

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 23, 2014, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. 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 Donald Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11, 2014.

Mayor Ancira encouraged active and retired veterans to come forward to participate in the reading of the proclamation.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Ancira offered those who had signed up to address the Council an opportunity to speak at this time or, if their concern was regarding a specific agenda item, to speak when that item was under discussion. Ms. Deborah Stewart, 920 Howard, presented a request for Council to consider establishing a "quiet zone" for the railroad crossing at Main Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2014.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-17 REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE SPJST TO REZONE A 15.735-ACRE TRACT OF LAND FROM THE JOHN PHARRASS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 495, IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY FROM SINGLE FAMILY (R-1) TO MULTI FAMILY (MF-1).

Ms. Laura Rouse-DeVore, Deputy Building Official, presented a request from the SPJST to rezone property adjacent to their existing facility. Mr. Woody Richards, administrator for the SPJST facility, stated that the existing structure was built in 1957 and is in need of major changes. The rezone is necessary to allow a more dense type of development. Mayor Ancira opened the public hearing; hearing no public comment the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-17

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 A 15.735-ACRE TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND OUT OF THE JOHN PHARRASS SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 495, SITUATED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, FROM SINGLE-FAMILY (R1) TO MULTI-FAMILY (MF-1) DISTRICT.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. CONSIDER AGREEMENT REGARDING HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX WITH THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Turner presented a request to approve the agreement without any change in the amount of funds directed to the Chamber. He stated that the current 75% to the Chamber and 25% to the City helps fund the Main Street program initiatives as well as provide partial payment for the rebranding effort currently underway. Ms. Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, Chair Elect of the Chamber Board, stressed the need for increased funding to develop a more aggressive marketing campaign. Ms. Nancci Maloney, Marketing Chair, spoke to the need for additional funding to expand their programs including the establishment of a visitor center downtown.

Mr. Turner reminded chamber board members that they are encouraged to bring back specific programs in need of additional funding throughout the year for further council consideration. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to renew the agreement as presented with no change in the percentage of funds allotted to the Chamber and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RFQ'S RECEIVED FOR THE 7TH STREET CAMPUS FACILITIES PROJECT.

Mr. Turner provided Council three options for reviewing the proposals received regarding the 7th Street Campus facility. He stated that the school district has already appointed three members to participate in a joint review committee. Mr. Turner proposed 1) appoint two council members and the city manager; 2) appoint two council members and one other member other than staff; and 3) do not appoint any committee and arrange for the full school board and full council to meet together to review the proposals with the task force presenting their comments to these two decision making bodies and to provide guidelines to staff to negotiate with the firm and bring back the agreement for further action.

Mr. Joe Burgess, 905 Davis, recommended that Council appoint Ms. Janetta McCoy to the review committee. Ms. McCoy urged council to accept input from the task force.

Council Member Green moved to hold joint meetings with the TISD Board and City Council to discuss and review the merits of the RFQ's and to weigh feedback from the public and task force that will culminate in a joint solution to repurpose the campus. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-20 RENEWING THE DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN.

Mr. Danny Thomas presented a request to introduce an ordinance that renews the existing Drought Contingency Plan that was first adopted in 2002. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires the city meet and comply with state regulations regarding drought and emergency planning. There have been no changes in the plan and this is a renewal of the existing plan. Council had questions about future water sources in the event of emergency; city staff said they would bring back information regarding the existing artesian wells and their availability.

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-20

DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, REGULATING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER SUPPLY RESOURCES IN RESPONSE TO DROUGHT AND EMERGENCY SHORTAGE CONDITIONS; ADDRESSING RETAIL AND WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS; PRESCRIBING COORDINATION WITH REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUPS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PRESCRIBING CRITERIA FOR THE INITIATION AND TERMINATION OF DROUGHT RESPONSE STAGES, INCLUDING SUPPLY REDUCTIONS, PRODUCTION /DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LIMITATIONS, SUPPLY SOURCE CONTAMINATION, AND SYSTEM OUTAGE; PRESCRIBING NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES; PRESCRIBING SUPPLY/DEMAND MANAGEMENT RESPONSE MEASURES IMPLEMENTED DURING EACH STAGE TO INCLUDE CURTAILMENT OF NON-ESSENTIAL WATER USES; PRESCRIBING FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCES IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY SHORTAGE CONDITIONS; PRESCRIBING ALLOCATION PROCEDURES INCLUDING PRO RATA CURTAILMENT; CONTAINING ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS; PRESCRIBING CRITERIA FOR THE GRANTING OF VARIANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

7. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R14-16 AMENDING THE 2009 WATER CONSERVATION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ).

Mr. Thomas presented a request to amend the 2009 Water Conservation Plan as presented. The firm of KSA Engineers was hired to review the existing plan and make necessary changes to meet requirements outlined by the TCEQ. Council requested staff to look into a progressive rate structure for future discussion.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the resolution and plan as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE ON FUTURE DISPOSITION OF WEST END SCHOOL CAMPUS.

Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Planning and Development, presented an update on the results of the public meetings held regarding the West End School. He stated the next steps are to determine the structural integrity of the building and to secure a broker's opinion to assess the value of the structure before moving forward. He estimates the requests for proposals to conduct an engineering study should be completed by the end of the year and a final report presented to Council early next year. No further action was taken on this item.

9. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS OF TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Ms. Brock presented an overview of the CAPCOG organization and requested council action to confirm two appointments to the General Assembly. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to reappoint Council Member Hill and to appoint Council Member Rydell to replace himself. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH.

Ms. Brock presented an overview of the WCCHD organization and requested council confirm an appointment to the Board of Health. The current representative from Taylor is Ms. Pam Sanford who has served 8 years; one application was received from Ms. Adriana Weiner. Council expressed their appreciation to Ms. Sanford for her years of service and her willingness to continue to serve if reappointed. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to appoint Ms. Weiner to the Board of Health and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM PFENNIG ESTATE TO TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY AND APPROVE REQUEST FOR USE OF FUNDS.

Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to council to formally accept a second donation from the Pfennig Estate. The first donation was received in August 2014 in the amount of \$15,332.47 and funds were used to purchase library materials.

Council Member Green moved to accept the donation of \$33,718.95 and asked Ms. Ellis to bring back a list of items to be purchased with these funds. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

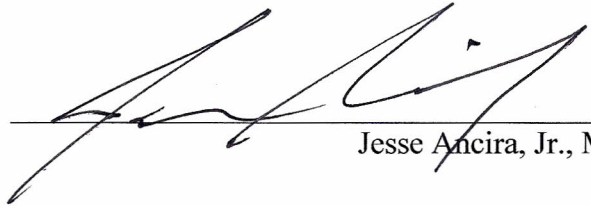
12. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items to bring back for further discussion. He asked staff to research the subject of creating a railroad "quiet zone" and Council Member Rydell would like to know what the decibel level is for trains at Main and 2nd Street. Council Member Green requested an update on street projects including a schedule of work being performed. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for any additional information regarding the West

End School be bought back; and staff was instructed to provide information regarding progressive water rates.

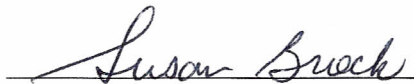
ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk