The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on October 6, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION
Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, and September 22, 2011.
2. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MUSTANG COVE SIDEWALK PROJECT.

   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. QUARTERLY RECOGNITION OF CITY EMPLOYEES.
   Mr. Straub presented a brief account of the recent actions of two city employees who went above and beyond their job duties. Mr. Cisco Flores, Public Works Department, and Mr. Dennis Kleppe, City Building Inspector were presented with Certificates of Appreciation and gift cards to recognize their efforts.

4. PROCLAMATION: OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH.
   Mayor Hill presented a proclamation to Chief Pat Ekiss and members of his department recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month.

5. CONSIDER AMENDING TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY INTERLIBRARY LOAN POLICY.
   Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to consider amending her existing Interlibrary Loan Policy. The current policy allows the library to recover postage. However, due to recent changes in state funding, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission Interlibrary Loan program no longer allows libraries to charge lending libraries for delivery charges. In addition to the change in charges, Ms. Ellis also requested sole discretion over determining the number of requests a patron can make. Council Member Osborn suggested she consider establishing a specific number to make the program more equitable and manageable.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the policy as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-22 NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WILLIAMSON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT.
   Mr. Straub presented a request on behalf of the Williamson Central Appraisal District (WCAD) for Council to submit nominations for the Board of Directors. Each taxing entity is assigned a specific number of votes to apply towards nominations and then again for the actual election of board members. Out of a total of 5,000 votes the City of Taylor is allotted 40 votes to cast. After a brief discussion and no nominations Council Member Osborn moved to pass on this item and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF PAMELA SANFORD TO THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND CITIES HEALTH DISTRICT.
   Mr. Dunaway presented a request to reappoint Ms. Sanford to the WCCHD prior to their next board meeting. She has served on this board since 2006. Ms. Sanford provided an overview of her duties as a board member and expressed an interest in continuing to serve.

   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to reappoint Ms. Sanford and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE MOODY MUSEUM BOARD.
   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, presented a request from the Moody Board of Directors to appoint Ms. Carol Preuss to fill one of three vacancies on the board. The Board is still seeking other applicants to fill the remaining two seats and hopes to do this in the very near future.

   Council Member McDonald moved to appoint Carol Preuss to fill an unexpired term on the Moody Museum Board through January 2014 and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ADMINISTER THE TDHCA HOME GRANT PROGRAM.
   Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider awarding a contract for grant administration services for the HOME grant program. Only one response was received as a result of a Request for Proposals; the responding applicant was Langford Community Management Services.

   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the contract with Langford as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed

10. CONSIDER UPDATE ON THE MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM (MDUS) AND DISCUSS FEES AND PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS.

Mr. Dunaway and Case Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented an update on the monies collected since the fee was approved last year. A list of possible projects was presented to be considered with these funds. Staff recommended that in order to move forward with these projects in a timely manner the fee should be increased from $1 to at least $2 for each ERU (equivalent residential unit or 2,500 sq. ft.). Citing the added burden to businesses, Council Member Osborn expressed his reluctance to increase the fee without any consideration for exemptions. Council Member Ancira requested time to review the street assessment when completed prior to making any decision on future drainage projects.

Council Member McDonald moved to increase the MDUS fee to $2.00 effective January 1, 2012 and to move forward with plans to issue $2 million and Mayor Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Two voted AYE (Hill and McDonald); three voted NO (Ancira, Osborn, Gonzales). Motion failed. After additional discussion Council Member Osborn moved to pass on this item until the street assessment is completed and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. One voted NO (McDonald). Motion passed.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, 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 Venture

    Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:40 pm.

12. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 9:15 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk