The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 8, 2015, 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

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: HONORING FRED SWITZER.
   Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation recognizing Mr. Fred Switzer's retirement from 62 years in local radio broadcasting as the "Voice of Taylor".

2. PROCLAMATION: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, JANUARY 19, 2015.
   Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to those individuals responsible for the MLK Celebration planned in Taylor on Monday, January 19.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Debbie and Joey Kenkel, 1706 Davis, requested police assistance in getting drivers to slow down on Davis Street, North of Lake Drive. Mr. Matthew Temple, 4402 Kings Canyon Drive, applauded the Taylor Police Department for the work they do and suggested that a Neighborhood Watch Program could be initiated to assist with the prevention of burglaries. Mr. Bo Brasfield, 3006 Davis, spoke on behalf of Mr. Chester Barber who wanted to express his appreciation to the Fire, Police, and Emergency Personnel who responded so quickly to a fire in his home.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 11, 2014.
4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-21 REGARDING A REQUEST FROM BO BRASFIELD, REPRESENTING THE PROPERTY OWNER, EQUITY TRUST COL, CUSTODIAN PAUL MILSAP, IRA, TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1900 N. MAIN STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS AW0065 BAKER, WM. J. SURVEY, .575 ACRES, WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2001-17 BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ON APRIL 24, 2001 AS HERETOFORE AMENDED, BY CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS AW0065 BAKER, WM. J. SUR., ACRES .575, LOCATED AT 1900 N. MAIN STREET,

SITUATED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, FROM LOCAL BUSINESS (B-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (B-2) DISTRICT.

5. CONSIDER RENEWING THE 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH G(PIES), INC.
6. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR NOVEMBER 2014.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. RECEIVE FINAL REPORT FROM THE STREET RECONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE.
   Mr. Thomas introduced Mr. Ed Komandosky, Chair of the committee, who presented highlights from the final report produced by the Street Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales requested a discussion of financing options for streets be added to the Strategic Plan session.

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

8. CONSIDER CONTRACT EXTENSION, A RATE INCREASE, AND A RECYCLING PROGRAM WITH PROGRESSIVE WASTE SOLUTIONS.
   Council considered this item at two previous meetings and requested more time to review recycling options and comparative pricing on services. Mr. Turner made a recommendation to approve the contract tonight with the option to consider rebidding these services at a future date. Staff verified that the current contract term expires in February 2016 and the request before them was to extend that contract term through January 2017.

   Council Member Rydell moved to approve the rate increase of 1% without recycling and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed. It was noted that the request to extend the contract for one additional year failed for a lack of motion. Mayor Ancira requested that staff continue to work on the details of the contract and council will continue the discussion at the Strategic Plan session.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE WEST END SCHOOL BUILDING.
   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Development Services, presented an overview of the recent activities regarding the future of the West End School Building located on 4th Street. Council Member Green presented the possibility of an option to consider working with a local developer who may be interested in repurposing the structure into housing while Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales expressed his preference to remove the structure and convert the property to parkland.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve the agreement with Sparks Engineering not to exceed $3200 and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; one vote NO (Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales). Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-2 AND THE FINANCING OF THE CAPITAL PURCHASE/LEASE EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE APPARATUS .
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a request from the Fire Department to approve a resolution that would authorize the city to enter into a lease agreement with the Community Leasing Partners group to acquire new equipment. The equipment under consideration is to replace the 1999 Quint with a custom-built 2015 Pierce UC 105 Aerial device with a two-year warranty at a cost of $1,030,100.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R15-2 as presented and the financing agreement with Community Leasing Partners for fire apparatus with additional clarification of the type of equipment. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING CURRENT FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM REGULATIONS.
Chief Pat Ekiss, Fire Department, presented an overview of current regulations regarding fire suppression systems. Ms. Cindy Giedraitis with the National Fire Sprinkler Association spoke on the importance of these regulations that help save lives and property. Mr. Albert Janeka, 301 CR 404, expressed his concern that these types of regulations may discourage future development in the city limits. Mayor Ancira asked staff to continue to seek options and to work with and educate the public to make these regulations more acceptable. No action or vote was taken on this item.

12. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-03 CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCIL MEMBER FROM DISTRICT 2 AND ONE FROM DISTRICT 3.
Ms. Susan Brock, City Clerk, presented a request to approve a resolution calling an election for two council members whose terms expire in May, 2015. The May 9 election is for Districts 2 and 3 and candidates must live in the district in which they seek office. Applications will be accepted by the City Clerk from January 28 through February 27.

Council Member Green moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mayor Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SETTING CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 BUDGET PREPARATION.
Ms. Dennis presented a proposed calendar for the budget preparation process for the 2015/2016 fiscal year. The process is scheduled to begin earlier than last year in order to allow council more time to review the information.

Council Member Green moved to approve the Budget calendar as amended (Strategic Plan workshop dates were changed to February 18 and 19) and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. DISCUSS STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP PLANS.
Mr. Turner presented an update on the plan to hold a strategic planning session. He stated that two proposals were received and his preference was the plan submitted by Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to conduct the sessions on February 18 and 19 for a cost of $6,000. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the plan from SGR as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. His own topics included a request for a presentation on the code enforcement process. Council Member Green asked for an update on way finder signs, the vacant building code, and the possibility of developing a painting code.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:35 pm.)

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION. 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 Titanium

17. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 9:07 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk