

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 14, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell
Council Member Jesse Ancira

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

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

John Nelson addressed the Council regarding future funding of the Taylor Economic Development Commission.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2013.
2. AWARD BIDS FOR THE AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM (SECOND ROUND).

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

3. PROCLAMATION: FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.
Mayor Hill read a proclamation designating February as Black History Month.
4. RECOGNITION: CITY OF TAYLOR NAMED A NATIONAL MAIN STREET CITY.
Mayor Hill recognized Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, for receiving the National Main Street City Award.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under 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 personnel matters which may include the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.
 - Chief of Police Position

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 6:13 pm.

6. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONFIRM CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE.

Mayor Hill reconvened the open meeting at 6:59 pm and stated no action or vote had been taken during the closed meeting. He then asked Council if there was any discussion or action to be taken. Council Member Osborn moved to approve the City Manager appointment of Mr. Henry Fluck as Chief of Police and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCES

7. CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-01 AMENDING ORDINANCE 98-18 REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Straub presented a revised ordinance for further consideration regarding the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board structure and responsibilities. Mayor Hill requested that all current members be asked to resubmit applications and that each Council Member be allowed to submit two names for consideration as well as the Taylor Independent School District (TISD) submitting one student name. General discussion supported the idea to retain the current members and have each Council member submit one name and one from the TISD.

With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2013-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD; ESTABLISHING THE PURPOSE, COMPOSITION AND TERM OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSES.

8. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-02 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-43 REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF CEMETERY SPACES.

Mr. Straub presented an ordinance amending the current ordinance regarding the reallocation of funds from the sale of cemetery lots. The proposed amendment will add 10% to the Cemetery Permanent Fund and 90% to the Cemetery Operating Fund, with no funds going to the Cemetery Future Land Purchase Fund. Staff would like to use the additional funding for adding employee(s) to help maintain the cemetery.

With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2013-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-43, SECTIONS 8.1, 8.2, AND 8.3 BY REALLOCATING THE AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF CEMETERY SPACES TO THE AUTHORIZED CITY CEMETERY FUNDS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER.

Mr. Dunaway provided a recommendation for Council to consider setting the recreation center project aside allowing them to concentrate on developing and funding a street maintenance program. He noted that the surplus funds from certificates of obligation currently slated for the center could be redirected to fund work on the streets and any future discussion regarding a center could be revisited at a later date.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to cease the current project and to hold a special meeting for further discussion on redirecting these funds. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; 2 voted NO (Ancira and Hill). Motion passed.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 11, 2013 REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.

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. It was noted that the propositions to be considered were not correctly outlined in the ordinance provided and that a possible bond election should also be considered.

Council Member Osborn moved to call a special meeting for February 19 at 7:00 pm to continue this discussion on charter amendments including what options are available to fund a street program. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF MUNICIPAL STREETS.

Mr. Dunaway presented an opinion on the possibility of calling a special election to reauthorize the local sales and use tax for purposes other than to fund the TEDC. Council

discussion included the option to reduce the current 1/2 cent allocation to TEDC to ¼ cent and use the other ¼ cent for street maintenance.

Council Member Osborn moved to table this issue until after the May, 2013 election and Mayor Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; 2 voted NO (Gonzales and Rydell). Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk