The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 22, 2009, 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 Pumphrey Jez	City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Council Member Christopher Gonzales	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Donald Hill	City Clerk, Susan Brock
Council Member John McDonald	

INVOCATION

Chief Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward to address the Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 3 AND SEPTEMBER 10, 2009.
2. ORDINANCE 2009-28, AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-28

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20 BY ALLOWING PERMISSIBLE TIME AND TEMPERATURE SIGNS THAT ARE FLASHING, BLINKING OR HAVING TRAVELING LIGHTS OR ERRATIC OR OTHER MOVING PARTS LOCATED ON ARTERIAL ROADS TO HAVE A LARGER SIZE THEN THE SAME TYPE SIGN ON OTHER ROADS; AND AMENDING THE HEIGHT AND DISTANCE FOR SIGNS IN VARIOUS ZONES WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

3. RESOLUTION R09-22 AUTHORIZING CAPCOG RECYCLING GRANT APPLICATION
4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST, 2009

   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

5. RECOGNITION OF WILLIE SHAW, COMMISSIONER OF THE YEAR, HOUSING AUTHORITY.

   Mayor Hortenstine asked Council Member Hill to present Mr. Willie Shaw with a Certificate of Recognition. Mr. Steve Shorts and the Taylor Housing Authority Board joined in expressing their appreciation to Mr. Shaw for his community service and his recent naming as the Commissioner of the Year by the Southwest National Association of Housing and Residential Officers.

6. PROCLAMATION; CELEBRATING MAIN STREET 10TH ANNIVERSARY.
Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to Ms. Jean Johnson, Main Street Director, and the Main Street Advisory Board members Ms. Irene Michna and Ms. Jan Konarik in honor of their tenth year as a city sponsored program.

7. CONSIDER ACCEPTING A $4,000.00 INCENTIVE AWARD FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 'CLICK IT OR TICKET' SAFETY PROGRAM.
Chief Jeff Straub informed Council that the City of Taylor Police Department was selected at random to receive a financial award for their participation in the annual "Click It or Ticket" safety program. Federal and state officials set aside funds to help support this program and to educate the public about wearing seat belts during the month of May. Ms. Little with the Texas Department of Transportation made the presentation of the award which is designated for traffic safety equipment and/or education purposes. Ms. Little stated that fifteen such awards were made statewide and the City of Taylor was selected from a total group of 143 participants.

Council Member McDonald moved to accept the $4,000 incentive award and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER ADOPTING OFFICIAL COMMUNITY BRAND.
Mr. Jason Ford, President of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation and Chair of the Taylor Marketing Team presented the results of a combined effort to develop a new community brand. Ms. Lisa Mack with GoGo Creative conducted the community research behind the development of the brand and provided council with an overview of the process.

Council Member McDonald moved to adopt the new community brand and tagline of "Taylor: The Zest of Texas" and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2009-29 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE REGARDING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided an update on changes to the fee schedule previously presented. She noted that the cemetery headstone leveling fee was removed since this service is no longer provided. Council Member McDonald emphasized that even with the 10% increase in water fees this still represents a lower amount being paid than the time prior to the sale of the water treatment plant six years ago. Since the previous meeting Mayor Hortenstine reported that the park fees have now been approved by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Ordinance 2009-29 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING AMENDING CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS.
Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, reopened the discussion regarding cemetery rules. Several citizens came forward to express their thoughts on the issue of rules regarding the placement of personal items on gravesites including Joe Susan, Laura Preuss, and Kimberly Torres. After much discussion Council Member McDonald moved to

approve the hours of access as presented from 7am to 7pm seven days a week, effective October 1 and to continue the discussion on the other issues at a later meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER REINTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2009-16 REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STREET AND FACILITIES NAMING COMMITTEE.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider the recommendations of the Street and Facilities Naming Committee. Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and officially reintroduce the ordinance, however Mr. Hejl stated that he felt it was not necessary to reintroduce the ordinance and recommended Council approve the document before them.

After much discussion, Council Member Hill moved to approve Ordinance 2009-16 as presented with the amended exhibits. Prior to a second, Mayor Pro Tem Jez asked to consider the ordinance without Lorax Lane included but was reminded that the motion on the floor was still active and action was needed in the form of a second and a vote prior to any other action.

Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion: VOTE: Three voted AYE; two NO (Mayor Pro Tem Jez and Mayor Hortenstine). Motion passed. No further action was needed.

ORDINANCE 2009-16

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE NAMING OF STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

12. CONSIDER ACCEPTING REPORT FROM TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
Mr. Rob Bauman, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented his first report to City Council regarding Hotel/Motel tax funds. Mayor Hortenstine expressed his appreciation for his efforts and said that staff will continue to work with him in narrowing the focus of the report to specific items related to the use of hotel/motel funds.

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

13. CONSIDER ANNUAL HOTEL/MOTEL TAX AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider renewing the annual agreement with the Taylor Chamber of Commerce with some amendments. There was some discussion on which calendar to use for both the reports to Council and the budget year.

Council Member McDonald moved to table this item until the agreement can be edited regarding how to establish the fiscal year for the Chamber and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed. This item will be brought back on October 8, 2009 with changes as indicated.

14. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-31 REPEALING THE ORDINANCE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Chief Bruce Watson presented a request to consider introducing an ordinance that would sever the current agreement between the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department and the Taylor Fire Department.

After much discussion, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and officially introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-31

REPEALING CHAPTER XXIV OF THE REVISED CIVIL AND CRIMINAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, DATED 1895, PROVIDING SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; TERMINATING ALL SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TAYLOR VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT; SEPARATING THE TAYLOR VOLUNTARY FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A FUNCTION OF THE CITY; ACKNOWLEDGING THE TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A SEPARATE NON PROFIT CORPORATE ENTITY NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE CITY; ACKNOWLEDGING THE TAYLOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AS THE ONLY FIRE FIGHTING FORCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND REPEALER CLAUSES.

15. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A CAPITAL LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JOHN DEERE FOR EQUIPMENT.
Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider a lease purchase agreement with John Deere for a lease and lease purchase of park maintenance equipment. Bigon Implement Company from Taylor will be providing some of the equipment and the remaining pieces will come direct from John Deere.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the lease purchase agreement as presented for the purchase of park maintenance equipment and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

16. CONSIDER SENDING LETTER TO THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THEIR RECENT IMPROVEMENT IN RATINGS.
Mayor Hortenstine presented a draft letter for council signatures regarding the recent improvement in ratings of the TISD from the Texas Education Agency.

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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551.071 of the Local Government Code, in order to meet with it's 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.

    Council adjourned into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

19. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.
    Council returned to open session at 10:20 p.m. and stated that no other action was taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk