

The City Council of the City of Taylor met in a special meeting on August 4, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hill 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 Jesse Ancira
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

City Manager, Jim D. Dunaway
Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
City Attorney, Ted Hejl

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-21 ADOPTING A PLAN FOR REDISTRICTING.

ORDINANCE 2011-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF THE CITY'S SINGLE-MEMBER COUNCIL DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON 2010 CENSUS DATA FOR TAYLOR CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS; DIRECTING THE CITY'S REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED PLAN FOR PRECLEARANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION RELATED TO THE 2011/2012 FY BUDGET WHICH INCLUDES THE EFFECTIVE RATE CALCULATIONS.

Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided a review of the process used to determine the effective tax rate. Staff provided a historical review of the tax rate and information on how the proposed budget revenue and expenses have been formulated to remain within the same tax rate as the current year. Mr. Dunaway noted that even with fewer dollars there has been little or no reduction in the level of services provided to the community. This item was only for discussion and no action was taken.

3. AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND 2011/2012 BUDGET.

Staff explained the difference between the effective tax rate and the roll back rate. The practice of setting the upper limit at the slightly higher effective tax rate does not mean this is the rate being recommended. This practice only provides an upper limit between now and the public hearing and allows council the ability to use that higher number if necessary.

Council Member McDonald moved to set the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate 0.815340 at which time Council Member Osborn asked for additional clarification. Mayor Hill pointed out that there was a motion on the floor and no further discussion could take place until there was a second. Hearing no second, the motion died and

Council Member Osborn asked for more information regarding the tax rate. Staff responded to Council Member Osborn's concerns and Council Member McDonald repeated his motion with Council Member Osborn seconding the motion.

RECORD VOTE:

Mayor Hill	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales	Aye
Council Member Osborn	Aye
Council Member Ancira	Aye
Council Member McDonald	Aye

VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk