The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 10, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales	City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Chris Osborn	Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Council Member Brandt Rydell	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Jesse Ancira (joined the meeting late)	

INVOCATION
Mr. Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Sean Stockard, President of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation introduced himself to the Council and public and asked to be allowed to present regular reports to the Council to maintain an open and active dialog on their activities. Ms. Nancy Tyson, 1220 West Lake Drive, addressed the Council as a private citizen expressing concern that an unnamed city employee may have violated the City Ethics Ordinance 99-17 through the use of city equipment for email correspondence.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES DECEMBER 11 AND DECEMBER 13, 2012.
2. APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCE ADVISORY BOARD.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 2012.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION

4. PROCLAMATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY IS JANUARY 21, 2012.
   Mayor Hill presented a proclamation to Mr. Shorty Mitchell and a group of event supporters recognizing January 21 as MLK, Jr. Day.

5. RECOGNIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011.
   Mr. Dunaway recognized Ms. Dennis and her staff for receiving an award from the Government Finance Officers Association.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

6. CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE 98-18 REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.
Mr. Straub presented a request to consider amending the current ordinance establishing the number of members on the board as well as defining their duties and responsibilities. Discussion included the residency requirement, specific sport representation, and the need to provide a mechanism for this and all boards to be able to communicate more effectively with the Council. The final consensus was to reduce the current number to 7 or 9 members, with 5 residents, 2 from the ETJ and the possibility of including two positions open to teen members with one year terms. Staff agreed to bring back an amended ordinance for their review.

7. CONSIDER AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-43 REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF CEMETERY SPACES.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider amending the current ordinance with respect to the reallocation of funds received from the sale of cemetery lots. He cited the need to add more revenue to the operations budget of the cemetery to pay for grounds maintenance. Currently the funds are allocated with 70% going to operations, 25% to the Permanent Fund and 5% to land acquisition. The change would increase the amount going to operations to 90% while reducing the Permanent Fund contribution to 10% and no additional monies dedicated to land acquisition. Mr. Dunaway believes the city has adequate land for future expansion at the current time. Council Member Osborn inquired about the possibility of selling the cemetery. At the end of the discussion, the general consensus was to move forward with the recommended changes as presented.

8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHARTER AMENDMENTS FOR MAY 11, 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.
Mr. Dunaway presented a review of the possible amendments to be included in an election. Citing the previous report from the Charter Review Committee he asked for direction on how to proceed. After much discussion, Council agreed to consider Propositions 1, 4, 6 and 7 as presented in the proposed Ordinance for a May election.

9. CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE CREATION OF A STREET UTILITY AND OTHER POSSIBILE FUNDING METHODS FOR THE STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.
Mr. Dunaway opened the discussion on whether or not to move forward with the creation of a street maintenance utility. He reminded Council that if they agree on the program and if they want to present the issue to voters in an election than a decision must be made before the deadline to order an election at the end of February. Discussion included the need to establish a proposed rate and mechanism to calculate this rate. Staff agreed to bring back an analysis of the funding options including the possibility of asking voters to

redirect a portion of the sales tax currently being allocated to the Taylor Economic Development Corporation.

10. 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.

    - Moehnke Cabinets Project

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under 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 551.074 to discuss personnel matters which may include the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

    - City Manager, Jim Dunaway.

    Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 8:28 pm.

12. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 9:28 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk