The City Council of the City of Taylor met on February 9, 2010, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
Council Member Christopher Gonzales
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION
Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2010.
2. ORDINANCE 2010-5 AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE 2010-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20 TO ALLOW FREESTANDING, LOW PROFILE AND ATTACHED SIGNS IN THE PARK (P) AND INSTITUTIONAL (I) ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

3. ORDINANCE 2009-37 ADOPTING ENGINEERING MANUAL.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-37

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ENGINEERING MANUAL TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR ALL PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS, WITH STANDARD DETAILS FOR EACH TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Council Member Hill moved to approve consent agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONCUR CONTRACT FOR WATER WITH THE CITY OF THRALL.
Mr. Dunaway presented updated information on the discussions with City of Thrall Mayor Troy Marx regarding a water contract. Mr. Marx stated that any repairs to the line would be at their expense and that the line actually has two meters on it; one located at FM 619 and one at the City of Thrall for a more accurate reading of how much water is being used. The three year contract will provide up to 500,000 gallons per day at the rate of $3.50 per 1,000 gallons.

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

5. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-9 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF HUTTO REGARDING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.</u>
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider an ordinance establishing extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries between the City of Taylor and the City of Hutto. Council made a request to consider slight changes by adding one whole parcel back into the Taylor ETJ since it is completely surrounded by other properties already in the Taylor ETJ and a portion of another to be turned over to the City of Hutto at the request of the owner.

Without further discussion, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to formally introduce the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE 2010-09

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF TAYLOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING A GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY FOR FUTURE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION EXPANSION BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF HUTTO, TEXAS.

6. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-6 ABANDONING THE SOUTH PORTION OF THE ALLEY ON BLOCK 26, WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ADDITION, BETWEEN BLAND AN D SYMES STREETS, NORTH OF SAN GABRIEL STREET.</u>
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, asked Council to consider a request from Mr. James Marx regarding the abandonment of an alley located on his property. Mr. Marx has already had the properties replatted and it appears that the alley has never been vacated. With no utilities in the designated alley and no other property owners affected by this change, Council had no objection to the request as presented.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to formally introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-06

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS VACATING THE SOUTH HALF OF THE 20' WIDE ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK 26 OF THE WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ADDITION.

7. <u>CONDUCT AWARDING BID FOR SIGNAGE FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION AT THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.</u>
Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, and Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented a request to review the competitive sealed proposals received for signage at the new park. Council Member McDonald stressed the need to include bulletin boards into the proposal. Some concern was raised regarding the need to not exceed the amount budgeted for this project and council was assured that the firm being recommended, Identity Management, was willing to work with them on finalizing the exact type and

number of signs to stay within their budget.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to award the bid for signage to Identity Management in the amount not to exceed $80,000 with specific sign types and quantities to still be negotiated and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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 551.087 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect: Project Remington.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with it's City Attorney 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 authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act: Project Geo Algae.

   Mayor Hortenstine adjourned Council to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

10. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.
    Council returned to open session at 8:04 p.m. and Mayor Hortenstine stated that no action was taken during either Executive Session.

    Mayor Hortenstine asked if there were any items from either closed session needing action. Council Member McDonald moved to approve the contract for Project Remington as presented with attorney changes and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

    Mayor Hortenstine then entertained a motion from Mayor Pro Tem Jez to approve the agreement with Geo Algae as presented with attorney recommendations that include setting a mutually agreed upon upper limit cap on the amount of water to be taken, providing a feasibility study to the city, and an agreement not to have feed lots at this time with the option of coming back to negotiate this aspect if needed. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk