The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 23, 2007 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Hortenstine, Mayor Bernabe Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Donald Hill	Frank Salvato, City Manager
Council Member Ella Jez	Assistant City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member John McDonald	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
	City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION
Mr. Bob van Til led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 9, 2007.
   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-28 AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATIONS AND FURTHER DIRECTING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE CITY'S INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2007.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finances, presented a request to Council regarding the posting of a notice to issue $10 million in Certificates of Obligation. Funds are to be used for water and wastewater improvements as well as park improvements.

   Without further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve Resolution R07-28 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

3. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-30 EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR.
   In conjunction with the previous Resolution, Ms. Dennis presented a request to approve a separate resolution to authorize reimbursement of costs for the projects funded with the certificates of obligation. These projects include the Mustang Creek Wastewater Interceptor, Upper Pressure Plane Water System, Murphy Park Elevated water storage tank, Old Granger Road water main and inflow/infiltration issues. Ms. Dennis added that improvements to East Williamson Regional Park are also included in this debt issuance.

   Without further discussion, Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R07-30 and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2007-31 REGARDING REQUEST BY THOMAS FOYT TO REZONE LOTS 4 7 5, BLOCK 18, CITY OF TAYLOR, ALSO KNOWN AS 311 AND 315 VANCE STREET, FROM MF2 (MULTIFAMILY 2 WITH R1 MANUFACTURED HOUSING OVERLAY) TO B3, CENTRAL BUSINESS.
Mayor Gonzales recused himself from the discussion on this item due to a conflict in interest as an employee of the bank involved in the sale of this property. Mayor Pro Tem Hill assumed his role and Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a zoning change request from Mr. Thomas Foyt that would allow him to build a new office for his dental practice on property located in the 311 block of Vance Street. Mr. Elsden reported that this request is consistent with the future land use map and that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request at their October 9th meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill declared the Public Hearing open and Mr. Hejl read the caption to Ordinance 2007-31. Mr. John Sanford addressed the Council regarding the use of this property and expressed his support for the project. With no further citizen comment, Mayor Pro Tem Hill declared the Pubic Hearing closed and Ordinance 2007-31 officially introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-31

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 LOTS 4 AND 5, BLOCK 18, CITY OF TAYLOR, LOCATED AT 311 AND 315 VANCE STREET, TWO LOTS MEASURING 45' X 125', 0.2398 ACRES, FROM MULTI FAMILY 2 (MF2) WITH R1/MHS MANUFACTURED HOUSING OVERLAY TO CENTRAL BUSINESS (B3).

Mayor Gonzales rejoined the meeting.

5. CONSIDER UPDATE FROM ATMOS REGARDING EXTENSION OF GAS SERVICE TO AREAS OF THE CITY NOT CURRENTLY SERVED.
Mr. Dunaway provided historical background information on this item and Mr. Randy Hartford with ATMOS Energy was present to respond to questions. Mr. Hartford stated that he is continuing to gather information on the costs and possible funding options for extending gas to the area and has also been in contact with Mr. John Taylor who was instrumental in getting the petition from residents. Council Member Jez asked that we look for alternative funding options to help citizens who are interested in this service. This item was for information only and no formal action was taken.

6. CONSIDER DENIAL (VIA INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2007-29), SUSPENSION (VIA RESOLUTION R07-27) OR APPROVAL (VIA INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2007-30) OF A REQUEST TO INCREASE RATES BY ATMOS.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider taking action regarding a proposed rate increase by ATMOS. Council was provided with information on different options available including

joining with the ATM cities requesting the increase be denied, suspending any action by way of resolution, or approving the increase by way of Ordinance or taking no action. Representatives from ATMOS were present to respond to questions and provide additional details regarding the rate increase. After much discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve Resolution R07-27 to suspend and to bring back for additional consideration within ninety days. Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER CITY WIDE 'SHOP LOCAL' CAMPAIGN.
Ms. Tracy Terry, Main Street Coordinator, presented a request to approve a new campaign to encourage citizens to shop local. The timing of the program is of particular interest to keep as many tax dollars in town during the busy holiday season. Ms. Terry hopes to be able to expand the program for the remainder of the year and provided a copy of the brochure designed to encourage merchants to participant. Council Member Jez asked for Ms. Terry to also consider conducting a survey of shoppers to see what types of businesses or products they need in Taylor that might encourage them to shop locally.

Council Member Jez moved to approve the "Shop Local" campaign and Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-29 APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM-METROPOLITAN MOBILITY (STP-MM) FUNDS.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider approving by Resolution the submittal of a grant application to CAMPO for funding to extend a sidewalk on SH 95 or Main Street north to the Carlos G. Parker Loop. Council Member McDonald expressed a concern for the ability of the City to obtain the necessary easements or right of way to build the project as well as a concern for increased hazardous conditions with sidewalks crossing parking lot entrances and exits. Mayor Gonzales expressed the need for a solution to getting people out of the highway and Council Member Jez thought it might even bring more customers to the businesses along the planned route. Ms. Judy Langford was present to respond to questions concerning the grant and stated that there is a 25% match required and the application deadline is October 31. Even with unanswered questions, Ms. Langford encouraged Council to at least consider submitting the application with the option to withdraw it before the actual grant award next year. This option would allow staff additional time to gather information regarding the feasibility and proposed funding of the project.

Council Member Jez moved to approve Resolution R07-29 with the 25% matching funds to come from reserves and Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; One voted NO (Council Member McDonald). Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN LOCAL UPDATE OF CENSUS ADDRESS PROGRAM.
Mr. vanTil provided Council with information regarding the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Address (LUCA) Program. LUCA is a partnership program that allows participating cities to review and update the list of housing units and addresses that the Census Bureau will use to deliver the 2010 questionnaires. One advantage to participating in this part of the program is the ability of the City to gain a much more accurate count during the next census. Staff recommends that David Weber be the designated Program Liaison with John Elsden as his alternate and additional reviewers to include Frank Salvato, Jim Dunaway, Susan Brock, and

Bob van Til.

Council Member Jez moved to approve participating in the LUCA program using Option 1 as presented designating David Weber as the primary contact and John Elsden, Alternate, with Frank Salvato, Jim Dunaway, Susan Brock, and Mr. vanTil as reviewers. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CITY OF HUTTO'S APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT (WCCHD).

Mr. Dunaway presented a request from the WCCHD Board to approve an application from the City of Hutto to join. As a participating member, the City of Taylor must formally vote on all new membership applications. Our local representative, Ms. Pam Sanford, was present to respond to questions if needed. It was noted that if approved, the Cities of Hutto and Liberty Hill will be able to combine their memberships and qualify for a single voting entity on the Board.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve the City of Hutto application and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR THE BULL BRANCH HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL PROJECT.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, and Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting City Engineer, presented a review of bids received for the Bull Branch Hike and Bike Trail project. All bids submitted came in above the amount planned and Mr. Sledge offered numerous suggestions as to how to reduce the cost without affecting the integrity of the final project. He offered one option to allow city staff to complete some of the work included in the original project bid. Staff agreed to continue to work on reducing the overall cost of specific bid items.

Council Member McDonald moved to award the base bid of $206,627 to Patin Construction with an additional amount up to $60,000 from the sale of parkland fund in order to fund the additional items designated by Council. Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR THE MURPHY AND ROBINSON PARKS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS.

Mr. Sledge stated that three companies submitted bids for the contract to renovate Murphy and Robinson Parks. He noted that all were over the amount planned and provided Council with alternative options for completing the work. However, after further discussion, council agreed to expand the project with funds from the previous sale of parkland. A second basketball court was proposed for Murphy Park and items to be added to Robinson Park include a volleyball court, and more benches and picnic tables. In addition, Council Member Jez asked staff to investigate the possibility of modifying the existing bathrooms at Robinson Pool for use by those visiting the new playscape to be installed nearby.

Council Member McDonald moved to award the base bid of $789,117.28 to PBC with additional add ons and contingencies as specified not to exceed a total of $855,000. Council

Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE.
Council Member Jez expressed her concern regarding the attendance record of Ms. Norma Shorts and Council agreed not to take any action at this time but to continue to seek new applicants.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.
Mayor Gonzales adjourned into closed session at 8:10 p.m. to address the following items:
a) The Taylor City Council will conduct 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 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.

b) The Taylor City Council will conduct 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 deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

Mayor Gonzales called the meeting back to order and to resume in open session at 9:06 p.m. and announced that no action had been taken during the closed meetings.

15. CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Gonzales polled the Council for further discussion or action and there was none.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk