The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on September 8, 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	City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Council Member Chris Gonzales	Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Council Member John McDonald	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Chris Osborn	City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION
Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-27 REGARDING POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSIGNMENT PAY.

   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.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-27

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.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a review of the proposed budget for 2011/2012. Mayor Hill declared the Public Hearing open; hearing no comments or discussion, the hearing was closed.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE 2011-24 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011/2012 EXCLUDING 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS'.
   Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider approving Ordinance 2011-24 adopting the budget for fiscal year 2011/2012 excluding the contributions to civic programs. She noted that this ordinance was introduced at the August 25th council meeting.

   Council Member McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 2011-24 and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-24

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2011 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012.

(Mayor Hill and Council Member Ancira recused themselves from discussion on the next item due to conflict of interests.)

5. CONSIDER APPROVING "CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS" INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2011-24.

   Ms. Dennis presented a review of programs the city has included in the proposed budget. Mayor Hill is employed by the firm of CARTS and Council Member Ancira serves on the board of directors for the Literacy Council of Williamson County and, as a result, recused themselves from any action on this agenda item.

   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the contributions as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

   (Mayor Hill and Council Member Ancira rejoined the meeting after the vote.)

6. CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE 2011-25 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2011/2012 AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE.

   Ms. Dennis presented a request to formally approve the ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year 2011/2012. The ordinance introduced at the August 25th council meeting included the proposed rate of 0.813893, which is the same as this year and reflects no increase in the ad valorem tax rate for the upcoming year.

   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Ordinance 2011-25 and that property taxes be set at the adoption of a tax rate of $0.813893. Council Member Ancira seconded the motion and Mayor Hill asked for a record vote of council members:

   Council Member Osborn voted AYE
   Council Member Ancira voted AYE
   Mayor Hill voted AYE
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales voted AYE
   Council Member McDonald voted AYE

   VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-25

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2011/12.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-26 AMENDING THE 2010/2011 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET.
   Ms. Dennis presented a summary of funds that are in need of modification by way of an annual amendment to the budget for the current fiscal year. The purpose of the amendment is to modify original funding for items or categories that have changed between the time it was approved and now.

   With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-30 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2010, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011; 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.

8. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-28 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR CITY SERVICES.
   Ms. Dennis presented a request to amend certain fees for the upcoming fiscal year. Departments requesting a change in fees included Police, Fire, Planning and Development, Engineering, Animal Control, Library and Utilities Services.

   With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2011-28

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-41 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

9. CONSIDER ACCEPTING 2011/2012 BUDGET FOR TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDC).
   Mr. Jason Ford, President of TEDC, presented a request to consider approving the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011/2012. He provided a summary of major changes and accomplishments as well as proposed programs for the upcoming year.

   Council Member McDonald moved to accept the TEDC Budget for 2011/2012 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONFIRM CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM POLICE CHIEF.
    Mr. Dunaway presented a request to approve the appointment of Assistant Chief Dan Ramsey to Interim Chief of Police. Due to increased responsibilities taken on by Jeff Straub as Assistant City Manager Mr. Dunaway is recommending the appointment be

made to establish a clear line of authority in the Police Department. He anticipates the interim phase would not be longer than six months.

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

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-22 ADOPTING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODES AND AMENDMENTS.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development and Mr. Pat Ekiss, Fire Chief, presented a request to formally introduce an ordinance that allows the city to adopt a more current family of International Codes. If approved, the result could ultimately lower our ISO insurance rating for all construction which may also result in a reduction in insurance premiums for commercial and residential homeowners.

With no further discussion, Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ADOPTING THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE, THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THE 2006 ICC ELECTRICAL ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, THE 2008 NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE; 2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; 2009 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE; 2009 INTERNATIONAL PLUMBING CODE; 2009 INTERNATIONAL FUEL GAS CODE; 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE; SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE CODES ADOPTED BY THIS ORDINANCE WITH OTHER ORDINANCES AND PROVISIONS STATED HEREIN; ADOPTING A REPEALER CLAUSE; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; ADOPTING A PENALTY CLAUSE PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE DEEMED GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, OR ANY OTHER COURT OF PROPER JURISDICTION, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT HOWEVER, WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE THE PENALTY SHALL BE THAT FIXED BY STATE LAW, AND FOR ANY OFFENSE THAT GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, INCLUDING DUMPING OF REFUSE, THE PENALTY SHALL BE A FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND ($2000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; HAVING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REQUIRING PUBLICATION.

12. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MUSTANG CREEK GOLF COURSE FOR A REDUCED BULK WATER RATE.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request from the owners of the Mustang Creek Golf Course for assistance in reducing their water rate. Circumstances associated with the severe drought have resulted in damage to the course. Mr. Mikulencak presented a request to consider offering them a reduced bulk rate similar to that set for surrounding cities, a wholesale rate of $3.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve a reduced bulk rate of $3.50 per 1000 gallons as presented for twelve months and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider moving upcoming meeting dates that conflict with other council and city events. A number of council members and staff will be attending the annual Texas Municipal League Meeting in Houston from October 11-14th and the regular council meeting is October 13. Staff recommended moving the first October meeting to October 6 and leaving the October 27 meeting as scheduled. The second meeting in November is on Thanksgiving Day and staff recommended only having one meeting on November 10th as planned.

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

(Mayor Hill adjourned Council into Executive Session at 8:05 pm.)

14. 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 551.087 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 Appaloosa
    - Project Venture

(Mayor Hill reconvened into open session at 9:20 pm.)

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
No action was taken during Executive Session. No action taken in open session related to any discussions during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk