The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 11, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales (arrived at 6:23 pm)
Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Susan Brock, City Clerk
Ted Hejl, City Attorney

INVOCATION
Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: KINDNESS WITH A SMILE: TISD FAMILY SUPPORT PARENT SUMMIT.
   Mayor Ancira invited Ms. Tisha Kolek and other participants to accept the proclamation as a part of the larger effort of the TISD to teach positive traits to the students, parents, and community members as they focus on Kindness.

   TEXAS MAIN STREET AWARD
   Mayor Ancira took a moment to make a public announcement that the City of Taylor was once again designated a Main Street community by the Texas Historical Commission and commended the work by Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager and the Main Street Advisory Board.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Citizens that had signed up to speak were given the opportunity to speak at this point or to wait until later during the meeting to come forward. No one came forward at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-03 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTING, AND ACCEPTING IF AWARDED, AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE CAPCOG (CAPITAL AREA OF COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS) JAG (JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT) PROGRAM.
3. APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-05 AUTHORIZING SUBMITTING HE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE ACCIDENT TASK MODULE OF THE ELECTRONIC TICKET WRITERS AND TO ACCEPT THE GRANT IF AWARDED.
4. RECEIVE SEMIANNUAL REPORT FROM TAYLOR MARKETING PARTNERSHIP.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 28, 2016.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

6. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-03 ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION USER FEE AND RATES, POLICIES, AND METHODOLOGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE FEE TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST, AND COLLECTED FROM, OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF BENEFITTED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE CITY.
   Mr. Turner asked Mr. Hejl to review the most recent changes to the proposed Ordinance. Due to the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales, Mayor Ancira requested a delay in the discussion or action related to agenda item number 6, the Transportation User Fee, until Mr. Gonzales was present.

7. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-01 REQUESTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 922 W. 2ND STREET.
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a request to consider granting a Specific Use Permit (SUP) for property located at 922 W. 2nd Street. She stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request. Council Member Green expressed some concern for how to keep the property from housing vehicles visible from the street and requested additional restrictions be added to the ordinance to prohibit this from happening. Mayor Ancira opened the Public Hearing; hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR AS DEFINED IN THE TAYLOR ZONING ORDINANCE 2001-17 AS AMENDED, BUT EXCLUDING AUTOMOTIVE AND OTHER VEHICULAR PAINTING FROM THE SUP, ON PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. DISCUSS CALENDAR AND GUIDELINES FOR THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented an overview of the proposed calendar and process for the upcoming budget year. This item was for information and no action was taken.

(Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales apologized for his late arrival and joined the meeting at 6:23 p.m.)

9. RECEIVE UPDATE ON ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY AND PROGRAM.
Chief Henry Fluck presented an overview of recent enhancements and program activities at the Animal Shelter. This item was for information only and no action was taken.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON HOTEL PROJECT.
Mr. Nimesh Patel presented a brief update on his plans to enter into an agreement with the city to bring a name brand hotel to the city within the year. He cited funding issues for the delay but assured council that the project was moving forward. No action was taken on this item.

(At 6:42 p.m., Mayor Ancira reopened the discussion on agenda item number 6.)

6. (Continued: APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-03 ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION USER FEE AND RATES, POLICIES, AND METHODOLOGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE FEE TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST, AND COLLECTED FROM, OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF BENEFITTED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE CITY.)
Council members discussed a variety of issues including using the parcel method rather than each individual business to assess the fee. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales suggested another tier be added to the chart to allow a sixth level for commercial properties. Council Member Green asked to consider if the fee could be phased in over the next 12 months rather than all at once.

Public comment was received from Ms. Celia Garrett (no address given), Mr. Ross Flint, 800 Mallard Lane, Mr. Angel Ramirez, 408 Branch St., and Mr. Robert Garcia, 1903 Holly Springs.

Citing additional legal questions, Mayor Ancira adjourned the Council into 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 of the Open Meetings Act to consult with their attorney at 7:24 p.m. Council reentered the open meeting at 7:31 p.m. and Mayor Ancira stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

After further discussion, members agreed to set a residential fee at $8.00 and a six tiered rate structure for commercial properties ($25, $33, $50, $67, $84 and $133), the creation of an appeals/review process, and a 3-year review of the fee by Council. Council Member Hill moved to approve Ordinance 2016-03 using the parcel method with a 6 tiered approach to become effective on June 1, 2016 at the full rate proposed. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; two voted NO (Gonzales, and Green). Motion passed. (Both Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and Council Member Green stated that they support the plan but would have preferred to have the fee phased in at this time.)

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Ms. Brock continued this item from the previous meeting to complete council appointments and reappointments of the remaining boards and/or commissions not addressed at their February 11th meeting.

Airport Board: Council Member Rydell moved to reappoint Tom Mowdy and appoint Marcus Goetting, Jeffrey Heyman, and Laurie Civik. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Building and Standards Commission: Council Member Rydell moved to reappoint Roy Rogers and Cornelius Ray Henry and to appoint Arnold Cuba and Steve Smith. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE.

Main Street Board: Ms. Lannen stated that they had one new resignation and were in need of five new appointees. Council Member Rydell moved to reappoint Miguel Espitia and to appoint Sharla Gola, Melody Huber, Deborah Parker, Erwin Stauffer and Wesley West. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Moody Museum Board: Council Member Rydell moved to reappoint Samye Turner and to appoint Stacey Smith. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation Board: Reappointments and a student representative appointment were made to this board at the February 11th meeting. Council Member Rydell moved to appoint Laurie Connally to the board and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Planning and Zoning Commission: Council Member Green moved to reappoint Jim Killough and Leland Stevens and to appoint Mike Eaton and Faith Gardner. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Taylor Economic Development Corporation Board: Council expressed interest in a future discussion of the possible expansion of this board of directors and/or adding two new positions. Council Member Hill moved to reappoint Council Member Scott Green to the Board and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; one no (Gonzales) and one abstention (Green). Motion passed.

Tree Board: Council Member Hill moved to appoint Nathan Abbott and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
    Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Rydell requested an update on code enforcement efforts and future strategies; Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales requested a recurring 6-month update from the Police Department; and Council Member Hill asked for joint meetings with the TEDC, Chamber, and TISD as well as additional consideration of CDBG funding for the Givens Recreation Center.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk