

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 14, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Jesse Ancira
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member John McDonald
Council Member Chris Osborn

Jim D. 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

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-20 REGARDING DISANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR.

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:

3. PROCLAMATION: AUGUST IS BREAST FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH.
Ms. Tena Deluna accepted the proclamation from Mayor Hill on behalf of the Williamson Cities and County Health District Breastfeeding program.

(Mayor Hill expressed the need to adjourn Council into Executive Session at 6:05 pm.)

4. 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.

Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 7:05 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONSIDER AND ADJUST PROPOSED REDISTRICTING PLAN(S).

Ms. Cindy Crosby, legal consultant with Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta, led 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. 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). In addition, she created two new draft plans for Council to review incorporating some of the elements from the LULAC map. 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. Council agreed to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on these new plans at another public hearing.

Council Member Osborn moved to set another public hearing on July 21st at the Library at 6:00 pm and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. 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 no action on the above agenda item Council passed on this item.

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.

7. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-16 REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE AND ZONING FOR PROPERTIES ANNEXED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR IN 2010.

Mr. John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request to consider a plan for zoning and future land use of recently annexed properties. He reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission supported the plan as submitted and recommended approval of the ordinance under consideration.

Mayor Hill opened the public hearing; hearing no comments, the hearing was closed. With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

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

8. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-19 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE PROPERTY OWNED BY KEITH HAGLER LOCATED AT 1504 W. SECOND STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 57, LOTS 1-3, AND THE SOUTH PART OF LOT 4, 0.5477 ACRES OF THE DOAK ADDITION FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Elsdon presented a request to consider a change in zoning for property located on West Second Street. The property owner has expressed an interest in changing the current zoning to allow an auto repair business. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

Mayor Hill opened the public hearing; Mr. Keith Hagler, property owner, responded to concerns about parking and current zoning of surrounding properties. Hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed. With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

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.

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

9. CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE 2011-17 ABANDONING AN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN LAKE DRIVE AND MARESH STREET.

John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request to consider abandoning an alley that has become almost inaccessible due to property owner encroachments. Mr. Elsdon stated that there are no utilities in the area designated as an alley and that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request at a previous meeting. If approved, the property will be divided equally between the adjacent land owners and a quit claim filed with the county to ensure this change has been recorded.

With no further discussion Council Member McDonald moved to approve the

Ordinance as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2011-17

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, VACATING AND ABANDONING THE EIGHTEEN FOOT WIDE ALLEY LOCATED WITHIN THE MARESH AND CASSENS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR FILED SEPTEMBER 5, 1910, AND ALSO BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF LOT 4, BLOCK 3, DICKSON'S 2ND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.2479 ACRES OF LAND; LOCATED BETWEEN LAKE DRIVE AND MARESH STREET; RUNNING APPROXIMATELY 600 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 12 OF THE MARESH AND CASSENS ADDITION; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

(Council Member Gonzales rejoined the meeting.)

10. CONSIDER EXTENDING AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR MARKETPLACE.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Community Development Director, presented a request from Ms. Ronda Dukes, owner of Taylor MarketPlace, to extend an agreement to allow her to continue having an outdoor market until the indoor facility is complete. Ms. Dukes reported that she has pre-leased space to over thirty vendors and anticipates using the open areas for larger one time vendor shows and community events. The indoor market is expected to be open by the end of July.

With no further comment or discussion, Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the agreement extension as presented until September 30, 2011 and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-20 AND ENTERING INTO A CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR RANDALL JONES MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT (MUD).

Mr. Dunaway presented a request to consider granting consent to Mr. Randall Jones to create a Municipal Utility District (MUD) 27 in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city. Mr. Dunaway pointed out that the MUD is located within the Jonah SUD service area and any future wastewater service would be provided by the City of Hutto. Mr. Richard Amala, representing Mr. Jones, stated that the proposed development would include both residential and commercial lots.

Without further discussion Council Member Osborn moved to approve the consent agreement and Resolution R11-20 and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. DISCUSS QUALIFICATIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMITTEE AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Dunaway presented for discussion the current policy that states that no one may serve on more than one city board or commission at the same time. He reviewed the

Handbook policy and concluded that, as currently written, the policy could continue as stated but exclude the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee (CPIC) without any further action from Council. There was general agreement that the CPIC would be removed from the list of standing committees and this particular policy would not apply to these appointments. Staff was instructed to review the Handbook further for any other discrepancies that may need addressing.

13. DISCUSS POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO CITY CHARTER.

Mr. Dunaway presented the possibility of calling an election to address amendments to the charter. He reported that some discussion has occurred regarding the current method of electing the Mayor and also setting term limits for council members. Additionally, there may be some language needed addressing the removal of any council member from office or adding a recall provision. Council instructed staff to review these issues further and to bring back more details regarding a possible election at a future meeting.

14. CONDUCT BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR 2011/2012 FISCAL YEAR.

Mr. Dunaway and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a review of the proposed budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

ADJOURN

With no further business or action Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Donald Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk