

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 28, 2014, 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 Donald Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2014.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2014-15 AMENDING THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON CR 101.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR TEXAS, AMENDING THE ORDINANCE PROVIDING OF THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC UPON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, ORDINANCE 3-23-54, ADOPTED MARCH 23, 1954, AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED HEREINAFTER REFERENCED AS THE "ORDINANCE"; ESTABLISHING THE SPEED LIMIT FOR CR 101; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. APPROVE RESOLUTION R14-14 AMENDING RESOLUTION R14-04 REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TAYLOR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AVIATION DIVISION.
4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY 2014.

Due to his absence at the August 14, 2014 council meeting Council Member Rydell asked to remove item number one from the consent agenda to be considered and voted on as a separate item. Council Member Hill moved to approve the remaining items 2-4 on the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales then moved to approve item number one, the minutes from August 14, 2014 as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One abstained (Rydell). Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING 504 MOCKINGBIRD.

Mayor Ancira asked Council to pass on this item.

(The next two items were taken out of order.)

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM STREET COMMITTEE.

Mr. Ed Komandosky, Chair, and Mr. Jose Orta, committee member, presented information to update the Council on recent activities of the Street Committee. Their primary focus was on survey results and community meetings. They plan to bring back a final report after the first of next year. This report was received for information only and no action was taken.

6. RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Thomas Martinez, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce presented a report on Chamber activities and financial information for the period from April through June. He announced the availability of their new website and the MyChamber application for smart cell phone users. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACTS UNDER THE AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM CONTRACT NO. 1002020 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

Mr. van Til presented a request to award contracts to firms that submitted bids for four different sites as part of the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. Mr. Robb Stevenson with Langford Community Management Services provided details of the program and responded to inquiries as to the city's responsibility at the end of the project. Council Member Green asked if any preference was given to local companies when awarding contracts and Mr. Stevenson stated that he requires all firms submitting a proposal to attend a prebid conference which means fewer out of town contractors respond. He noted that three of the contracts were to be awarded to Precision Construction, LLC, a local firm.

Council Member Hill moved to award three contracts totaling \$54,375 to Precision Construction for properties that include 2600 Cherrylawn, 2102 Holly Springs, and 602 Mockingbird and to award one contract for \$19,700 with an additional \$1,500 from the City Weatherization Fund to Valdez Remodeling for 1002 George. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked Council for any issues to be addressed at a future meeting. Council asked Mr. Hejl to provide further information regarding the ability to award contracts with local preference.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

10. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015.

As required by law, Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to conduct a public hearing on the tax rate. Mayor Ancira opened the public hearing; hearing no comments from the citizens, he declared the hearing closed. Ms. Dennis provided an explanation of the terms "effective" and "rollback" tax rates. Mayor Ancira stated that the adoption of the tax rate will be voted on September 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm and the meeting will be held at 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas in the city Council Chambers.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-12 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/2015.

Ms. Dennis provided Council with additional information regarding changes to the proposed budget after the public hearing at the previous meeting. She added that she was in the process of determining any changes in water and wastewater rates and would be bringing more information back to Council regarding any other city fees that might need adjustments.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-12

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE
CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
OCTOBER 1, 2014 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.

12. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-13 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2014/2015.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to introduce an ordinance to fix the ad valorem tax rate at the same as last year 0.813893. She noted that the budget presented to them during the workshops was based on this rate and that a 2nd Public Hearing is planned for September 4th for additional public input on the tax rate. Hearing no further comment or discussion by Council, Mayor Ancira stated that no vote will be taken at this meeting and that the adoption of the budget and tax rate will be voted on September 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm and the meeting will be held at 400 Porter Street, Taylor Texas in the City Council Chambers. He asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-13

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 2014-15.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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.

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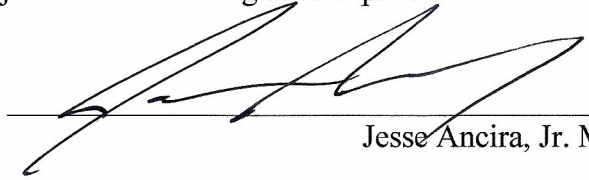
Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:03 pm.

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 7:24 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk