The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 12, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.
   Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month in the City of Taylor. Council Member Don Hill accepted the proclamation.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Tom Mowdy, 1805 Carey Avenue, spoke in support of a petition being circulated to disband the TEDC as a Type A corporation and adopt an ordinance in support of creating a TEDC Type B; Mr. Joe Burgess, Davis St., stated his support of the BLADE project at Bull Branch Park; Ms. Jennifer Mireles, 4207 King Canyon, expressed her support for Tom Waggoner who was the Animal Control Officer; Mr. Rob Fritsche expressed his lack of support for agenda items numbers 4 and 5 as economic development projects.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 8, 2015.
3. APPROVE RESOLUTION R15-05 APPOINTING THE CITY MANAGER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRAME SWITCH LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION.
4. CONSIDER APPROVING A 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SADYA CAPITAL LLC FOR A HOTEL PROJECT.
5. CONSIDER APPROVING A 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ZEPLIN FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.
6. AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ELECTIONS DIVISION FOR ELECTION SERVICES FOR 2015.
7. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR PHASE 6 OF THE NORTHPARK SUMMERFIELD ADDITION.
8. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 2014.
   Mayor Ancira asked to comment on two items on the consent agenda without pulling them for further discussion. He wanted the public to know that Item No. 3 was an important commitment between the City of Hutto and Taylor and expressed his desire to continue to work towards a partnership for further development of this effort. He also wanted to express

his appreciation to the City manager and to staff for their continuing efforts to make the projects described in items number 4 and 5 complete. Without further discussion Council Member Green moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One vote NO (Gonzales stated that he had some concerns with item number 5). Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. RECEIVE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR THE CITY.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, introduced Mr. Mike Brooks with Brooks Cardiel to present the annual financial audit report for fiscal year 2013-2014. His overall comments were that the city is in a very good financial state and that his recommendations for changes were few.

Council Member Rydell moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TAYLOR LIONS CLUB TO INSTALL LITTLE FREE LIBRARY KIOSKS AT CITY PARKS.
Mr. Mike DeVito, Parks Superintendent, presented a request from Ms. Kaitlin Ollie to place Little Free Library kiosks at each city park. This item had been presented to Council last year with a request to place them in city right of way. Ms. Ollie has assured Mr. DeVito that the Lions Club will be responsible for overseeing the program and monitoring the materials that are placed at each site.

Council Member Green moved to approve the request as presented and Mayor Pro tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR POSSIBLE ELECTIIONS IN 2015.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda for an opportunity to discuss additional options for council to call an election on any new issues in May or November of this year. No action was taken on this item.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING THE TEDC BORROWING UP TO $3.5 MILLION FROM CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK AND APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-1 AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT.
Mr. Sean Stockard, President, Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), presented a request to council to approve a Resolution that would allow the TEDC to enter into a loan agreement to build an industrial building that would eventually be sold. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales expressed concern about how this issue was handled with a former employee of Citizens National Bank on the TEDC Board. Mr. Stockard stated that Mr. Cecil Bowen recused himself from the vote that dealt with the selection of the lending institution.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve Resolution R15-1 and related documents authorizing the execution and delivery of the loan agreement and expenditure of funds for the industrial project presented. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One vote NO (Gonzales). Motion passed.

13. RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM GREATER TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
Ms. Stacy Stork, President, presented an overview of financial activity over the six month period between July and December, 2014. Council Member Green moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. CONSIDER EXPANDING THE ANIMAL SHELTER.
Police Chief Henry Fluck presented a request to approve the purchase of a building that would provide a restroom and office for the Animal Shelter staff, volunteers, and citizens who use the shelter. The cost of the building including delivery and setup is $11,614 and will be purchased with donated funds.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve the project as presented with donated funds and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. CONSIDER APPROVING SOLAR POWER PROJECT BY THE BLADE PROGRAM FOR THE BULL BRANCH PARK PAVILION.
Mr. DeVito presented a request from the students from Taylor High School and early College High School Legacy programs who are members of a group called BLADE. Their project promotes alternative energy sources and involves installing solar panels on the pavilion roof at Bull Branch Park. The project installation will be funded by the students with the city assuming responsibility for maintenance of the panels as well as the battery if it needs to be replaced. Two students were present and responded to questions from Council.

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

16. CONSIDER APPROVING REVISED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS HANDBOOK.
Ms. Brock presented an update on changes to the handbook that reflect recent questions posed by members as well as changes that have been made legislatively. Council expressed an opportunity to review the handbook again if other changes may be needed.

Council Member Green moved to approve the changes as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

17. CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS.
Ms. Brock presented recommendations for appointments and reappointments as requested from the boards themselves and/or staff. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the recommendations as presented for the following boards: Airport, Animal Control, Building and Standards, Library, Moody Museum, Planning and Zoning, TEDC, Tree Advisory, and the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

The remaining three boards were taken individually. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the recommendations of the Main Street Board to reappoint Jan Konarik, Brent Humphreys, Irene Michna, and Bobby Sieferman and to appoint Megan Randig and Joe Burgess to fill vacancies due to resignations. He also moved to appoint Tiffany Shadd to fill Ms. Van Scoy's position who was removed due to excessive absences. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one NO (Rydell). Motion passed.

No action was taken on the CPIC appointments or reappointments. Council Member Green moved to approve the recommendations of the Parks Board for reappointments and appointments which were: to reappoint Stacy Roznovak-Burris and Gary Gola and to appoint Ginger Schneider and Larry Levy to replace Hugh Shelton and Daniel Philhower; and to leave the student position vacant at this time as other options for student involvement are pursued. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

18. ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND POLICIES FOR BUDGET PREPARATION.
Ms. Dennis presented a brief overview of what steps will be taken during the budget process as well as a tentative timeline. This item was for information and no action was taken.

19. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. All agreed that the current list should stand as is until after the strategic planning sessions.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:30 pm.)

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
    - Project Access

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.071 in order to consult with its Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation; or a settlement offer; or 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 conflicts with the Open Meetings Act.

- Legal issues and litigation associated with the Thrall and Noack water contracts.

22. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:57 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk