

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 28, 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
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. Turner led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

Mayor Ancira invited Council Member Hill to accept the proclamation as a leader in the African American community and invited everyone to celebrate February as Black History Month.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, presented a list of items contained in the proposed ordinance that may need further review and Mr. Chisum Pierce, 305 Washburn, spoke against the transportation user fee as a method to fund street repair and maintenance program.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE RENEWAL OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND LION'S CLUB OF TAYLOR FOR PARKLAND FOR MINIATURE GOLF COURSE.
3. APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-04 AUTHORIZING THE 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. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 2015.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 14, 2015.

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

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING 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 provided an overview of the process undertaken to develop a method to fund a street reconstruction and maintenance program for the city street system. He noted that the document Mr. Gola was referring to was only a draft worksheet and was still undergoing modifications. Mr. Matthew Temple, 4402 Kings Canyon, expressed his support for a "pay as you go" funding method, giving the citizens an opportunity to vote on the TEDC sales tax, and the creation of a five-member appeals board. Mr. Tony Gomes, 219 N. Main Street, also expressed his support for an election on the street funding issue.

After further discussion, the ordinance was introduced with a residential fee to be set at \$8.00 and a five tiered rate structure (with additional modifications forthcoming prior to adoption on February 11) for commercial properties (\$25, \$33, \$50, \$67, and \$133), the creation of an appeals/review process, and a 3-year review of the fee by Council.

7. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RECYCLING SERVICES AND EXTENDING CONTRACT WITH PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES.

Mr. Turner presented an overview of previous discussions on this issue and made a recommendation to Council to consider extending the current contract for an additional two years without recycling at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Mr. Steve Shannon with Progressive Waste Solutions if a subscriber service could be considered at some time again in the future.

Ms. Tanya Clawson, 305 Farley, Hutto, spoke as a representative of Clawson Disposal, Inc., and encouraged Council to give them an opportunity to submit a proposal for solid waste and recycling services. She informed Council that Progressive Waste was in the process of a corporate sale. Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Shannon to respond to Ms. Clawson's allegations and he assured them that neither the current contract nor their level of services would be negatively affected by any potential actions at the corporate level.

Council Member Rydell moved to extend the current contract for two years with a reduction of .20/per customer per month with no recycling at this time. Council Member Hill asked to amend the motion by adding a request that the .20 per account be deposited in a utility reserve account; amendment accepted and Council Member Green seconded the motion and amendment. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION REGARDING CAPCOG CLEAN AIR COALITION.

Mr. Fred Blood, Air Quality Specialist with CAPCOG (Capital Area Council of Governments) presented an overview of the goals of the Clean Air Coalition and what its significance is to the City of Taylor. He encouraged council to become more involved by appointing an elected official and/or a staff person to one or more of their committees. Council Member Hill moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. RECEIVE REPORT FOR JULY-DECEMBER, 2015 FROM THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Ms. Tia Stone, President of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented a six-month report in lieu of the quarterly reports (July-September and October –December 2015) to Council as required by their agreement with the City. She distributed copies of maps, brochures and other items of interest they have on hand to provide to visitors.

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

10. CONSIDER APPROVING LIBRARY POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC WI FI COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE.

Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to approve a policy developed to address the public use of Wi-Fi while in the library.

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

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON RFP PROCESS REGARDING WEST END SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development, presented an update on the disposition of the West End School. She provided a draft of a Request For Proposal packet ready for distribution if the Council would like to move forward with relinquishing this property. Council Member Hill moved to receive the report as presented and to approve moving forward with the RFP Process. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE.

12. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-02 CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 7, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 1 AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 4.

Ms. Brock presented a request to council to approve a resolution calling an election in May for Council Member Districts 1 and 4. She stated that candidate applications will be accepted until 5 pm on Friday, February 19. Council Member Rydell moved to approve Resolution R16-02 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

Ms. Brock provided current rosters, attendance records, and applications for each council appointed board and/or commission. Due to the large amount of information related to this item, council asked for more time to review the packet materials.

However, after some discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to reappoint Evelyn Flowers-Cook and Diann Fox to the Library Board, to reappoint Bonnie Sladek and Christi Stromberg to the Tree Advisory Board, and to reappoint Gayle Collins, Nancy Talley, and Erwin Stauffer to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Rydell moved to reappoint Kathleen Eason, Andrew Gonzales, Jennifer Jewitt and Lonnie Zycha to the Parks Board and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Council Member Green moved to appoint Mr. Timothy Tebeau as the Student Representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

All remaining appointments and/or reappointments will be brought back for further discussion and consideration at the February 28 2016 council meeting.

14. RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Bernal provided a chart listing all capital improvement projects planned and currently under way. He stressed that this will be working document during the upcoming budget process and will help determine how the budget will be allocated.

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

15. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. He discussed the possibility of an appointment to the CAPCOG Clean Air Coalition; an update on 7th street; update on the hotel project(s); Council Member Hill requested an opportunity to revisit the submission of a request for additional CDBG funds to address the Givens Community Center project he submitted last year; Council Member Rydell would like to bring the idea of expanding the TEDC back for further discussion.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:00 pm.)

16. 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 551.087 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 Pecan

17. 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 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.

- Project Access

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION III. 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 551.074 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

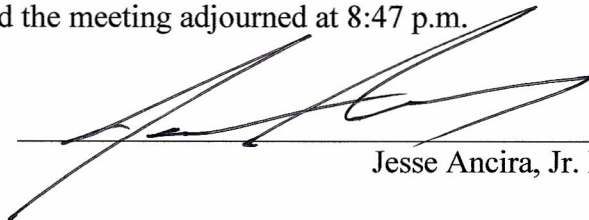
- Staffing organizational structure

19. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:47 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during any Executive Session.

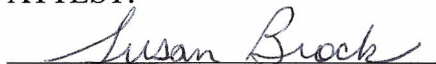
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk