

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on November 24, 2009 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez
Council Member Christopher Gonzales
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member John McDonald

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward to address the Council during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9 AND NOVEMBER 12, 2009.
2. ORDINANCE 2009-27, AMENDING SIGN ORDINANCE FOR INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20 TO ALLOW ANY NUMBER OR COMBINATION OF FREESTANDING AND LOW PROFILE SIGNS IN NON-RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AT LEAST 150 FEET APART ON PARCELS WITH STREET FRONTAGE OF MORE THAN 150'; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2009.
4. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-27 AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE COMPLETE CENSUS COMMITTEE FOR FUNDS.
5. CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM OVERFLOW CREATIVE FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF SIGN DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.

Council Member McDonald 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 & CONSIDER/ACTION:

6. CONDUCT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 2,391 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH ALONG BOTH SIDES OF MAIN STREET, THE EAST ALONG BOTH SIDES OF US 79, ON THE SOUTH TO THE WEST OF US 95, AND ON THE WEST ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF CR 101 ON BOTH SIDES OF CR 395 AND PROVIDING A SERVICE PLAN.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Dunaway to make a presentation regarding the most

frequently asked questions on annexation. Immediately after the presentation, Mayor Hortenstine declared the public hearing open and accepted comments from all those wishing to speak grouped by specific sections under consideration for annexation. Prior to any comments made regarding sections A3-1 and C3 Mayor Pro Tem Jez recused herself due to a conflict of interest as a property owner. At the end of the citizen comment period, Ms. Jez rejoined the meeting.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-28 AUTHORIZING THE CONDEMNATION OF A 0.618 ACRE TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS SURVEY ABSTRACT 665, TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS OWNED BY JOSH RICHARDS FOR A DRAINAGE EASEMENT TO BE USED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS.

Mr. Hejl presented a request for Council to consider allowing him to go forward, if necessary, with condemnation proceedings to obtain the last easement necessary to move forward with the Second Street construction project. Mr. Hejl plans to continue negotiations and will use this measure only as a last resort.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R09-28 and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPOINTING A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CAPCOG CLEAN AIR COALITION.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, made a request to Council to consider appointing one of themselves and a staff member to the Clean Air Coalition.

Council Member Gonzales nominated Bob vanTil as staff representative and Council Member McDonald moved to nominate Council Member Don Hill to the Clean Air Coalition. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-26 AND CAST VOTES FOR WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT (WCAD) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request for Council to cast their 40 votes for a nominee to be elected to the WCAD Board of Directors.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to continue to support Deborah Hunt and cast all forty (40) votes in her favor and Council McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR DECEMBER.

Due to the Christmas holidays, Council discussed the possibility of changing the dates for the regular council meetings in December. Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to set the dates for regular council meetings as December 10 and December 17th with the possibility of calling a meeting on December 22nd only if needed. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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 551.087 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect: Project Remington.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551.071 of the Local Government Code, in order to meet with it's 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: Center Point, Inc. and EWCHEC.

Having indicated a need to retire into Executive Session, Council adjourned into closed session at 7:17 p.m.

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II.
Council returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during Executive Session. He then reconvened the meeting in open session and Council took no action on any item discussed during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk