The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 14, 2014, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Brandt Rydell, 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

Jeff Straub, Interim City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. David Wofford spoke to agenda item number 5 on the need for the city to develop a policy against renaming an existing street.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 24, JULY 25, AND JULY 26, 2014.
2. APPROVE RESOLUTION R14-13 RENEWING THE INVESTMENT POLICY.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

3. CONSIDER RENEWING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES.
   Ms. Starla Hall, Director of Human Resources, presented a request to consider renewing a consulting agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services for two years. The City has contracted with this firm since 2002 for services that include the negotiation of rates for health insurance benefits as well as providing legislative updates for compliance issues. Ms. Hall pointed out that this year alone they prevented the city from accepting a 35.3% increase from its current provider, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, by negotiating a better rate with Scott and White.

   Council Member Hill moved to approve the agreement with Gallagher Benefit Services for a two-year contract at $12,000 per year and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS.
   Ms. Hall presented a request to award a bid for health and dental insurance. Based on negotiations by Gallagher on behalf of the City the monthly rate for each employee is actually less than the current rate but the deductible increased from $1000 to $1500.

   Council Member Green moved to award the bid for employee health insurance to Scott & White and the bid for dental insurance to Assurant and to provide coverage for retirees at the active employee rate. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-05 TO OPEN THIRTY-DAY PERIOD REGARDING THE RENAMING OF WALNUT STREET TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR AND TO SET SEPTEMBER 25, 2014 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.
Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Planning and Development, provided a brief history of actions previously taken regarding the renaming of Walnut Street to Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. In order to move forward with this task council must approve a 30-day period for public comment.

Mayor Ancira asked for council comments; hearing no objections, he asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduce the ordinance and to open the 30-day period for public comment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-05

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RE-NAMING OF WALNUT STREET TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE"

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2014-15 AMENDING THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC ON CR 101.
Mr. Straub presented a request to consider changing the speed limit on CR 101. The results from a recent traffic study indicated that speeds varied from six to 99 mph during a one-week period. State law provides for 60 mph in the daytime and 55 mph at night but staff recommends the speed limit be set at 45 mph due to the condition of the road.

Mayor Ancira asked for council comments; hearing no objections, he asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and introduce the ordinance.

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.

7. CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING EXTENSION OF LEASE WITH THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PORTABLE BUILDINGS FOR THE LEGACY PROGRAM.
Mr. Straub reminded Council that the lease with the TISD to allow the portable buildings to be placed on 5th Street and in Heritage Park expired on August 4, 2014. Council Members agreed that the buildings must be moved and the TISD must bring them a plan for their disposition. Due to the fact that the new school year is about to start, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to extend the lease but to require the TISD within the next six months to provide them with a plan to relocate or remove them. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MANOJ NAIK FOR 2 ACRES OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED ON WELCH STREET.
Mr. van Til presented a request to have the City enter into an agreement with Mr. Manoj Naik to lease city owned property for parking on Welch Street adjacent to the Hidalgo Park facility. Council Member Hill moved to approve the lease agreement as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION FROM THE PFENNIG ESTATE TO THE LIBRARY.
Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a request to Council to formally accept a donation to the Library from the estate of Ms. Ludine (Deanne) Pfennig. Council Member Green moved to accept the donation for $15,332.47 for the library and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.
Ms. Brock presented an application to the Airport Advisory Board for consideration as an appointment to fill one of two vacancies. Council Member Green moved to appoint James Porter to the Airport Advisory Board and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2014.
Staff requested council to consider calling a special meeting on September 4 to hold a second public hearing on the tax rate as required by law. They also reminded Council that their regularly scheduled meeting on the second Thursday of the month falls on September 11 and is at nearly the same time as the Patriot Day Parade and program at Heritage Square. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to have the Special Meeting on September 4 for the second Public Hearing on the tax rate and to keep the September 11 meeting as scheduled but with a shortened agenda. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
Mayor Ancira asked for future items to be considered. Hearing none, he asked to move forward with the update of the Board Handbook to include a policy regarding application

deadlines prior to consideration at a council meeting. Ms. Brock stated that she would be bringing the entire Handbook to them for review at a meeting in the near future and this policy would be included in the update. No other items were presented.

13. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP II.
(This item was moved to the end of the meeting and the Executive Sessions were taken out of order.)

14. 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.
    - Project Overload

Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 6:45 pm.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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 deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
    - City manager employment

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 7:21 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during either Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to accept the employment agreement with Mr. Isaac Turner for the City Manager position with changes made by Mr. Hejl and Mr. Turner and to authorize the Mayor to sign the document. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP II.
This item was moved to the end of the meeting so that Council could address the issues needing discussion during the Executive Sessions in a timely manner. Mr. Straub stated the balanced budget before them includes a 3% cost-of-living raise for all employees. He reminded them that this was possible due to the savings realized from the health insurance negotiations previously mentioned. Additional changes included the creation of one additional position for a police dispatcher as well as additional funds for fleet vehicle replacement in several departments. Ms. Dennis provided a list of items submitted by staff that were not included in the budget before them. Mayor Ancira asked that staff resubmit a prioritized list

for their future consideration, if and when additional funds become available. She also reminded council that the budget under consideration is based on the current tax rate of 0.813893 with no proposed change to this rate.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk