

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 9, 2014, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Don Hill, Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. 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 Brandt Rydell

Jeff Straub, Interim City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Bob vanTil led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 12, 2013.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2013-29 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 3609 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD ALSO KNOWN AS 3.06 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE SAMUEL A. PHARRASS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 496, CITY OF TAYLOR, FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-29

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 3609 OLD GEORGETOWN ROAD, CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FROM LOCAL BUSINESS B-1 TO GENERAL BUSINESS B-2; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE SEMI ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014.
4. APPROVE RESOLUTION R14-01 DESIGNATING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.
5. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER, 2013. Council Member Green moved to approve the consent agenda with corrections to the minutes as noted in item no. 13 regarding the address of the property described in Exhibit A of the Agreement from West 4th to East 4th Street. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATION

6. PROCLAMATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., DAY, JANUARY 20, 2014.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day to Reverend Tony Watson, Shorty Mitchell, Angelina Shelton, and Hugh Shelton.

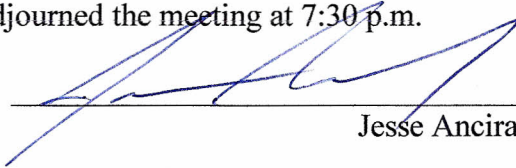
REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.
Mr. Gary Gola, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, presented an overview of the board activities over the past year. (Report attached to these minutes.)
8. RECEIVE UPDATE ON RECREATION ACTIVITIES.
Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, presented a summary of the past year revenue and expenses for the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. He also provided an update on actions being taken since the YMCA opted not to continue to provide programming in the community.
9. RECEIVE REPORT FROM FINANCE DEPARTMENT REGARDING CITY PURCHASING POLICIES.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented an overview of the policies in place for purchasing. She highlighted several cooperative purchasing agreements in place to assist staff in getting the lowest price when requests are put out on bid.
10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON TAYLOR 101 LEADERSHIP CLASS.
Ms. Esther Walton, Assistant to the City Manager, provided an update on the upcoming Leadership Class, Taylor 101. She reminded everyone that the first class is scheduled for January 28th. Council Member Green asked if student applications would be accepted and was assured that they would certainly be considered. Staff also indicated that plans are to provide video streaming of the class as well as access to the videotaped version on demand at a later date.
11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.
Mr. Stephen Dorman, Sledge Engineering, presented an update on capital improvement projects still underway.
12. DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
Mayor Ancira asked Council for additional items to be considered at future meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for an item to discuss the development of a citizen committee regarding streets as well as a discussion on a plan to use the Noble Trust Funds to fix cemetery streets. Council Member Rydell asked for consideration of the development of historic

preservation ordinances; and Mayor Ancira asked to have a staff update on the CARTS/AMTRAK project. Staff agreed to provide a rolling list of items mentioned during this agenda item so that they may be periodically reviewed.

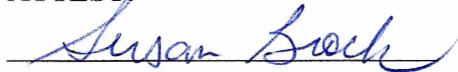
ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST,



Susan Brock, City Clerk

Good Evening, I am Gary Gola and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,

Last year Council reappointed all 11 positions to the Parks Board on at your March 14, 2013 meeting.

3 members were reinstated from the previous board and 8 new members were appointed.

Don Hill – Nelson Alexander; Kathleen Eason; Andrew Gonzales
Jesse Ancira – Gary Gola; Jennifer Jewett
Chris Osborn – Joseph Meller; Lonnie Zycha
Chris Gonzales – Kenny Orts; Daniel Philhower
Brandt Rydell – Jason Richter; Stayci Burris

Council also appointed a Student member to our Board in September and they started attending meetings in October. The new member has turned out to be a great resource to the board and has offered good ideas and points of view that were not previously available to us.

The Parks Board held meetings the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in April and thru November of 2013.

One special called meeting was also held in August at the request of the City Council to make a recommendation regarding the YMCA and the operation of the proposed Rec Center.

No meeting was held in December.

Early on the Parks Board adopted a mission statement which is “**The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is dedicated to the enrichment of our community through the efficient use of our Parks and Recreation resources.**”

During the year the board discussed strategic planning and identified and prioritized a handful of recommended projects such as:

- installing a frisbee golf course in an under-utilized portion of the Bull Branch park
- installing caution lights at high traffic street crossings along the hike-and-bike trail
- and installing shade coverings in Bull Branch and Murphy Parks by the playgrounds and by the basketball courts in Bull Branch and Robinson Parks

In July the Parks Board was approached by the *Good Life Organization* to help promote a 5K run. This organization was also looking for ideas on how to promote their events and how to locally share funds raised at their annual fair. Several Parks board members volunteered to help with the Good Life sponsored 5K run and as a result approximately \$4,200 was split between the animal shelter and earmarked for a shade structure in one of the parks. The run was held in October and there were almost 100 actual participants.

The Parks Board also discussed ideas on what to do with *Heritage Square Park* if the old city hall building were to be removed. The board recommendation to Council was to use the land to establish an outdoor amphitheater facility that could at some point in the future either be converted into or expanded to include a visitor center.

In August, at the request of the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society, the Parks board discussed and backed their recommendation to ask the City Council to place a Tex Avery Historical Marker in Heritage Park in coordination with the proposed amphitheater or whatever else this area is eventually used for.

The Parks Board also met with representatives from the Animal Shelter to discuss their proposal for a dog park. The Board asked that the Animal Shelter come back with more specifics on what is needed and more details on the preferred location and maintenance of such a facility.

At the request of city staff the Board was asked to discuss the issue of reduced entry fees to city pools for non-swimmers. The Board's recommendation was that all entrants pay the same fee due to capacity limitations and life guard ratio requirements.

The Parks Board has been working with city staff to bring the Parks and Recreation portion of the city's web site up to date and to make it more user friendly. This is an on-going project and city staff is doing a great job of incorporating our ideas.

The board has also been working with staff to start up city run leagues to replace those that were previously operated by the YMCA. The first league, for basketball, is starting now and due to a late start in Taylor, was merged with Hutto's league this year. Next year there should be ample time to run the league exclusively in Taylor. City staff is also currently working towards a local soccer league.

And now for a couple of things the Parks Board needs from the Council:

As you already know, late in 2012 the Parks Board was unable to conduct business due to a number of members being removed due to not meeting attendance requirements. The current Board has had much better success in maintaining quorums, but we do have some issues that will need to be addressed soon.

We have 3 members whose terms expire this month.

- 1 member is seeking reappointment and has been recommended by the board for reappointment.
- 1 other member has asked to not be reappointed due to new projects at work that will not allow them to dedicate the time needed to serve on this board.
- And the 3rd member was not recommended for reappointment by the board due to their missing too many meetings.
- Additionally the Board is asking that Council replace 1 member whose term is not yet up, but was only able to attend 1 meeting last year due to health reasons and other obligations.

The details of these member appointments will be laid out in the minutes from the Boards November meeting and will be made available to you after approval at our meeting next week.

And finally, the Parks Board feels that it is time to revisit the Parks Master Plan to bring it up to date. The current master plan was developed around 2005 and had a life of 5 to 7 years. If the Council chooses to update that master plan the Parks Board is ready to participate however we are needed.