The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 9, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hill 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 Jesse Ancira
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

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

INVOCATION
Mr. Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Ms Monee Michna and Mr. Larry Sarafik came forward to offer their support for the rehabilitation of the tennis courts in Murphy Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2012.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2012-05 REGARDING AN APPLICATION TO REZONE FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF T.H. JOHNSON DRIVE AND NORTH MAIN STREET, ALSO DESCRIBED AS 7.41 ACRES SITUATED IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY AW-0065, CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

ORDINANCE 2012-05

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY BEING 7.528 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 3401 NORTH MAIN STREET TAYLOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM LOCAL BUSINESS B-1, TO GENERAL BUSINESS B-2; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. CONSIDER ACCEPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT.
4. APPOINT CHAIR TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT 1 ADVISORY BOARD.

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

PROCLAMATION

5. PROCLAMATION; RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.
   Mayor Hill presented a proclamation to Ms. Hennington and Ms. Leslie Givens recognizing February as Black History Month.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND/OR ORDINANCES.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-07 AMENDING THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE 2009-7 REGARDING THE DEFINITION OF SLAUGHTER.
   Mr. Straub presented a request to consider amending the animal control ordinance with regards to the definition of "slaughter". Council Member McDonald asked to consider adding a ban to the cleaning of fish in a residential area to the ordinance as well.

   Hearing no further comments or discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

   ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07

   AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2009-7, THE TAYLOR ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE, BY AMENDING SECTION 1, DEFINITIONS BY ADDING TO THE DEFINITION OF SLAUGHTER; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

7. CONSIDER PLAN TO RESURFACE THE TENNIS COURTS AT MURPHY PARK AND POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO THE PARKS AND MASTER PLAN.
   Mr. Straub presented a plan to address the deteriorating condition of the tennis courts located at Murphy Park. The proposed plan includes resurfacing and lining of the courts, lighting repair and repainting of poles, as well as a number of grounds keeping issues that need to be addressed. In addition to physical improvements Mr. Straub also requested an amendment to the existing parks plan that calls for the relocation of the tennis courts. Council asked about plans for future maintenance and programming for use of the courts. Staff will continue to work with the local tennis association and those at the national level to seek additional funding.

   Hearing no additional comments Council Member Osborn moved to approve the plan for refurbishing the courts and to amend the parks master plan. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER RECEIVING THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented the audit report for the 2010/2011 fiscal year. Ms. Sheryl Messer with the firm of Brockway, Gersbach, Franklin and Niemeier, PC, provided an overview of the report. She reported that the general financial state of the city is stable and it continues to improve with increases seen in both assets and revenue.

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

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R12-03 AUTHORIZING THE SUSPENSION OF THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULES OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION OF ATMOS ENERGY.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request from ATMOS Energy to allow them additional time for negotiations by way of a resolution. Mr. Randy Hartford, Manager of Public Affairs with Atmos, explained the need for a resolution to officially extend the date of the proposed rate schedules.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R12-03 as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER ACCEPTING QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2011.

Mr. Thomas Martinez, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented an update to the activities of the chamber over the past three months.

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

(Next item taken out of order to accommodate out of town guests.)

13. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R12-04 SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION BY HAMILTON VALLEY MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR TAX CREDITS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider supporting an application for tax credits and waiving city permit fees on a local redevelopment project. The project would include the renovation of two apartment complexes, Stepping Stone Apartments and Taylor Square Apartments and potentially add another $2 million value to the property tax roles.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R12-04 as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Resume regular agenda.)

11. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO ACS FIREHOUSE FOR FIRST RESPONDER BILLING SERVICES.
Chief Ekiss presented Council with a proposal to contract with a new third party billing service for first responder fees. He believes ACS Firehouse and its subsidiary Fire Recovery USA will provide better service and result in increased revenue for services provided.

Council Member Osborn moved to approve the contract as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 115 NORTH MAIN STREET.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, presented a request to consider entering into an agreement with Mr. John Jones to rehabilitate the structure located at 115 North Main Street. Council expressed concern regarding the impending construction of second street and potential damage to the structure if not stabilized prior to when work begins on that end of the street.

Council Member Osborn moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with changes cited regarding tax payments to be mutually agreed upon and possibly extending the time line if needed. Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. DISCUSS AND DEVELOP PLAN TO UPDATE STRATEGIC PLAN.
Mr. Dunaway presented an overview on the current status of the Strategic Plan and recommended Council postpone updating this project until a later date. Council Member Osborn moved to table this item for at least two months and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas, and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.
    - Project Millwood

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 8:24 pm.

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 8:55 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Don Hill

Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk