

The City Council of the City of Taylor met at a special joint meeting with the Taylor Independent School District on December 2, 2014, in the Meeting Room at the Sirloin Stockade restaurant, 3607 N. Main St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. declared a quorum and called the council meeting to order at 7:09 a.m. with the following present:

Council Member Scott Green

Council Member Don Hill (arrived at 7:16 am)

Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager

Susan Brock, City Clerk

Ted Hejl, City Attorney

Ms. Anita Volek, School Board Chair, declared a quorum of board members and called their meeting to order.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN.

Mr. Turner provided an overview of the progress made towards the development of a Downtown Master Plan. The firm Design Workshop has conducted two public planning sessions and he expects the plan to be presented to Council at the beginning of next year.

2. UPDATE ON STREET PROJECTS.

Mr. Turner mentioned the current work being done on selected streets was approved by Council earlier this year and was an effort to begin to prevent further deterioration of the streets determined to be in "fair to good" condition with current funds available. The Street Committee has been meeting for 10 months and will be making their recommendations to Council in January regarding funding options and prioritizing how the remaining streets are to be addressed for both maintenance and reconstruction.

3. UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mr. Turner revealed the increased focus on enhancing the satisfaction of customers who work with the Development Services Department. A number of technologic enhancements have been introduced and many will be available online within the next few weeks. The goal is to improve communication and efficiency in this area.

4. UPDATE ON THE 7TH STREET FACILITY

Jerry Vaughn, TISD Superintendent, provided a recap of the recent meeting with RealTex Development who was selected by both the School Board at a joint meeting with the City Council last month. He stressed the fact that the firm is moving forward with securing funding for the project and their plan is to produce a development exactly as outlined in the proposal they submitted.

5. UPDATE ON THE LEGACY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM AND PORTABLE BUILDINGS.

Mr. Vaughn briefly touched on the status of the Legacy program and stated that they are continuing to seek a solution to relocating the portable buildings.

Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Vaughn if the RealTex group had any plans for the nonprofit groups currently housed in the 7th Street facility. He stated that the plan is to not remove them except on a temporary basis during the renovations when they might be displaced.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 7:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor