The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 25, 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

Mr. Danny Thomas 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. MINUTES FOR AUGUST 13, 2009.
2. ORDINANCE 2009-20, SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY, 2009.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-20

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT (SUP) WITHIN THE B-1 ZONING DISTRICT FOR AN ANTENNA WITH CERTAIN HEIGHT LIMITATIONS; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON 2009/2010 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND DISCUSS 2009/2010 BUDGET

(Council Member Hill recused himself for the next portion of the agenda discussion on the budget.)

- INTRODUCE "CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS" INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2009-25.

  This section of the Budget and Ordinance is removed for separate discussion and action so that Council Member Hill may participate in the overall discussion of the Budget for FY 2009/2010. He is employed by an organization (CARTS) that receives funding from the City under the "Contributions to Civic Programs" item. There was no discussion on this item at this meeting.

(Council Member Hill rejoined the meeting.)

- CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-25 ADOPTING THE 2009/2010 ANNUAL BUDGET*(EXCLUDING "CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS").
  Mr. Dunaway provided a brief review of the recent revisions to the budget and stated that the proposed budget had been calculated using a tax rate of $0.79. Mayor Hortenstine declared the Public Hearing open and Mr. Bob Scarborough of 3009 Davis Street came forward to address the Council on the issue of the tax rates in Taylor and surrounding cities. Mayor Pro Tem Jez asked to set the record straight that the figure Mr. Scarborough presented as a tax rate for the City of Taylor was incorrect.

  After further discussion Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption to Ordinance 2009-25 adopting the 2009/2010 annual budget for the City. The Ordinance was declared introduced.

  ORDINANCE NO. 2009-25

  AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010.

- CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-26 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE 2009/2010 TAX YEAR.
  Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption to Ordinance 2009-26 fixing and levying Ad Valorem taxes for the 2009/2010 year. The Ordinance was declared introduced.

  ORDINANCE NO. 2009-26

  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 2009/2010

5. CONSIDER AWARDING BIDS FOR EMPLOYEE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE.
   Ms. Starla Hall, Human Resources Director, provided an update on supplemental insurance options for employees. Mayor Pro Tem Jez excused herself from the meeting for personal reasons and returned just prior to the vote but elected not to cast a vote since she missed most of the discussion.

   Council Member McDonald moved to award the bid for supplement insurance to Aflac and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER APPROVING TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET FOR FY 2009/2010.
   Mr. Jason Ford, President of TEDC, presented the 2009/2010 FY budget for the TEDC. With no additional discussion, Council Member Hill moved to accept the budget as

presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. <u>CONDUCT APPOINTING THE U. S. CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE.</u>
   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider each Council member appointing one person to the Complete Count Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Jez appointed Ms. Claire Maxwell; Council Member Gonzales appointed Mr. Bernabe Gonzales; Council Member McDonald appointed Mr. Jesse Ancira; Council Member Hill appointed Mr. Nelson Alexander; and Mayor Hortenstine appointed Ms. Leslie Hill.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the appointments as indicated by each council member and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. <u>CONDUCT APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.</u>
   As a result of the recent Council approval to increase the number of members to the Airport Advisory Board, Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to appoint two new members to bring the board to a total of seven members.

   Council Member McDonald moved to appoint Cheryl Frederick and Thomas Mowdy, Jr. to the Airport Advisory Board and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. <u>CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD.</u>
   Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to consider appointing two new members to the Planning and Zoning Board to fill existing vacancies.

   Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint Donna Frazier and Thomas Rohlack to the Planning and Zoning Board and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. <u>CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-24 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT AND SENIORITY PAY FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.</u>
    In the absence of Police Chief Jeff Straub and Fire Chief Bruce Watson, Mr. Dunaway presented a request assignment and seniority pay for fire and police departments.

    Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduce the ordinance.

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.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE TXDOT FEDERALLY APPROVED DISADVANTAGE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR.
    Mr. Dunaway presented a request to reconsider approving a standard agreement with TxDOT insuring that the city complies with the Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprise requirements for federal funding. Council asked that legal counsel review the document and bring this back for further consideration once Mr. Hejl has had time to review the contract. Mr. Hejl had no objections to the contract as presented.

    Council Member Hill moved to approve the MOU with TxDOT as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO INITIATE AN ANNEXATION EAST OF TAYLOR ALONG US HWY 79 AND TO PREPARE A SERVICE PLAN.
    Mr. Elsden presented a request to consider plans for future annexation to the east of the current city limits. Council posed several questions concerning land ownership, future land use, and alternative boundaries.

    Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to authorize staff to bring back additional details on annexation plans prior to beginning the process for annexing property to the east of the current city limits. Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. 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 551.074 to discuss City Manager's performance evaluation.

    Council adjourned into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    Council returned to open session at 10:38 p.m. and stated that no other action was taken during Executive Session. He reported that Mr. Dunaway's evaluation was satisfactory and that there would another scheduled in six months.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk