The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 13, 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:

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| 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 JULY 28 AND AUGUST 6, 2009.
2. ORDINANCE 2009-18, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD.
   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2009-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2000-10 WHICH CREATED THE TAYLOR AIRPORT BOARD; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2000-10 BY INCREASING THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FROM FIVE TO SEVEN; CHANGING THE QUORUM OF THE BOARD FROM THREE TO FOUR MEMBERS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE ORDINANCE 2009-17 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FY 2008/2009.
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided a revised version of the ordinance that was introduced at the July 28, 2009 Council meeting. Council Member McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 2009-18 with revisions as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-30 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2008, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2009; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL

FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

4. CONSIDER AWARDING BIDS FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE.
Ms. Starla Hall, Human Resources Director, presented a request to award the bid for health care coverage to Scott and White Health Plan, the only group to respond to a request for proposals. City employee claims have been very high in recent years resulting in a 35% rate increase from the Scott and White rate from last year. One option to lower the amount of increase to 29% would be to adopt higher copay amounts. Council Member McDonald asked about the Consumer Choice Option and if there would be a significant cost savings if all employees opted to use this plan. Ms. Hall thought it would be a savings of $15,000 or less but would ultimately result in lesser health care benefits to the employee.

Council Member Hill moved to award the bid to Scott and White Health for continued health care insurance and the City covering the entire cost for employee only coverage and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed. Ms. Hall asked for clarification regarding the additional payment of the difference in costs to those employees who choose the Consumer Choice Plan and confirmed that this payment would no longer be made in the coming budget year.

5. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-20 AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY FOR ANTENNA EXTENSION.
Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to consider allowing Williamson County to build a taller antenna on the County Annex facility located at 412 Vance Street. The county recently lost its ability to communicate via their radios and is in need of extending the height of an antenna an additional ten feet to regain reception. If built, the extension would exceed the maximum limit as outlined in the current city ordinance. Mr. Jeff Smith with Williamson County said that if the county were ever to go to a fiber optic line the antenna would be removed.

Mayor Hortenstine declared the Public Hearing open and asked for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the public hearing and asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the ordinance.

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

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC MEETING AND BEGIN THIRTY DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD TO NAME OR RENAME STREETS IN CITY LIMITS.
Mr. Elsden requested to formally open the public meeting thereby noting the start of a thirty day comment period regarding the proposed street names as recommended by the Street and Facilities Naming Committee. Ms. Nancy Tyson, Vice Chairman of the

committee, presented their recommendations with a clarification on the name for Givens Lane. Mayor Pro Tem Jez asked that the Rice's Crossing listing include the word "Road" after it. Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Louis Hughes to clarify that his proposed donation was not an incentive meant to influence the decision of the Council. Mr. Hughes has offered to provide up to $500 to the city to purchase native grass seed and wildflower seeds for the wildlife area in the new Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex if his recommendation to change CR 373 to Lorax Lane is approved. Mr. Hughes acknowledged his proposed donation and thought that it met one of the criteria outlined in the policy. With no further comment, Mayor Hortenstine declared the public meeting open and the 30 day period for public comment official begun.

7. <u>CONSIDER ACCEPTING REPORT FROM TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.</u>
Mayor Hortenstine asked that this item be tabled until the August 25th meeting when additional information can be provided.

8. <u>CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-19 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR A TEXAS HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS' OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUND (HOME GRANT).</u>
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Community Development, presented a request to consider an application for a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs allowing the city to help address substandard housing in Taylor. This grant for $450,000 would be an Owner Occupied Housing Assistance program to replace up to six homes. The grant requires a local match of $54,000 in cash or in kind services.

   Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R09-19 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. <u>CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PHASE I OF A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR SIGNAGE AT THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.</u>
Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented a request to consider authorizing staff to proceed with Phase I to begin signage design for the park. Ms. Jeanne Marie Ellis of Graceful Impressions provided background information on the firm recommended, Overflow Creative, and stated that costs for this first design phase are included in the original budget for the park.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve the Phase I proposal as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. <u>CONSIDER APPOINTING THE U. S. CENSUS COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE.</u>
Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider appointing individuals to serve on the U. S. Census Complete Count Committee. Mr. Carlos Falcon with the local census team was present to respond to questions concerning costs which he felt would be minimal (approximately $200). Mayor Hortenstine suggested each Council member make one appointment. However, Council asked for additional information regarding the description of duties and frequency of meetings. Council asked staff to bring this item back at a later meeting giving each council member time to consider who their appointment will be.

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SLEDGE ENGINEERING FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES INCLUDING MALLARD CULVERTS, HOLLY SPRINGS AND DONNA DRIVE DRAINAGE, THE SECOND STREET PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONTRACT AND THE 2009 SOUTHWEST 24" WATER MAIN CONTRACT.
Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request to consider approving service agreements and a management contract with Sledge Engineering for specific projects. Mr. Sledge stressed that these agreements were for the engineering design services of the projects and this request does not suggest a priority for actual construction. Council Member McDonald requested a prioritized list of these projects to be considered prior to future funding.

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

12. CONSIDER APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE TXDOT FEDERALLY APPROVED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR.
Mr. Dunaway presented a request to approve a standard agreement with TxDOT insuring that the city complies with the Disadvantaged/Minority Business Enterprise requirements for federal funding. It was noted that legal counsel had not reviewed the document and Council asked to bring this back for further consideration once Mr. Hejl has had time to review the contract.

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, Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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 551.087 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

(Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:25 pm.)

Council returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. and announced that no action was taken during either Executive Session.

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II.
No other action was taken on either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk