The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 28, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira	Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager
Council Member Chris Gonzales	Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Council Member John McDonald	Mark Schroeder, Acting City Attorney
Council Member Chris Osborn	Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Reverend Newman led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Mr. Jose Orta spoke on behalf of LULAC regarding their support of the Plan A1 redistricting plan. Several other citizens had signed up to speak regarding the Old City Hall but opted to come forward during the time their agenda item was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-16 FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING FOR PROPERTIES ANNEXED IN 2010.

ORDINANCE 2011-16

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING AND FUTURE LAND USE TO ANNEXED AREAS AS SHOWN ON ORDINANCES 2010-30 AND 2010-45; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-19 REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1504 W. 2ND STREET.

ORDINANCE 2011-19

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF 0.5477 ACRES SITUATED IN THE DOAK ADDITION, BLOCK 57, LOTS 1-3, 4 (S/PT), CITY OF TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM LOCAL BUSINESS (B-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (B-2); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGES ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

4. ACCEPT SEMI ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT.
5. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JUNE, 2011.

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

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

6. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING JULY 29, 2011 AS FRED SWITZER DAY.
   Mayor Hill presented Mr. Fred Switzer with a proclamation declaring July 29, 2011 Fred Switzer Day in honor of his retirement from employment with the City of Taylor.

7. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, AUGUST 2, 2011.
   Mayor Hill presented a proclamation recognizing August 2, 2011 as National Night Out. Ms. Beth Wilkes, Administrative Assistant, and Assistant Police Chief Dan Ramsey accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Taylor Police Department.

8. RECOGNIZE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR RECEIVING THE DISTINGUISHED BUDGE PRESENTATION AWARD FOR THE CURRENT BUDGET FORM THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (GFOA).
   Mr. Dunaway reported that the Finance Department has received the GFOA award for the fourth year in a row under the direction of Ms. Rosemarie Dennis. Ms. Dennis, Lillie Lawler, Teresa Carrizales, and Alice Benjiman were present to accept the award.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City 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.
   • Legal issues associated with the City's redistricting obligations.

   Council Member Osborn made a request to Mayor Hill to waive the need for an Executive Session and asked to proceed in open session to facilitate public discussion regarding the matter of redistricting. Council agreed and did not elect to enter into Executive Session.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER AND ADJUST PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN(S).
    Ms. Cindy Crosby, legal consultant with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, provided a brief overview of the process to date and opened a discussion on the possible adjustment of the illustrative plan council approved at the June 9th meeting and presented for public comment on June 30 and again on July 21. Ms. Crosby also presented a plan submitted at the June 30th hearing by Mr. Jose Orta on behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and two additional draft plans for consideration.

    During the discussion Ms. Crosby provided an analysis of all the plans and how they relate to each other with respect to the guidelines and criteria previously adopted by Council. She responded to questions regarding each plan and expressed her appreciation to council, staff, and citizens for their participation in the process.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve plan A1 as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-21 ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN FOR THE CITY AND TO AUTHORIZE REDISTRICTING LEGAL COUNSEL TO SEEK VOTING RIGHTS ACT SECTION 5 PRECLEARANCE OF ADOPTED PLAN.

As a result of action taken on the above agenda item Council proceeded to introduce the Ordinance authorizing legal counsel to move forward with the plan adoption and submission to the Department of Justice.

ORDINANCE NO. 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.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO THE OLD CITY HALL INCLUDING RESOLUTION R11-21 CALLING A BOND ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2011; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION; AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION.

Mr. Bart Fowler presented a draft resolution and possible ballot language regarding a bond election on the disposition of the old city hall. Staff provided historical information regarding funds spent for maintenance and previous grant awards to assist in the preservation of the building.

Citizens speaking on this item included Mr. David Wolbrueck, 1210 Melbourne Lane, Round Rock, who represented himself and the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society, Mr. Joe Naizer, 701 Sloan Street, Ms. Mary Linda Hayes, 1117 Howard, and Ms. Jennifer Meixsell, 1606 McClain. Most were concerned about the ballot language, the need for an election, or the issuance of more debt.

Council asked legal counsel to bring back more specific language on the ballot propositions and encouraged those citizens seeking more options to do so and bring back any additional information to council for further consideration.

(Council Member Gonzales recused himself from the next item due to a conflict of interest.)

13. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.

Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request to consider appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC). Three appointments were needed to complete the committee roster; one from Mayor Hill and two additional

appointments from the council. Mr. Elsden reported that six applications were received.

Mayor Hill appointed Mr. Daniel Thomas and Council Member McDonald moved to approve the appointments of Mr. Thomas Martinez and Ms. Donna Frazier to the CPIC. Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Council Member Gonzales rejoined the meeting.)

14. CONSIDER AMENDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR VICTORIA STREET FACILITY.
Chief Ekiss presented an amended agreement with the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) to extend their lease for use of the Victoria Street facility. Council reviewed this agreement at the June 23rd meeting and requested that a termination clause be added to the document, which is now included in the agreement. Based on comparable properties Chief Ekiss asked Council to consider an increase in the lease amount from $500 a month to $650 a month.

Council Member McDonald asked about possible plans for adding a new pull through driveway access for safety reasons. Chief Ekiss said he had approached the TVFD for additional property to construct this driveway access but he has not been successful in reaching an agreement.

After much discussion no action was taken on the amendment to the lease agreement and Council requested this item be brought back to be discussed further in an executive session regarding the possible acquisition of property.

15. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP II FOR 2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR.
Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, continued to provide a review the proposed budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

ADJOURN
With no further business or action Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Donald Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk