The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special council meeting on September 3, 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 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 during this comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. ORDINANCE 2009-24 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT AND SENIORITY PAY FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-24

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.

Council Member Hill 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:

2. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2009-25 FOR THE 2009-2010 ANNUAL BUDGET EXCLUDING 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS'.
   Mr. Dunaway provided a final overview of the budget prepared with a 4% reduction in expenses from the previous year. Without further discussion, Council Member McDonald moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-25 for the 2009-10 annual budget excluding contributions to civic programs and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Council Member Hill recused himself from the next agenda item due to a conflict of interest as an employee of CARTS.)

3. CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2009-25 FOR THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL BUDGET.
   Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, provided an overview of

contributions and pointed out the increase for the Williamson County and Cities Health District is based on a population increase and not a higher per capita rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the contributions to civic programs as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Council Member Hill rejoined the meeting.)

4. <u>CONDUCT ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2009-26 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2009-2010 AND TAKE A RECORD VOTE.</u>
Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider adopting an ad valorem tax rate of $0.79 for the 2009/2010 fiscal year. This rate is the same as last year and Mayor Hortenstine reminded the public that the budget just passed was done so with no increase in the tax rate and a reduction in total cost. He stressed the point that this may not be possible at this same time next year.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-26 fixing and levying the ad valorem tax rate of $0.79 for the tax year 2009/2010 and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. RECORD VOTE: Mayor Pro Tem Jez: AYE; Council Member Gonzales: AYE; Council Member McDonald: AYE; Council Member Hill: AYE; and Mayor Hortenstine: AYE. Motion passed.

5. <u>CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT TO GALLAGHER SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH PUMP STATION AND GROUND STORAGE TANK.</u>
Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented an amendment to the contract with Gallagher to proceed with the construction of the two ground storage tanks and a pump station adjacent to the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. Discussion on signage and the possibility of using the new brand mark led to a request for staff to bring back graphic renderings prior to any design being finalized.

Council Member McDonald moved to award the contract to Gallagher with a Greatest Maximum Price (GMP) of $3,376,521 including alternates 1, 2, and 3 and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. <u>CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PURCHASE ORDER WITH SMITH PUMP COMPANY FOR THE NORTH PUMP STATION.</u>
Mr. Dunaway stated that this item is related to the previous contract with Gallagher but has been separated out in order to take advantage of better pricing by purchasing the pump station directly from the BuyBoard, a government purchasing cooperative program.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the purchase order with Smith Pump Company for $120,680.00 and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

<u>ADJOURN</u>

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk