The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 9, 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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Representing the Citizens for the Children of Taylor Political Action Committee Mr. Jesse Ancira addressed the Council regarding their current efforts to gain support for the upcoming school bond election. He distributed an informational sheet with enrollment and capacity figures for current school year.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 23, 2008.
   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

(Mayor Hortenstine recused himself prior to the discussion on the next item due to a conflict as a property owner in the area being discussed.)

2. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2008-32 APPROVING CHANGES TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP.
   Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to consider amending the Future Land Use Map to reflect recent changes included in the Comprehensive Plan and approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission. These changes are necessary to make the map consistent with existing zoning.

   Without further comment or discussion Mayor Pro Tem Jez asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption to the ordinance and declared Ordinance 2008-32 introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-32

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

(Mayor Hortenstine rejoined the meeting.)

3. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R08-12 IN SUPPORT OF THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND ELECTION.
   Council Member Hill had requested that this Resolution be put before the Council for consideration in support of the upcoming bond election for the TISD.

   Council Member Hill moved to adopt Resolution R08-12 and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. Mayor Hortenstine called for a roll call vote: Mayor Pro Tem Jez: AYE; Council Member Gonzales: AYE; Council Member McDonald: AYE; Council Member Hill: AYE; Mayor Hortenstine: AYE. VOTE: 5 voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R08-13 WAIVING PERMIT FEES FOR THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (TISD).
   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to formalize a policy to waive permit fees for the TISD with a Resolution. This issue was discussed at a previous Council meeting and approved and is now being presented in the form of a Resolution.

   Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R08-13 waiving permit fees for the TISD and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. DISCUSS FUTURE C.O. AND BOND ISSUANCES RELATED TO CURRENT FUTURE PROJECTS.
   Mr. Salvato invited Ms. Jennifer Douglas and Mr. Dan Wegmiller with First Southwest Company to address the current economic situation and how it affects our request to issue debt. Ms. Douglas advised Council to consider delaying the issuance of bond financing for city projects until access to capital improves. In the current climate she feels financing would be more costly, at a higher interest rate and more difficult to secure. She reassured Council that the City of Taylor is still an attractive option for purchasing bonds with its recent upgrade in debt rating by Standard & Poor and foresees no problem in securing the funding once the economy becomes more stable. Council agreed to monitor the situation and continue to move forward as soon as feasible.

6. CONSIDER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.
   Mr. Elsden presented an update on the current status of the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. He reported that out of 128 actions to be taken, 27 have been completed and the majority of the remaining items addressed and being slated for action in the near future.

   Council Member Hill moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.
   Mr. VanTil presented a request to consider reappointing three members to the Building and Standards Commission to update their membership status. The primary purpose of the Commission is to resolve disputes between the Building Inspections staff and the builder or developer. The Board consists of five members, but currently only has three appointed with two vacancies. Mr. VanTil pointed out that the Commission has not met in the past seven years.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to reappoint Keith Hagler, Cornelius Ray Henry, and Roy Rogers to the Building and Standards Commission for two year terms and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. 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.

   Council adjourned from Open Session to meet in Executive Session beginning at 6:46 p.m.

9. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I.
   Mayor Hortenstine reconvened the meeting into Open Session at 7:32 p.m. and stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session I.

10. 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.

11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION II.
    With no information to be discussed or brought forward, Mayor Hortenstine cancelled the Executive Session II.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk