

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 23, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Jesse Ancira, Mayor Donald Hill 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 Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES AUGUST 2, AUGUST 9, AND AUGUST 14, 2012.
2. CONSIDER RENEWING AMENDED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS BENETEX)
3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2012-20 REGARDING ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC TREE CARE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2010-12; BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH 6.5 "PUBLIC TREE CARE"; TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE OF PUBLIC TREES; TO CREATE A TREE ADVISORY BOARD; TO ESTABLISH PRACTICES GOVERNING THE PLANTING, CARE, AND REMOVAL OF TREES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY; TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THE REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY, 2012.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES

5. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.
Mr. Dunaway presented a brief overview of the budget. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for clarification on an item addressed at a previous meeting regarding the allocation of TIF funds to the Main Street Program. Mayor Hill opened the Public

Hearing on the Budget. Hearing no comments or discussion the Public Hearing was closed.

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a historical review of the tax rate for the past 10 years illustrating the difference between the Maintenance and Operation and Debt side of the tax rate. Mayor Hill opened the Public Hearing on the tax rate. Hearing no comments or discussion the Public Hearing was closed.
7. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-27 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013, EXCLUDING "CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS".

Ms. Dennis presented a request to formally introduce the ordinance to adopt the budget at a later meeting.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-27

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR
THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

(Mayor Hill recused himself from discussion or action on the following agenda item.)

8. CONSIDER 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS' INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2012-27.
Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider approving the list of contributions to civic programs included in the proposed budget. Due to a conflict in interest for Mayor Hill as an employee of CARTS, an organization included in this budget item that receives funds, he does not participate in this discussion or vote. These items are routinely included when requested by the organization each year. There were no new requests for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

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

(Mayor Hill rejoined the meeting following the vote on this agenda item.)

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2012-28 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2012/2013.
Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider introducing an ordinance fixing and levying the ad valorem tax rate at the same rate as the previous year: 0.0813893.

Council also agreed to set the date to adopt and take a vote on the budget, tax rate, and contributions for September 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-28

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 2012-13.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (CAPCOG) GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request to confirm appointments by the Council to the CAPCOG General Assembly. Current members are Mayor Hill and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales. Mr. Hill expressed an interest in continuing but Mr. Gonzales asked to step down.

Hearing Council Member Osborn's willingness to accept an appointment Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to appoint Mr. Osborn and to reappoint Mayor Don Hill to the CAPCOG General Assembly. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONDUCT ACCEPTING TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013.

Mr. Jason Ford, President of the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) presented their annual budget for review and approval. He also announced his resignation and Council expressed their appreciation for his leadership and dedication to expanding economic development in the City of Taylor during his tenure.

Council Member Osborn moved to accept the TEDC Budget as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

12. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the Attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary

Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas authorize and allow such a closed meeting and which Rules conflict with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

- Legal issues associated with the Sloan Street project.

Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:02 pm.

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 7:30 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don Hill, Mayor

Susan Brock, City Clerk