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, 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 Window
    - Project Volt
    - Project Stream

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    Mayor Pro Tem McDonald resumed the open meeting at 9:40 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 9:40 p.m.

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John McDonald, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk