The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on August 6, 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez	City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Christopher Gonzales	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Don Hill	City Clerk, Susan Brock
Council Member John McDonald	

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

1. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION RELATED TO THE 2009/2010 FY BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES THE EFFECTIVE RATE CALCULATIONS.
   Mr. Dunaway presented a brief overview of the most recent revisions to the budget still under review. This item was only for discussion and no action was taken.

2. AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND 2009/2010 BUDGET.
   Mr. Dunaway presented an overview of the methods used to calculate the effective rate. He emphasized how the city has continued to maintain a very conservative and nearly flat rate in taxes over the past ten years. He also noted that even with fewer dollars there has been little or no reduction in the level of services provided to the community. Citing the continued poor economic situation nationwide, council members stressed the need to maintain a stable and reasonable tax rate for the benefit of the citizens. Council Member McDonald also requested that staff continue to review any fee increases before the end of this fiscal year if possible.

   Council Member Hill moved to set the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate 0.814767 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion.

   RECORD VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Jez	Aye
Council Member Gonzales	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye
Council Member Hill	Aye
Mayor Hortenstine	Aye

   VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

   ADJOURN

   With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk