

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 5, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
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

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Citizens who signed up to speak opted to speak during the time agenda topic No. 4 was going to be addressed by Council.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 22, 2013.
2. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R13-16 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE HOUSING TRUST FUND.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY 2013.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. UPDATE ON THE DISPOSITION AND POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 7TH STREET COMPLEX.

Mr. Dunaway reported on the results of his presentation at the most recent TISD Board meeting to discuss this issue. He stated that both he and Council Member Rydell addressed the School Board and were told that there was no deadline on their decision of the disposition of the old 7th Street School complex.

Mayor Ancira invited citizens to come forward. Ms. Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, Mrs. Frances Sorrow and Mr. William Sorrow, 702 W. 7th, and Mr. David Wofford, 3106 Davis expressed their desire to see the community preserve and find a use for the facility.

After further discussion Mayor Ancira asked Council Member Rydell to work with concerned citizens to develop a Task Force to find a solution to occupancy and ownership of this facility.

5. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2013-16 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014, EXCLUDING 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS.'

Ms. Dennis asked Council to consider adopting this ordinance to formally adopt the proposed budget for 2013/2014 with a separate action already taken on Contributions to Civic Programs due to a conflict of interest with two Council members who currently serve in a capacity representing one or more of the entities receiving funds from the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-16 adopting the 2013/2014 budget and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2013 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014.

6. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2013-17 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2013/2014.

Ms. Dennis asked Council to adopt this ordinance that will officially set the ad valorem property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year at \$ 0.813893. Council Member Hill moved to adopt Ordinance 2013-17 and that the property taxes are set by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.813893. Council Member Green seconded the motion and Mayor Ancira called for a record vote:

Scott Green	Aye
Don Hill	Aye
Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem	Aye
Brandt Rydell	Aye
Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor	Aye

VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion Passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-17

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 2013-14.

7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-20 REGARDING POLICE OFFICER AND FIRE FIGHTER ASSIGNMENT PAY.

Chief Fluke and Chief Ekiss presented a request to consider an ordinance regarding the assignment pay for their staff. This is an annual requirement.

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

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.

8. CONSIDER COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, 2013.

Mr. Dunaway stated that the upcoming regular Council meetings dates conflict with several other events and was seeking direction as to what changes might needed to be made. The regular Council meeting on October 10th conflicts with the annual TML Conference being held in Austin this year. The November 28th meeting date is actually on Thanksgiving and city offices are closed. The December 26th date is immediately following Christmas Day and may present issues for staff or council wishing to travel on the holiday.

Council Member Hill moved to leave the October dates as planned and to set only one meeting in both November and December, setting them as November 14 and December 12. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked Council for any items for future discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for an update on future MDUS projects and Mayor Ancira reiterated his desire to see plans for a leadership class move forward.

10. 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, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074 to discuss personnel matters.

- Midyear evaluation of City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway.

Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 6:43 pm.

11. CONSIDER ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council returned to open session at 7:46 pm and Mayor Ancira stated that no action or vote was taken during the executive session.

He then announced that Mr. Dunaway plans to retire at the end of the year.

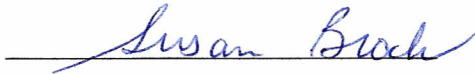
ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk