

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 24, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION

Mr. Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales joined the meeting shortly after the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Citizens who signed up to speak included: Ms. Raynell Pearson, 504 Mockingbird Lane, who was seeking answers to specific questions regarding her grant funded home; Mr. Herbert Brinkmeyer, 705 Gravel Pit Road, spoke in opposition of changing the name of his street; Mr. Gerald Andersen, 811 E. 2nd St. requested assistance in getting his neighborhood cleaned up and the streets fixed; Ms. Betty Hile, 106 E. 2nd, expressed her disappointment with the recent loss of a sign in the historic district; and Mr. Albert Janecka, 301 CR 404 expressed his support for considering Mr. Jeff Straub for the city manager position.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2013.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2013-20 REGARDING POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSIGNMENT PAY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-20

AN ORDINANCE CREATING "ASSIGNMENT PAY" FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; SENIORITY PAY" IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

3. CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF OCTOBER 23, 2013 AND OPEN A 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING THE RENAMING OF GRAVEL PIT ROAD TO SCHROEDER LANE.
4. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACTS TO PRECISION CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND TO VALDEZ REMODELING AND WEATHERIZATION, INC. UNDER THE AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 1001593 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

Council Member Hill requested items number 3 and 4 be removed from the consent agenda for further consideration. He then moved to approve the remaining items 1 and 2

on the Consent Agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion.
VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

5. PROCLAMATION: EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION FOR JOEL GRAHAM, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation recognizing Mr. Graham for assisting an injured citizen while on duty.
6. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS OCTOBER 1, 2013.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to Ms. Beth Wilkes and Chief Fluke declaring October 1, 2013 as National Night Out in Taylor, Texas.
7. PROCLAMATION: OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to Chief Ekiss and his firefighters recognizing October as Fire Prevention Month.
8. RECOGNIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING DISTINGUISHED BUDGET AWARD FROM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2013.
Mayor Ancira recognized Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, and staff for their achievement in receiving an award for the city budget from the Government Finance Officers Association.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

(Agenda items number 3 and 4 were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda for further consideration.)

4. CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF OCTOBER 23, 2013 AND OPEN A 30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD REGARDING THE RENAMING OF GRAVEL PIT ROAD TO SCHROEDER LANE.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief description of the process to request changing a street name. He stated that this particular request came from one individual who does not live or own property on the street in question. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales questioned whether the policy that was developed when the Street Naming Committee was organized was still in force. Based on this discussion as well as the comments provided by Mr. Brinkmeyer, council took no action on this item.
5. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACTS TO PRECISION CONSTRUCTION, LLC AND TO VALDEZ REMODELING AND WEATHERIZATION, INC. UNDER THE

AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 1001593 WITH
THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider awarding contracts to specific businesses that submitted proposals and were selected to participate in the project. Council Member Green expressed an interest in having more detail on the specifications of the project itself on this and future contract awards.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the contract awards as presented to Precision Construction and to Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization with the city providing \$1,025.00 from the weatherization account to fully fund these projects. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-19 AMENDING THE 2012/2013
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.

Ms. Dennis provided information regarding a proposed ordinance that will amend the budget for the current year. The amendment provides for changes that have occurred during the year that may not have been included in or have changed from the original budget approved by Council last fall.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-27 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2012, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013; 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 INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-14 ASSIGNING NEWLY ANNEXED
TERRITORIES TO APPROPRIATE CITY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ms. Brock presented a request to consider amending the city election district map to reflect the most recent annexations. The firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, and Acosta was contracted to add these voters and the properties into the city limits map and their appropriate election districts. The changes reflected a change in population with an increase of 8 people and an increase of 9 people of voting age. With no further discussion, Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON

ANNEXATIONS THE CITY CONDUCTED IN 2012 AND 2013; AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER AND APPEALS BOARD, THE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD, AND THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Ms. Brock presented a request to consider appointments to fill vacancies on specific boards. Council Member Rydell moved to approve the appointments as presented: to appoint Mr. Stephen Truex to the Main Street Advisory Board; Mr. Alan Thompson to the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee and to appoint Ms. Maddie Ward as the student representative to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed

12. CONSIDER APPROVING HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mayor Ancira passed on this agenda item which will be brought back at a later date.

13. RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM TAYLOR 101.

Mr. Straub and Ms. Esther Walton, Assistant to the City Manager, presented an overview of the proposed leadership class currently under development by staff. This presentation was an effort to receive comments and suggestions prior to further development of the actual class content. Staff plan on recording the presentations and rebroadcasting the information to the public for those who may not be able to attend the classes. It was agreed that there would be no charge for this program which is scheduled to kickoff in January, 2014.

14. RECEIVE LATEST CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REPORTS.

Mr. Casey Sledge, city consulting engineer, presented an update on the most recent capital improvement projects.

15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER SEARCH MECHANISM FOR NEW CITY MANAGER.

Mayor Ancira provided a list of firms he has been in contact with regarding executive search services. Council discussed the benefits and downside of using these firms versus doing the search in-house for a new city manager. No final decision was made at this meeting.

Prior to the next agenda item, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked the Mayor to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss this item in addition to the others already listed. Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 9:23 p.m..

16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATES AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct 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 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or acquisition of real property.
 - Disposition of property located in the vicinity of 1200 Welch Street
18. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct 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 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.
 - City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway.
19. 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.
 - City Manager Retirement Agreement
20. CONSIDER ACTION FROM ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Council returned to open session at 10:10 pm and Mayor Ancira stated that no action or vote was taken during the executive session. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to accept the retirement agreement with amendments to be made as agreed upon and to authorize Mayor Ancira to execute the agreement when those changes have been made. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Additional comments were made regarding upcoming meeting dates: Mayor Ancira and Council Member Hill will not be able to attend the October 10th meeting and Council Member Green will not be at the October 24th meeting.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 10:12 p.m.

Christopher Gonzales, Sr. Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk