The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 9, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member Christine Lopez
Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION
Chief Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. PRESENTATION: MAIN STREET CAR SHOW DONATION TO SHEPHERD'S HEART AND TAYLOR ANIMAL SHELTER.
   Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, was assisted by the Main Street Car Show Committee in presenting a check to the two groups that the Committee selected to support with donations from this event: Shepherd's Heart and to the Taylor Animal Shelter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mayor Ancira read a list of upcoming community events and activities.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Darrell Mayberry, property owner, reported flooding issues on Carolina Street near Mustang Creek and Robinson Park; Ms. Anita O'Campo, 1118 McLain Street, mentioned flooding, drainage, and pothole issues on her street as well as concerns about dogs running loose and barking in her neighborhood.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2017.
   Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

3. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-03 ESTABLISHING A GRANT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented a request for council to introduce an ordinance that would formally adopt a plan to develop a grant program to reduce development fees for new construction for religious organizations and non-profit organizations who qualify.

Ms. Nancci Burgess, 905 Davis St., stated that she was unhappy with the inconsistent policy that there is money for this program but no funds to make improvements to the animal shelter. Without further discussion, Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PERMISSIVE GRANTS FOR PAYMENT OF BUILDING USE FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ("BUILDING GRANT"); THE BUILDING GRANT WILL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL CITY BUILDING PERMIT FEE ; A BUILDING GRANT SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IF THE BUILDING SUBJECT TO THE BUILDING GRANT IS ELIGIBLE FOR OR RECEIVES ANY OTHER REDUCTION FROM THE ORDINANCE FEE TO BE CHARGED FOR BUILDING PERMIT FEES; CITY FUNDING FOR THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE ON AN ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR BASIS; THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM MAY BE FUNDED BY THE CITY UNDER THE CITY ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS; IF THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM IS FUNDED BY THE CITY UNDER THE CITY ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS FUNDING SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY ANNUAL BUDGET YEAR; UNUSED GRANT FUNDS IN ANY FINANCIAL YEAR SHALL NOT BE CARRIED FORWARD INTO A SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR; BUILDING GRANTS SHALL NEVER EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ANY ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR; THE BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM SHALL BE USED ONLY FOR NEW CHURCH BUILDINGS IN WHICH RELIGIOUS SERVICES ARE TO BE CONDUCTED AND NEW BUILDINGS TO BE CONSTRUCTED OWNED BY A TEXAS NON-PROFIT CORPORATION THAT HAVE BEEN QUALIFIED FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE EXEMPTION PROVISION 501 (C) (3) AND MUST BE FURTHER QUALIFIED BY THE CITY UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

4. <u>RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON DOWNTOWN AND GATEWAY SIGNAGE PROGRAM.</u>
Ms. Lumpkin presented an update on the recent activity and timeline regarding the downtown and gateway sign program. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell reported that no single design was recommended by the smaller committee appointed by the Mayor and that he was in favor of putting the two designs out for public comment for another two weeks prior to making a decision.

Council Member Lopez moved to bring this item back at the February 23 council meeting for a final decision and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. DISCUSS COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS BOARD AND SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
   Commander Branson presented information related to the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee makeup and proposed changes. Citing the need for more time to review the information Council agreed to bring this item back on February 23 for further consideration.

6. DISCUSS AND RECEIVE UPDATE ON ANIMAL SHELTER FACILITY.
   Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented an update on long and short term plans for the Animal Shelter. Ms. Patrice Dempsey, 4106 Big Bend, provided comments regarding the proposed solutions. She cited drainage and flooding issues at the current site as well as low water pressure. Ms. Melanie Rathke, 612 Vernon St., pointed out the benefits of relocating the shelter to city owned property immediately to the east of the cemetery as an alternative plan.

   Staff was directed to meet with the Appeals Board and the TCC Volunteer groups to jointly develop a plan to bring back to Council. Council Member Gonzales stated his concern for continuing to maintain a "no kill" facility without setting limits on the maximum number of animals to be housed at this facility. Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the report and to have staff take action as discussed and to meet with the volunteer groups and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COSTS TO REPAIR ALL STREETS, INFRASTRUCTURE, DRAINAGE, AND FACILITIES.
   Mr. Sledge presented the details of the development of a comprehensive plan to address all issues in need of repair including streets, infrastructure, drainage, and facilities. He presented an estimated costs to complete these repairs at $215 million dollars if addressed today. Of that amount $82 million is needed just to address the streets, not including the drainage under the streets. Mr. Turner reminded council that the city does not have the debt capacity nor the ability to raise taxes to cover that total amount. Additional information will be provided to council during the budget process on how much can be accomplished with available funding options.

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

8. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRE SUPPRESSION.
   Chief Pat Ekiss presented information related to the current regulations regarding fire suppression systems in the City of Taylor. Mr. Albert Janecka, 301 CR404, and Mr. Cliff

Olle, 1903 Sara Cove, both expressed their desire to have these regulations reexamined and to determine if they are still appropriate for the Taylor community.

Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the information as presented and asked staff to revisit the ordinance adopting the amendments to the Fire Code. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-05 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR A VICTIM SERVICES COORDINATOR.
Chief Henry Fluck presented a request to approve a resolution authorizing him to submit an application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, General Victim Assistance Direct Services Program to assist with the creation of a Victim Services Coordinator position within the police department. If awarded, the grant would provide 80% of the funds needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve Resolution R17-05 as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-06 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO FUND A RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
Chief Fluck presented a request to approve a resolution authorizing an application for a grant to the Office of the Governors Criminal Justice Division Justice Assistance Grant Program to assist with the purchase of a records management system. Chief Fluck anticipates that if awarded only 25% would be funded through the grant and the city would be responsible for the remaining 75% of the total.

Council Member Garcia moved to approve Resolution R17-06 and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON RECYCLING CENTER.
Mr. Matt Rector, Director of Public Works, presented an update on the current efforts to enhance the recycling center on Main Street. Due to the high volume of cardboard deposited at this site a second trailer has been ordered.

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

12. DISCUSS AND ACCEPT GUIDELINES AND PLANNING FOR THE 2017/2018 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
In the absence of Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Mr. Turner presented the information regarding budget guidelines and plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the guidelines and plan as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE CODE ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. Ms. Lumpkin presented an update on an increase in educational efforts to achieve compliance regarding code violations. She also noted that one additional code enforcement officer has been added and the increased use of an automated tracking system have both resulted in an increase in activity.

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

14. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAM SCHEDULING TOOL. Mr. Rector presented information on a scheduling tool being utilized for tracking current projects. A five year CIP was developed and this tool will ensure that these projects are monitored for efficient and effective completion.

    Council Member Lopez moved to accept the update as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. Mayor Ancira asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Garcia asked to include an update on crime and the number of homeless people; Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked to consider an ordinance to prohibit parking on unimproved surfaces; and Mayor Ancira asked for an update on retail leakage.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

for Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk