

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 19, 2012, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member Chris Osborn
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

1. CONDUCT WORKSHOP REGARDING STREET CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.

Mr. Straub presented additional information regarding a proposal to fund a street repair and maintenance program. Three funding options were presented to the council: an increase in ad valorem or property taxes; a creation of a street maintenance utility; and the reallocation of sales tax revenues.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales expressed an interest in a plan that uses a street maintenance utility fee and the possible reallocation of sales tax revenue from the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC). Council Member Ancira requested additional data from the TEDC and to further evaluate the issue at an upcoming joint meeting.

Mr. Straub reported that the charter review committee has expressed an interest in offering the voters the right to choose whether or not the city creates a street maintenance utility. If established, Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, suggested that the initial fee estimates of \$7.05 per month per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) would be necessary to generate the \$1.1 million needed for annual maintenance of existing streets.

Council Member Osborn stressed the need for developing a plan and to move forward on this issue. He moved to set a meeting with the TEDC on August 2 and to make a decision to call the November election at the August 14 council meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Don Hill, Mayor

Susan Brock, City Clerk