The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 12, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:05 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
Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY, JANUARY 16, 2017.
   Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to the MLK, Jr. Committee and others who joined him in recognizing the events planned for MLK Jr. Day in Taylor.

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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. David Paul, 840 W. 5th St., expressed his opinion on the Kimbro Street project. Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, provided a timeline on the results of his request for information on the Transportation User Fee billing data.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. CONSIDER APPROVING SALE OF .10 ACRES OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK 86, CITY OF TAYLOR, TAX NUMBER R015503 TO ZION CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAYLOR.
3. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR KB SUMMERFIELD DEVELOPMENT.
4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2016.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 8, 2016.
   Council Member Lopez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM UTSA ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE PLANNING.
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, introduced staff from the Center for Urban and Regional Planning Research, College of Architecture, Construction and Planning Rural Business Program, Institute for Economic Development (CURPR) at UTSA who

presented an overview of the results of their survey on future economic development and land use planning for the City of Taylor.

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

(Council Member Lopez recused herself from the dais at 6:42 pm; Council Member Gonzales requested a closed meeting citing Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to meet with its City Attorney. Council members returned to open session at 6:49 pm and stated that no action had been taken during the closed meeting and proceeded to address agenda item number 7 with Ms. Lopez still recused from the dais.)

7. CONSIDERATION DISPOSITION OF CONTRACT FOR MOWING SERVICES.
Mr. Bernal provided an overview of the Request for Proposals process that began in July. Bid results were brought to Council on September 8 with a request to approve the award of a contract. The award was not approved. Citing the continued need to outsource landscaping and lawn services this item was placed back on the agenda for further consideration.

Citizens speaking in favor of the contract award included Thomas Martinez, 2804 Greenlawn, Rick King, 211 Hilltop Drive, Joe Martinez, 208 Shaw, and Moppy Miller, 1405 Lexington. Council Member Rydell moved to award the contract to Black Stallion Lawn Care Service/R. Lopez Enterprises, Inc. and Mayor Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Two voted AYE (Rydell and Ancira); Two voted NO (Garcia and Gonzales). Motion failed.

(Mayor Ancira called for a short recess, Council Member Lopez returned to the dais and the Mayor continued the meeting agenda.)

8. CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR REQUEST FROM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO WAIVE PERMIT AND BUILDING FEES.
Ms. Lumpkin provided information regarding the development of a grant program to reduce or waive future permit fees for new construction by non-profit organizations that qualify. Citizens speaking in favor of this approach included Pastor Jeff Ripple, head of the Taylor Ministerial Alliance, and Mr. Dave Bogan, a member of the First Baptist Church. No formal vote was taken on this item but the consensus of the Council was to move forward with the development of a program and to bring back an Ordinance that would establish such a plan.

9. CONSIDER AWARDING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS UNDER THE AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM CONTRACT 1002020.
Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to award three contracts to begin construction of three homes selected under the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program Contract No. 1002020. Council Member Garcia moved to award two contracts to Precision Construction each for $23,200 for homes located at 611 Maple and 2708 S. Main Street, and one contract to On Call Management in the amount of $24,500 for the home at 503 Mockingbird Lane. Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-2 AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES FOR ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT PROGRAM.
Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager as a signatory for all matters related to the Housing Preservation Grant Program. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve Resolution R17-2 as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING DOWNTOWN AND GATEWAY SIGNAGE PLAN.
Ms. Lumpkin brought the item back before Council to continue a discussion from a previous council meeting. Mayor Ancira moved to appoint Council Member Garcia and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell to meet with staff to move this project forward and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. DISCUSS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AGRICULTURE LEASES.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis presented a proposal to permit staff to begin a solicitation process for agriculture leasing of city owned properties. Two properties currently under lease include 41 acres on Highway 79 adjacent to the City Cemetery and another 25.1442 acres near the Wastewater Plant on Our Lady of Guadalupe Cemetery Road.

No vote was taken on this item but council consensus was to move forward with the RFP process.

13. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Gonzales asked for a city facilities update and to schedule the City Manager evaluation for January 26th. Council Member Garcia asked to have staff investigate the possibility and cost to relocate the animal shelter, to provide information on reducing or eliminating train noise, and to provide an estimate of how much it will cost to fix all the streets including drainage and other infrastructure. Mayor Ancira requested staff consider a future discussion and review of the existing Building Codes.

(Mayor Ancira and Council adjourned to closed session at 9:00 pm.)

14. 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 551.074 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
    - Evaluation of Randall Pick, Municipal Court of Record Judge

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I.
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to reappoint Judge Pick to another two-year term as the Municipal Court of Record Judge and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

16. 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 its 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.

- 7th Street Hospital Property
- Open Records Request
- Kimbro Property

17. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION II.
Mayor Ancira and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 10:33 pm. He stated that the second session was an update only and no action was taken during that part of the closed meeting.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk