The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 10, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Chris Gonzales, Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola
Council Member Robert Garcia
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Ian Davis requested an opportunity to provide an update on the Texas Beer Company. Ms. Tonya and Ms. Regina of 507 Lenora Apt. B, stated that they were related to the most recent victims of a traffic accident and fatality on Old Thorndale Road and urged the council to consider adding more sidewalks and lighting in the area where the accident occurred. Mr. Brennan Zupfer, 2908 Monika Lane, presented a request to Council to consider adding an option for curbside recycling for citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-17 REGARDING OVER HIRE OF A POLICE OFFICER.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 143 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETINGS AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2. APPROVE RESOLUTION R17-12 AND R17-13 DESIGNATING SIGNATORIES FOR THE HOME PROGRAM RESERVATION SYSTEM.
3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2017.

Mayor Rydell pulled item number 2 for additional clarification. Council Member Ariola moved to approve items 1 and 3 of the consent agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

Ms. Brock provided additional clarification on item 2 and asked council to approve only one of the resolutions. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve Resolution R17-13 naming Ms. Ashley Lumpkin as signatory for the HOME Program and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Rydell recused himself from participating in the next agenda item due to a possible conflict of interest.)

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-13 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 410 W. 7TH STREET FROM RESIDENTIAL (R1) AND MULTIFAMILY (MF-2) TO COMMERCIAL-PLANNED DISTRICTS.
Ms. Lumpkin provided an update on changes made for the specific areas under discussion at the last meeting. Specific areas addressed included: 1) permitted uses; 2) landscaping for new parking; 3) noise; and 4) parking.

Mr. Cliff Olle, property owner of 410 W. 7th St., and Ms. Britin Bostick, project planner, expressed their appreciation to staff and legal counsel for their assistance in getting the document finalized. The ordinance was introduced at the meeting on July 27th and presented at this meeting for final approval. With no further discussion or comment, Council Member Ariola moved to approve Ordinance 2017-13 as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE (one recused). Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 7.335 ACRES OF LAND, LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, BLOCK A, OLLE SUBDIVISION, RECORDED UNDER DOCUMENT NO. 2017058242, OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCATED AT 410 WEST SEVENTH STREET, TAYLOR, TEXAS 76574 ("PROPERTY") FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1) AND HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT (MF-2) TO A COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (C-PD) WITH A BASE DISTRICT OF GENERAL BUSINESS (B-2); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

(Mayor Rydell rejoined the meeting after the discussion was ended and resumed his seat to continue to conduct the meeting.)

5. RECEIVE UPDATE ON PARK PROJECTS.
Mr. Mike DeVito, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented a review of recent work completed at Fannie Robinson Park. Improvements included new fencing and work on the infield. Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting engineer, provided additional information on the

disposition of the spray ground feature that is still under design and scheduled to begin construction in September with completion in November.

Mr. Sledge also provided an update on the Gateway Signage and Heritage Square Park. The Gateway signs were approved earlier this year and locations are being determined by city staff. The Heritage Square Park plan was presented with changes submitted by council and the surveying work is complete. The estimated costs were reduced to $3.1 million excluding the city hall parking and landscape improvements of $500,000. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to accept the reports as presented with a challenge to Mr. Sledge to bring back a further reduction in cost, and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. <u>CONSIDER APPROVING CONCEPT PLAN AND SELECT DELIVERY METHOD FOR HERITAGE SQUARE PARK PROJECT.</u>
Mr. Sledge presented a request for council to consider approving a plan and to select a delivery method for construction to begin. Council Member Ariola moved to approve the concept plan and select the Design Build delivery method as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. <u>RECEIVE SUMMARY OF BUDGET WORKSHOPS.</u>
Mr. Turner and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented an overview of some of the recent adjustments made to the budget since the last meeting. Items still under consideration to include in the proposed budget include bunker gear extractor and washing system, Taser Assurance Program lease, TPCA Best Practices Recognition Program, upgrade to the Turf Maintenance Program, additional grounds maintenance activities, an ombudsman position in the Development Services department, and the addition of a shared technician position for several directors. Discussion continued on the recycling options, and an upgrade to the audiovisual equipment at City Hall with the use of PEG funds.

Council Member Ariola moved to receive and accept the summary as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. <u>DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH UPPER LIMIT OF THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE, TAKE A RECORD VOTE, AND SET DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS</u>
Ms. Dennis presented an overview of the current and past tax rate and provided information regarding the effective tax rate and a proposal to reduce the current rate. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to establish the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate at $0.798000 and to set the public hearings on the tax rate and budget on August 24, 2017 and September 7 both at 6 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall (400 Porter Street). Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. Mayor Rydell called for a record VOTE: Council Member Garcia: AYE; Mayor Pro Tem Lopez: AYE; Council Member Ariola: AYE; Mayor Rydell: AYE. Four voted AYE; One absent (Gonzales). Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez requested an update from the Taylor Housing Authority; Council Member Ariola asked for information on options for traffic control at the corner of 3rd and Talbot Streets; Council Member Garcia asked for information on installing sidewalks and lighting on Old Thorndale Road, and to have a discussion on the Assistant City Manager position.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its 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.
    - Project 72717
    - Project 72718

11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mr. Turner asked the Mayor to bring these items back for discussion at a future council meeting. No closed session was held.

ADJOURN
With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk