The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on August 11, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales, Mayor Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira	City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Council Member John McDonald	Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Council Member Chris Osborn	City Attorney, Ted Hejl

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES JULY 28 AND AUGUST 4, 2011.

   Council Member Osborn moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CITIZEN AWARDS.
   Chief Pat Ekiss, Taylor Fire Department, presented a Life Saving Award to Mr. John Manning for his actions taken during a house fire on July 15th. Certificates of Merit were issued to Corporal Joanna Sanders, and Officer Jason Culp of the Taylor Police Department and also to Williamson County Deputy Evaggelos Marmarinos for their assistance in the event.

   (The next agenda item was taken out of order to accommodate visitors.)

4. CONSIDER ACCEPTING GIFT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FROM THE TAYLOR AREA BUSINESS WOMEN.
   Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, presented a request to receive a report from the Taylor Area Businesswomen (TAB). Ms. Annette Maruska, President, and members of the TAB asked to officially donate the Christmas lights purchased for Main Street to the city and expressed her gratitude for the continued support of this project.

   Council Member McDonald moved to accept the Christmas lights and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

3. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER STATUS REPORT OF TAYLOR FAMILY YMCA.
   Mr. Dunaway introduced the Mr. Keith Hagler, Chairman of the Taylor Family YMCA Board of Directors, and Mr. Jeff Andresen, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Williamson County. Mr. Andresen presented a report on the programs and current financial status of the Taylor facility. He stressed the need for a partnership to continue services and expand into a larger facility and stated that without a plan for future development the Taylor facility would end its lease at its current location in June 2012.

   Eighteen people spoke in support of the YMCA and its programs including Keith Hagler, Loretta Patschke, Ed Komandosky, Leland Enochs, Trent Makare, Jennifer Jewett, Michelle Johnson, John Nelson, James Marek, Jennifer Greene, Matt Hudson, Malcolm Gault, Gregory Mixon, Juliet O'Shoney, Elijah Gault, Angel Gonzales, Billie Samuelson, and Dan Dowdy. Mr. Joe Naizer spoke in opposition of the proposed project.

Council Member Osborn moved to conduct a public hearing at a date to be determined in September when staff has had time to gather additional information and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. <u>CONSIDER RECEIVING QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.</u>
   Mr. Thomas Martinez, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented the quarterly report on Chamber activities and provided a financial report for the months of April through June, 2011. Council Member McDonald expressed his concern over some of the expenditures and events promoted with hotel occupancy tax funds. Mr. Martinez reported plans to continue to seek additional methods to evaluate the economic impact the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex.

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

6. <u>CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT MALLARD LANE AND CARLOS PARKER BLVD.</u>
   Mr. Danny Thomas, Public Works Director, presented a request to formally accept the public improvements completed by Pruneda Construction for the Mallard Corner Convenient Store project located at 803 Carlos G. Parker Blvd. Improvements included water lines, fire hydrants, and sidewalks, and totaled $56,758.70.

   Council Member Osborn moved to accept the public improvements as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. <u>DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER.</u>
   Mr. Dunaway presented a number of issues that could be considered as possible amendments to the city charter. Information was provided from other cities regarding the removal of a council member, filling a vacancy, recall, referendum, initiative, qualifications to run for council position, term limits, and electing a mayor. In addition, Ms. Brock provided information regarding possible changes to city elections as a result of the recent passage of Senate Bill 100. Council requested additional time to study the information provided.

   Council Member Osborn moved to table this item for future discussion and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted Aye. Motion passed.

8. <u>CONSIDER MDUS CIP REPORT AND POSSIBLE PRIORITIZATION OF FUTURE MDUS PROJECTS.</u>
   Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented a list of proposed utility projects for council to consider and prioritize for future funding. The list included estimated cost, location and a brief description of each project. Discussion included the possibility of increasing the Municipal Utility District System fee to accumulate funds

quickly and address more projects in a timely manner. Council requested additional information regarding the ranking of individual projects with relation to immediate need and health and safety issues before placing them in any specific order for completion. Staff agreed to bring back more details at a later date.

9. 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 551.072 in order to deliberate regarding acquisition of real property.
    - Taylor Volunteer Fire Department land located adjacent to City of Taylor Fire Station on Carlos Parker Blvd.

10. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
    No Executive Session was held.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk