The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 1, 2013, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. 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 Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Jim Dunaway, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Tom Mowdy, 1805 Carey Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding the city engineer fees; and Mr. Ed Hile, 106 E. 2nd Street, had comments regarding the Main Street Advisory Board budget. Mr. Chris Osborn asked to address the Council during the discussion on a specific agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KEITH AND MARSHA HAGLER FOR A TIF GRANT TO REPAIR A SIGN LOCATED AT 200 PORTER STREET.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for this item to be removed from Consent for discussion.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

1. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KEITH AND MARSHA HAGLER FOR A TIF GRANT TO REPAIR A SIGN LOCATED AT 200 PORTER STREET.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales cited concerns regarding the use of TIF funds for this project. On further discussion, Council opted to bring this item back for action once the city attorney has had more time to review the agreement and address their specific concerns.

2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING.
   Mr. Dunaway presented a request to authorize staff to solicit a Request for Proposals to conduct a city strategic plan. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales stressed the importance of moving forward with the city plan as well as participating in the community plan. Council Member Green moved to delay taking action on a city plan at this time and Council Member Hill asked to amend the motion by adding the right to bring the item back for future consideration at any time. Council Member Green agreed to the amendment and Council Member Rydell seconded the amended motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One voted NO (Gonzales). Motion passed.

3. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider an appointment to the TEDC Board. Thought was given to removing a past council member who was appointed to the board and appointing Council Member Green in his place. The appointment of Mr. Osborn was made in February of this year and at that time Council agreed it would be beneficial to have a council member on the TEDC Board, but made no official change in the appointment process. Mr. Osborn responded to Council Member Green's concerns regarding his attendance record since his appointment in February. Mr. Sean Stockard, TEDC President, indicated that there had been an issue with sending the meeting notifications to the correct email for Mr. Osborn and said that issue has since been resolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to keep Mr. Osborn as a citizen member on the TEDC Board and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP II.

Mr. Dunaway continued the discussion on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013/2014.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND 2013/2014 BUDGET.

- ESTABLISH UPPER LIMIT OF THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND TAKE RECORD VOTE, TO BE DISCUSSED AT A PUBLIC HEARING.

After much discussion, Council Member Hill moved to set the upper limit of the ad valorem tax rate at the effective rate of 0.818927 and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. A record vote was taken:

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| Scott Green | No |
| Don Hill | Aye |
| Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem | Aye |
| Brandt Rydell | Aye |
| Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor | Aye |

VOTE: Four voted AYE. One NO. Motion Passed.

- DESIGNATE THE DAY, TIME, AND PLACE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND 2013/2014 BUDGET.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a request to set a date, time and place for a public hearing on the ad valorem tax rate and 2013/2014 budget. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to set the Public Hearing at 6pm on August 22 at City Hall. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. 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 the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
    - Disposition of property adjacent to the city cemetery.

    Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:36 pm.

7. CONSIDER ACTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION.

    Council returned to open session at 8:43 pm and Mayor Ancira stated that no action or vote was taken during the executive session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk