The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 21, 2008, 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 Jez	Frank Salvato, City Manager
Council Member Bernabe Gonzales	Assistant City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Don Hill	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member John McDonald	City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(Mayor Hortenstine stated that he had just returned from an out of town trip and was not adequately prepared for the meeting and requested that Mayor Pro Tem Jez take over as Chair.)

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Frank Chavonec requested assistance in getting street repairs completed and a definition of the difference between a failed street and one in need of resurfacing. Mr. Salvato requested that staff contact Mr. Chavonec with information regarding his concerns.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 7, 2008 AND OCTOBER 9, 2008.
2. ORDINANCE 2008-32 APPROVING CHANGES TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2008-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ORDINANCE 2004-27 MODIFYING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. RECOGNIZE NEW POLICE OFFICERS.
   Chief Jeff Straub introduced three of the four new officers who successfully completed the Academy and State licensing requirements. Those present included Officers Coty Brown, Maris Heyward, and Bryon Totty. Officer Tommy Harms was absent due to a death in his family.

4. CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION R08-14 TO RENEW AND UPDATE INVESTMENT POLICY.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to renew the City investment policy. Changes to the policy this year include a statement under Section C that reads "Selection of brokers/dealers must be licensed and in good standing with the Texas Department of Securities, the Securities Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers or other applicable self-regulatory organization."

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Resolution R08-14 as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER ADOPTING AN IDENTITY THEFT 'RED FLAGS' PROGRAM.
Ms. Dennis presented a request to adopt a program developed by the Federal Trade Commission designed to prevent identity theft. As part of the program, an Identity Theft Prevention Committee has been formed and includes the Finance Director, Police Captain, General Services Director, and the Utility Billing Manager. As mandated by the FTC the program must be in place no later than November 1, 2008 and updated at least every two years or sooner if needed to address changing risks.

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

6. CONSIDER APPOINTING COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR NAMING STREETS.
Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to Council to consider appointing a committee to assist in the development of guidelines to name roadways in newly annexed areas as well as for changing or assigning names to other city streets already in existence.

Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Jez, Mr. Elsden, Bob vanTil, Casey Sledge, Don McAlister, Jim Dunaway, Chief Watson, and one citizen appointed by the Mayor to serve on this committee. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2008-37 REGARDING CROSSWALKS.
Chief Straub presented a draft ordinance to address the issue of safety on Highway 95 between the Mallard Lane and T. H. Johnson Drive. The crosswalk in mid block in front of the high school was removed and recently relocated by the Texas Department of Transportation to the corner of Mallard Lane and Main Street. This Ordinance is an effort to empower police and school personnel by requiring pedestrians to use the crosswalk at the corner or risk a fine.

Mr. Hejl read the caption to Ordinance 2008-37 and Mayor Pro Tem Jez declared the ordinance introduced.

ORDINANCE 2008-37

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PEDESTRIANS TO USE THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CROSSING INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 95 AND MALLARD LANE IN TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR CROSSING HIGHWAY 95 IN THE 3000 TO 3200 BLOCKS OF HIGHWAY 95; PROVIDING FOR A FINE OR PENALTY OF THIS ORDINANCE AS A MISDEMEANOR NOT TO EXCEED $500.00 FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, IN WHICH EVENT THE PENALTY SHALL BE FIXED BY STATE LAW AND IF DEEMED A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISIONAL LAW THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING. OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, THE PENALTY SHALL NOT EXCEED THE SUM OF $2,000.00 FOR EACH

OFFENSE; HAVING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

8. CONDUCT DISCUSSION REGARDING CURRENT AND FUTURE BOND SALES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (MUSTANG CREEK WASTEWATER INTERCEPTOR, EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL PARK, SLOAN STREET, UPPER PRESSURE PLANE, SECOND STREET, THE EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER UTILITIES, STP-MM GRANT AND VARIOUS UTILITY BORES) AND THEIR IMPACT ON UTILITY RATES AND PROPERTY TAX RATE.
   Mr. Salvato opened the discussion with a review of current and future projects and estimated costs to complete these projects. Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting engineer, provided a variety of scenarios on how the projects could be phased in and funding bundled to the best financial advantage for the City. No specific recommendations were made and additional information will be provided at the time when bond sales are being considered.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.

10. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I.
    Council passed on this agenda item.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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.

    Mayor Pro Tem Jez adjourned Council into Executive Sessions II and III at 7:26 p.m.

12. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION II.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION III.
    The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its 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
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14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION III.
    Mayor Pro Tem Jez reconvened Council into open session and stated that no action was taken on any mater discussed in Executive Session II or III.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Pro Tem Jez adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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Ella Jez, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk