The City Council of the City of Taylor met on October 8, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Don Hill and Mayor Jesse Ancira, Mayor Pro Tem 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
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION

1. RECOGNITION: CITY OF TAYLOR RECEIVES EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE PATRIOT AWARD.
   Ms. Holli Nelson, Public Information Officer, presented an award to Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and the Council in appreciation for support of their support of all Guard or Reserve members who work in the City. Ms. Nelson serves with the 188th Wing at Fort Smith, Arkansas and nominated the City for this award.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST 2015.
3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2015.
   Council Member Green moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-21 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 220 E. 4TH STREET REGARDING CUSTOM MANUFACTURING.
   Mr. Bernal presented an overview of a request for a Specific Use Permit and asked Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to open the Public Hearing to receive public input. The permit is to allow the potential tenant to conduct business as Canvas Press, a canvas printing company. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed and Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance as presented.

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.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. DISCUSS AND RECEIVE A REPORT ON TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BOND OPPORTUNITIES.
Ms. Jennifer Douglas with Specialized Public Finance, Inc., the city financial advisor, briefed the Council on a potential refunding opportunity for savings on outstanding debt from General Obligation Bonds, 2005 and from Certificates of Obligation from 2008. Refunding these bonds could result in a potential savings of $924,285 over the life of the bonds. No action was taken at this meeting and Ms. Douglas said she would bring the details on this item on November 12th when action would be needed to move forward with the refunding.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOME AND AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAMS.
Mr. Bernal presented a request for council to authorize city management to negotiate contracts for the HOME and Amy Young Barrier Removal Programs. Only two responses were received to the Request for Proposals issued earlier this year. Costs to administer the programs are included in the grant awards. Council Member Rydell moved to award the HOME contract to Langford Community Management Services, Inc. and to award the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program to Equity CDC. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO SUBMIT UP TO THREE COMPETITIVE AWARD APPLICATIONS TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOME PROGRAM.
Mr. Bernal presented a request to authorize the submission of up to three competitive award applications to the TDHCA for participation in the HOME program. The Resolution commits the city to matching funds of approximately $12,750 or 15% of hard cost construction per home, waived fees, in-kind services and cash as a contribution towards the HOME project. Council Member Rydell moved to approve Resolution R15-21 as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUNDING OPTIONS FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION.
Mr. Turner provided an update on the progress of work underway by the Taylor Chamber of Commerce on funding options for the city street program. The Chamber will be

making a presentation to the City Council on October 22 to report their findings and recommendations.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-15 REGARDING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented an ordinance that amends the budget for fiscal year 2014/2015. The amendment includes changes that have occurred during the last year that required either additional funding than what was originally appropriated or a modification from the original amount requested. Ms. Dennis responded to questions from Council who then asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

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.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR MAINTAINING AND MOWING RIGHT OF WAYS ON 2ND STREET CORRIDOR.

Mr. Turner presented background information regarding the current agreement with Black Stallion Landscaping Services and this request for additional services to maintain the 2nd Street corridor. He stated the current contract is just below the $50,000 limit for professional services and this additional contract for $13,000 would put services with this firm over that limit. Council Member Rydell asked staff to provide a list of other contracts just below the $50,000 limit. Mr. Turner requested the opportunity to bring this item back when the full council was present to discuss the possibility of rebidding the contract for 2nd Street. It will be added to the October 22nd agenda.

11. CONSIDER RENAMING THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL SPONSORED BY THE MAIN STREET PROGRAM.

Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, presented a request from her Advisory Board to consider renaming the annual festival. Ms. Irene Michna, board member, provided a brief history of the importance of cotton to the history of Taylor. Previous names have included Local Heritage Days, Cot'n Pik'n Festival, Bloomin' Fest, Zest Fest, and most recently, Blackland Prairie Day. The Board recommended the name be changed to Cotton Festival to better reflect the agricultural history of Taylor. After some discussion, Council Member Green moved to keep the name as Blackland Prairie Day and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. RECEIVE UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER.
Police Chief Henry Fluck provided an update on recent improvements made to the Animal Shelter. Changes included the addition of staff, an office, and both indoor and outdoor enclosure improvements. Chief Fluck also provided information regarding the Williamson County Animal Shelter and costs to participate in their program. This item was for information only. Council Member Green moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. RECEIVE UPDATE ON 7TH STREET CAMPUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.
Mr. Turner stated that Mr. Roy Alston with RealTex and Strategic Development Partners will be making a presentation on this topic at the November 12 council meeting.

14. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH.
Ms. Brock presented a request for Council to consider appointing Ms. Pamela Sanford to the Board to replace Ms. Andrea Weiner who resigned and moved out of state. Ms. Weiner served one year out of a three-year term and Ms. Sanford would fill the unexpired term. Council Member Rydell moved to appoint Ms. Sanford to the WCCHD Board and council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

15. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON ENERGY, STREET LIGHT, AND TELEPHONE SERVICES AUDIT RESULTS.
Mr. Bernal provided a report on the results of three independent energy audits on lighting, phone, and streetlights. The preliminary report indicates a cost recovery of over $24,000 for streetlights, a cumulative savings of up to $529,394 on lighting, and cost recovery of $57,845 on the phone system. The audit on lighting includes a recommendation to retrofit the fixtures in city buildings and a financing option that will be presented at a future meeting. Council Member Rydell moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

16. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-20 NOMINATING CANDIDATE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.
Ms. Brock presented a request from the WCAD to nominate a candidate to the Board of Directors. Council Member Rydell moved to nominate Ms. Deborah Hunt to continue on the Board and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

17. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT.
Ms. Nelson presented information regarding the Community Clean up Event scheduled during the citywide Fall Clean up on Saturday, October 17. The neighborhood selected for this initial effort includes homes on Burkett where streets were rehabilitated earlier this year. The event is hoped to be the first of many that will encourage neighbors to participate in making their own areas better by cleaning up yards, fixing structures, and working together for a common goal.

18. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Green requested an update on West End School, residential painting efforts, and wayfinding signs. He also asked to remove the vacant building ordinance issue from the list. Council Member Rydell requested an update on the Downtown Master Plan implementation.

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

19. 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 551.071 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.
    - 7th Street Hospital Property

20. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 8:00 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Christopher Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST: Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk