The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 9, 2014, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. In the absence of Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: OCTOBER 11, 2014 IS TAYLOR ARBOR DAY.
   Mr. Mike De Vito, Recreation Superintendent, accepted the proclamation from the Mayor Pro Tem and encouraged citizens to come out and support this event.

2. PROCLAMATION: OCTOBER IS "JUST DRIVE: DON'T BE DISTRACTED" MONTH.
   Ms. Deilla Abbott with Scott and White Healthcare accepted the proclamation and invited citizens to participate in this national event by encouraging teens not to be distracted by cell phones and texting while driving.

3. PROCLAMATION: UNITED WAY IS CELEBRATING 75 YEARS IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY.
   Ms. Leann Powers accepted the proclamation from the Mayor Pro Tem and invited citizens to attend a special event in Taylor on Friday, October 10 at the 120 ART building.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales 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. Mr. John Jones, 1010 Cecelia Street, came forward during this time to speak about an issue he has encountered with the Permit and Development office. Ms. Martha Mahan, 500 W. Commerce, Apt. 23, Granger, spoke in support of saving the Senior Center during the review of proposals regarding the 7th Street Facility. The remaining individuals requested time to speak during their respective agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2014.
5. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-16 SETTING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-16

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-18 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 24, 2013 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

6. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-18 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE 2013/2014 FISCAL YEAR.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-19 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 10, 2013, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014; 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.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

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

Mr. Turner asked Council to consider appointing three members to a committee responsible for reviewing the proposals received regarding the 7th Street Campus facility. He stated that the school district has already appointed three members and were ready to meet once the committee is fully seated. Council Member Green asked to delay any action until the full council was in attendance. Ms. Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, urged council to move forward with the process and appoint at least one member from the Task Force to the review committee. Ms. Nancii Maloney, 905 Davis, and Mr. Ed Hile, 106 E. 2nd St., issued their support for the Task Force appointee as well.

Council Member Green expressed concern for having a plan as to what the city's role will be in moving the project forward. Council Member Rydell moved to appoint three members to the review committee: Isaac Turner, City Manager, Ms. Janetta McCoy, and one council member. He stated that he would accept the appointment of council as the interim until the next meeting when all council members are present. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Two voted Aye; One vote NO. Motion was lost. Council members agreed to bring this item back at the October 23rd meeting for further discussion.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND RENAMING THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EVENTS CENTER IN HONOR OF BILL PICKETT.

Mr. De Vito presented a request from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to have the City Council submit a request to Judge Gattis to name the Arena at the Williamson County Events Center in honor of Bill Pickett. Mr. Gerald Anderson, member of the Pickett family, entered his support for this effort and offered his assistance if needed to help present the request to the county commissioners.

Council Member Rydell moved to request the renaming of the Williamson County Events Center Arena in honor of William Pickett; however, if the Commissioners choose to do differently the City Council requests that some significant venue at the events center be name in honor of Mr. Pickett and that on behalf of the Taylor City Council the Mayor convey this request to the Williamson County Commission. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. UPDATE ON CURRENT FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM REGULATIONS.
Chief Ekiss presented an update to council regarding current regulations in place for fire suppression or sprinkler systems in commercial buildings. Information included comparisons of other cities and how our requirements are generally consistent with their codes. Mr. Albert Janecka, 301 CR 404, expressed his concern for enforcing these regulations and the effect it may have on existing businesses interested in expanding their facilities. No formal action was taken on this item and it was received as an informational report.

10. CONSIDER FUTURE OF COFFEE CHAT PROGRAM.
Ms. Esther Walton, Assistant to the City Manager, presented a report on the weekend Coffee Chat program. Low attendance was a concern and the fact that several other programs may be meeting the same needs. The general consensus was that the program might need some changes to the format and/or frequency. Council Member Green moved to discontinue the program for the remainder of 2014 and to reconsider the format for 2015. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked council members for any items to bring back for further discussion. Council Members Rydell and Green were concerned about the 7th Street review process and the need to develop a strategy for the process. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for an update on the West End School and Council Member Green would like to see an update on the Hospital on 7th Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and council members retired to closed session at 7:26 pm.

12. 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 551.087 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.
    - Project Blimp
    - Project Hydra

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Pro tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 7:45 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales expressed his appreciation to all veterans for their service to our country and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Christopher Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk