

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 19, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the special meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell
Council Member Jesse Ancira
(joined the meeting at 7:15 pm)

Jim Dunaway, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

1. CONSIDER OPTIONS TO REDIRECT SURPLUS FUNDS FROM PREVIOUSLY ISSUED CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION.

Mr. Dunaway requested the Mayor call a closed session to meet with the city attorney prior to this discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Taylor City Council conducted 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 available funds

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:03 pm.

Council returned to open session at 7:44 pm and Mayor Hill stated that no action was taken during the executive session. Mr. Dunaway asked for additional consideration on adding funding for the side streets off of Second Street and to direct these funds to move the streets designated as "Fair" in the street inventory to "Good".

Council Member Rydell moved to redirect all available surplus funds from certificates of obligation to the street rehabilitation and construction project pending the issue of funds from the TEDC. Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One vote NO (Mayor Hill). Motion passed.

2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUNDING NEEDS AND OPTIONS FOR STREET PROGRAM.

Mr. Dunaway asked that this item be skipped and addressed after the discussion of the remaining items, if needed.

3. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-06 CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 11, 2013 TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER.

Mayor Hill invited Mr. Joe Naizer to address the Council regarding this item as part of Citizen Communication. Mr. Naizer stressed the need for public education on the development of a street maintenance utility prior to any vote. Mr. Dunaway presented a request for Council to consider delaying any action on calling a special election to amend the city charter until November, 2013 to allow more time to educate the public on why these changes are important. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and Council Member Rydell stressed the need for more time and Council Member Osborn would prefer no delay and to have the issue be put to voters in May.

Without further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented with a vote at the next council meeting on February 28th.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06

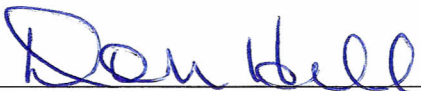
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON, COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING AN ELECTION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE; PROPOSING AMENDMENTS TO THE HOME RULE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION R13-04 CALLING A BOND ELECTION FOR MAY 11, 2013; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

Mayor Hill asked council to pass on this item with no discussion.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.


Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Brock, City Clerk