The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 22, 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
Mr. Don McAlister, 2107 Mildred, made a request that Council consider including funding for the local YMCA in the proposed budget. Mr. Andreas Leal, Sr., 5428 FM 619, expressed his concern regarding the need to rezone property located at 1403 Welch Street. Other citizens who had signed up to speak opted to speak during the time their item comes up on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 25 AND AUGUST 1, 2013.
2. APPROVE LICENSE AGREEMENT L13-02 BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR AND OWNERS MAURICE KOENIG AND ELIAS HERNANDEZ FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 812 W. 4TH STREET.
   Council Member Hill 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. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 7TH STREET COMPLEX.
   Mayor Ancira elected to take this item out of order in deference to the seniors attending who may want to speak on the topic. Mr. Dunaway presented a review of previous meetings on this topic and stated that a deadline of November 1st has been issued by the Taylor ISD on making a decision to liquidate this property. The consensus of the Council was to request additional time for the city to review this issue and to possibly wait until after the completion of the community strategic plan prior to making any decision. Mr. Dunaway stated he will contact the TISD regarding an extension of the deadline and also for any possible partnership opportunities regarding the maintenance and repurposing of these facilities.

   Citizens speaking in favor of repurposing this property were Ms. Wyndy Ellis, 418 Vernon; Mr. David Morris, 1704 Lexington; and Mr. Mark Platz, 1016 Alexander.

3. <u>DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONTRACTING WITH THE TAYLOR FAMILY YMCA FOR CERTAIN RECREATION PROGRAMS.</u>
Mr. Dunaway cited a request from Council Member Green regarding the possibility of the city providing financial assistance to the Taylor Family YMCA. Council Member Green invited Mr. Ed Komandosky to provide a brief history on the YMCA in Taylor. Citizens speaking in favor of providing funding to keep the facility open were Mr. John McDonald, 2405 Meadow Lane, Mr. Royce Williamson, 1303 Sagewood, and Mr. Jacky Jones, 407 ½ Rio Grande. Mr. Jeff Andresen, Executive Director, and Mr. David Hayes, Metro Board, stated that the facility with existing services could remain open with $100,000 from the City per year for at least three years. On further discussion, Council opted to bring this item back once the city attorney has had more time to review a possible agreement and to address their specific concerns. Additionally, Council Member Rydell asked for this issue to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board for their input and comments prior to the next Council meeting.

5. <u>CONSIDER TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.</u>
Mr. Sean Stockard, President of the TEDC, presented the proposed budget for the TEDC fiscal year 2013/2014.

Council Member Hill moved to accept and approve the TEDC Budget for FY 2013/2014 and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. <u>CONSIDER HEALTH BENEFITS WITH BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES.</u>
Ms. Starla Hall, Human Resources Director, presented an overview of the proposed costs for health benefits for city employees. As a result of negotiations through Gallagher Benefit Services the rates for city employees for medical insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield will increase by 13.50%. She noted that an additional 4% increase will be necessary in January due to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve the benefits plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield as presented and to also include MetLife for dental insurance. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. <u>CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.</u>
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided a brief overview of the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014. She noted that the details had been provided to Council at previous meetings and the revised budget includes any changes recommended by Council. She also noted that the proposed budget includes a 5% raise for city employees. Mayor Ancira declared the public hearing open for public comment. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

8. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014.
Ms. Dennis presented a brief overview of the proposed tax rate as compared to previous years. She stated the proposed budget is based on a tax rate the same as last year: $ 0.813893. Mayor Ancira declared the public hearing open for public comment. Hearing no comments, the hearing was closed.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-16 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014, EXCLUDING 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS.'
Ms. Dennis asked Council to consider introducing an ordinance to formally adopt the proposed budget for 2013/2014 with a separate action to be 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.

Without further discussion, Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

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.

(Mayor Ancira and Council Member Hill recused themselves prior to any discussion on the next agenda item.)

10. CONSIDER 'CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC PROGRAMS' INCLUDED IN ORDINANCE 2013-16.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Council for any comments on the programs budgeted; hearing none, he asked for a motion. Council Member Rydell moved to approve the contributions as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Ancira and Council Member Hill rejoined the meeting.)

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2013-17 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2013/2014.
Ms. Dennis asked Council to introduce the ordinance that will officially set the ad valorem property tax rate for the upcoming fiscal year at $ 0.813893.

Without further discussion, Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance and read the caption.

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.

12. CONSIDER FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked Council for any items for future discussion; Council Member Green asked for information from the Planning and Development Department regarding the goals and objectives as presented in the proposed budget. More specifically, those related to plan review time and the code enforcement process. He also requested information on a plan to recruit businesses for the rental assistance program. Council Member Rydell asked for an update on appointing a student representative to the Parks and Recreation Board and for a proposal from Progressive Waste Solutions regarding a curbside recycling program. Council Member Hill requested a quarterly report from the Taylor Housing Authority and Mayor Ancira requested an update on the TIF grant program and a legal opinion as to what use qualifies for these funds.

13. 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 9:05 pm.

14. CONSIDER ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Council returned to open session at 9:38 pm and Mayor Ancira stated that no action or vote was taken during the executive session and that Mr. Dunaway's review would be continued at the next Council meeting on September 5, 2013.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk