The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 12, 2012, 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:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales	City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Jesse Ancira	Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
Council Member Chris Osborn	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Brandt Rydell	City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Mark Groba, 1331 CR 448, came forward during this time to deliver a letter to Council concerning property he owns at 800 West 7th Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE MINUTES JUNE 28, 2012.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2012-19 REGARDING ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF US HWY 79 AND CR 101 ADJACENT TO THE CITY LIMITS AND AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS.

ORDINANCE 2012-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND HEREINAFTER MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED BY METES AND BOUNDS TO THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS FOR ALL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AND LOCATED WITHIN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR AN ANNEXATION SERVICE PLAN AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS TO INCLUDE THE ANNEXED TRACT; PROVIDING FOR PARTIAL INVALIDITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS; PROVIDING FOR ENGROSSMENT AND ENROLLMENT; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCE

3. CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE 2012-18 ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS ALLOWING OUTDOOR BURNING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

Chief Ekiss, Fire Department, presented Council with a request to consider an amended ordinance regarding the establishment of guidelines for outdoor burning. This Ordinance was introduced at the May 24, 2012 council meeting and based on comments and concerns from Mr. Nolin Werchan, the ordinance was amended and was being presented to council for further consideration.

The following individuals came forward to speak in opposition to the current ordinance under consideration: Ron Werner, 1413 Southwood Hills Drive, Glenn Naivar, 1900 Southwood Hills Drive, Bobby Naivar, P. O. Box 531, Taylor, Marty Ruble, 10 Sandy Lane.

Council Member Ancira requested Chief Ekiss to consider meeting further with these individuals to find a compromise that would be agreeable to all and still be within any standard guidelines and regulations. No further action was taken on this item which will be brought back for action at the July 26th meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-18

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS ALLOWING BURNING WITHIN THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE, EXCEPT WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, OR FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OR REGULATION WHICH GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, INCLUDING DUMPING OF REFUSE WHICH SHALL BE PUNISHED BY PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS ($2,000.00); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND PUBLICATION CLAUSES.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RETAIL COACH, LLC FOR RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES.
   Mr. Straub presented a request for Council to consider entering into an agreement to secure retail recruitment services. He stressed the need for such a study to assist in attracting new development to the city. Council Member Rydell questioned the timing of this program when he would like to see the Council stay focused on retaining existing businesses and improving infrastructure, particularly streets which would in turn attract new businesses.

   Council Member Osborn moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement with The Retail Coach, LLC not to exceed $16,000 in city funds and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One vote NO

(Council Member Rydell). Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER SETTING A DATE TO CONDUCT A JOINT MEETING WITH THE TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
   Mr. Straub presented a request from the Taylor Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to meet with the Council. The purpose of the meeting would be to share their strategic plan and goals and receive input from the Council. Council agreed to receive the presentation at their August 16th council meeting if this date is agreeable with the TEDC Board of Directors.

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER PROJECT.
   Mr. Casey Sledge, city consulting engineer, presented an update on the progress of the community recreation center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. 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 a street project.

   Mayor Hill and council members retired to closed session at 7:50 pm.

8. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
   Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 8:38 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during either Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Don Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk