

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 22, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Brandt Rydell, Mayor Jesse Ancira 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 Don Hill

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Susan Brock, City Clerk
Ted Hejl, City Attorney

INVOCATION

Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and Council Member Hill presented a proclamation recognizing Veterans Day in the City of Taylor on November 11, 2015.

2. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK, OCTOBER 18-24, 2015.

Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, and members of the Friends of the Taylor Public Library declaring October 18-24 2015 as National Friends of the Library Week.

3. PROCLAMATION: ARBOR DAY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2015.

Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, declaring Arbor Day in the City of Taylor on Saturday, November 7, 2015.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO THE 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH G-PIES, INC.

5. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-15 REGARDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015.

ORDINANCE 2015-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2014, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

6. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-21 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 220 E. 4TH STREET REGARDING CUSTOM MANUFACTURING.

ORDINANCE 2015-21

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY BEING THE WEST PORTIONS OF LOTS 1-3, BLOCK 14, CITY OF TAYLOR ADDITION ALSO KNOWN AS 220 E. 4TH STREET SUITE B, TAYLOR, TEXAS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS FOR CUSTOM MANUFACTURING AND ASSEMBLY OF GOODS; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

7. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 8, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. Council Member Green proposed an amendment to the motion to add the dollar amount (\$13,000) to the Minutes for October 8th regarding the proposal submitted by Black Stallion. The amendment was accepted and a vote taken: VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

8. DISCUSS FUNDING OPTIONS FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Turner invited Mr. Doug Frasier, President of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce, to present a report from a task force on the Transportation User Fee rates. In addition to the development of a tiered approach, the task force emphasized the need to set maximum caps, the appointment of an appeals board, and the ability to review the fee every five years. Other thoughts included the need for the city to allocate funds to include a budget to cover the cost of street maintenance as well as the development of an in-house street department.

Mr. Sean Stockard, President of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC), stated that he would be presenting a request to his Board of Directors to support the reduction of sales tax allocation to the TEDC by 1/8 cent that could be directed to street maintenance.

Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, provided a chart comparing the original Trip Generation Method, the Chamber Method, and a Modified Tier for determining the User Fee on a tiered basis. Council Member Green requested additional information on each tier and information on what criteria was used to determine the categories.

Mayor Ancira invited those who had signed up to come forward at this time. Speakers expressing concern over the fee included Mr. Ross Flint, 800 Mallard Lane, Mr. Albert Janecka, 301 CR 404, Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, and Mr. Norman Klotz, 8008 Thorndale Road. Mr. Gola distributed a handout to Council with his own chart of tiered rates. Hearing no further comments Mayor Ancira announced at 7:36 p.m. that the Council would be retiring to closed session to discuss specific legal aspects of this subject with the city attorney.

Mayor Ancira resumed the meeting in open session at 8:19 p.m. and said that no action was taken during the closed session. He announced that Council is requesting more time to review the information received and would like to bring this issue back for further discussion at the December 10th council meeting.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-12 ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION USER FEE ASSESSED AGAINST, AND COLLECTED FROM, OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF BENEFITTED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

This item was tabled and will be brought back at the December 10th council meeting.

10. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-13 ESTABLISHING RATES, POLICIES, AND METHODOLOGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2015-12.

This item was tabled and will be brought back at the December 10th council meeting.

11. CONSIDER RENEWING AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGARDING HOTEL/MOTEL TAX.

Mr. Turner presented a request to consider renewing the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Hotel/Motel Tax. He stated that in 2009-2010 a revision was made to the portion of the agreement that requires that all funds collected from sporting events at city-owned facilities be maintained by the City. This provision was never implemented because no methodology to determine the amounts was ever developed.

In the proposed agreement, wording was added which requires City staff to work with Chamber representatives to develop a methodology to determine the amount of revenues collected from sporting events held on city-owned facilities.

Performance/evaluation standards will be developed during the course of this agreement that will assess the products (i.e. brochures and pamphlets) and subsequently the impact of the promotional efforts under this contract.

City staff is working with Chamber staff to ascertain what products the hotel occupancy tax is funding. Once the analysis of the funding is complete, evaluation of the effectiveness can be determined. The current agreement stipulates that the City will pay the Chamber seventy-five percent (75%) of the Hotel/Motel taxes collected by the City, but the amount collected shall exclude the amounts derived from sporting events during

the term of the contract. Amount allocated to the Chamber the last fiscal year was \$41,646 and their 2015/2016 fiscal year budget \$56,250.

Council Member Green moved to approve the agreement with a request to develop a methodology regarding the sporting event within 120 days and to cap the funding of 75% of the tax received from the city at \$50,000. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; one vote NO (Gonzales). Motion passed.

12. RECEIVE POST INCIDENT ANALYSIS REPORT REGARDING THE MAY STORM EVENT.

Chief Ekiss, Fire Department, presented an overview of how the city responded during the event as well as mitigation efforts conducted by city crews, service partners and the structure of the support and assistance teams that came together for storms that occurred in May.

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

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

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Hearing none, he asked Mr. Turner to continue to move forward with joint meetings with the TISD, Taylor Housing Authority, and the TEDC.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:50 pm.)

14. 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 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

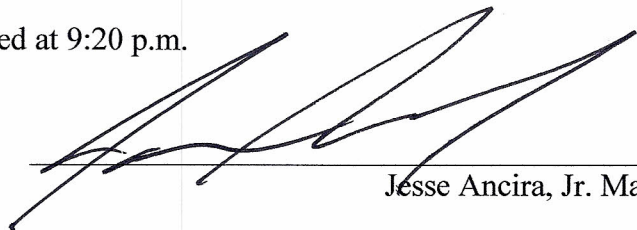
- City Manager evaluation

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 9:19 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session. He stated that the Council opted to wait until the entire Council is seated before conducting Mr. Turner's evaluation. This item will be added to the next Council meeting on November 12.

ADJOURN

Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk