

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 9, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Mayor Jesse Ancira, Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

1. RECOGNITION OF POLICE OFFICERS DEWAYNE PHILPOTT AND AUTUMN CLIFFORD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and Chief Fluck honored two police officers who assisted in the post delivery of a newborn baby while on duty.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales took this time to recognize and honor a local citizen currently serving as a Sgt in the United States Army: Sgt. Carlos Sanchez was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service to his country and to the citizens of Taylor.

Mr. Matthew Temple commented on the economic incentives programs offered by the city; Ms. Barbara D'Amico asked council to address the issue of speeding on Davis Street. Citizens who commented on the current conditions at the Animal Shelter included: Ms. Dee Dee Yelverton, 1415 Howard; Ms. Christine Sumpter, 606 W. 7th Street; Kelley Hilla, 915 Lexington; Ms. Melanie Rathke, 612 Vernon; Mr. Matt Walter (no address); and Ms. Frances Rojas, 2908 Zachary Lane.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 25 AND JULY 2, 2015.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-05 REGARDING AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MANOJ NAIK FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY TAPIMATA, LLC REQUESTING SPECIFIC USE APPROVAL FOR "OUTDOOR MUSIC CONCERTS AND DANCE HALL" AS ALLOWED WITH SPECIFIC USE APPROVAL IN THE M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) ZONING DISTRICT AT 1402 WELCH STREET, PROPERTY ALSO DESCRIBED AS 8.24 ACRES OUT OF THE J.C. EAVES SURVEY, ABSTRACT 1:214; AND 7.923 ACRES OUT OF THE W.R. WILLIAMS SURVEY, ABSTRACT #1665, CONSISTING OF A TOTAL OF 16.163

ACRES, GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1202-1402 WELCH STREET, CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, WILLIAMSON COUNTY.

Mr. Turner and Ms. Laura Rouse-DeVore, Deputy Building Official, stated that Mr. Manoj Naik, property owner, had submitted a request to withdraw his application and that he is no longer interested in pursuing a Specific Use Permit for this property. The Public Hearing was not held.

4. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-07 REGARDING A REQUEST MADE BY ALAN TEICHELMAN TO REZONE A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1800 OLD GRANGER ROAD, TAYLOR, TEXAS BEING A 0.85 ACRE TRACT OUT OF THE PHARRASS J. SURVEY, AW 495 FROM R1, SINGLE FAMILY TO B1, LOCAL BUSINESS.

Ms. Rouse DeVore presented a request to conduct a Public Hearing on a rezoning case regarding changing the zoning from a residential property to business. The property owner is planning office or retail use for the site and the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended the change by a unanimous vote. The Public Hearing was open and no one came forward. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Mr. Schroeder to read the caption and introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS APPROVING THE REZONING A PARCEL OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1800 OLD GRANGER ROAD, TAYLOR, TX. FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R1) TO LOCAL BUSINESS (B1).

5. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-08 TO GRANT SPECIFIC USE APPROVAL TO ALLOW A MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CITY OF TAYLOR, BLOCK 11, LOTS 3-6 (E/PTS); ALSO KNOWN AS 203 WASHBURN STREET, TAYLOR, TEXAS SITUATED IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Ms. Rouse-DeVore presented a request to conduct a Public Hearing on a request for a Specific Use Permit to allow a major automotive repair facility on property currently being used for minor automotive repair. She reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of this request.

The Public Hearing was open; hearing no further discussion or comments Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked Mr. Schroeder to read the caption and introduce the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS APPROVING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A MAJOR AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR FACILITY ON PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS CITY OF TAYLOR, BLOCK 11, LOTS 3-6 (E/PTS); ALSO KNOWN AS 203 WASHBURN STREET, TAYLOR, TX.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

6. CONSIDER APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH FREESE AND NICHOLS AND SLEDGE ENGINEERING RELATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to approve two agreements for professional services related to the Transportation User Fee project. The two firms, Freese and Nichols and Sledge Engineering, will be working together to develop and implement the program.

Council Member Green moved to authorize the City Manager to approve the agreements as presented with Freese and Nichols for \$45,103 and with Sledge Engineering for \$18,500 equaling a total not to exceed \$63,603 from the General Fund. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER RECEIVING REPORT ON CODE ENFORCEMENT OF PAINTING HOMES INITIATIVE.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, presented a report on the increased efforts to enforce painting of homes. He noted that since February 12 homes were cited in need of painting. Of those 12, ten either have completed the painting or have begun to make an effort to comply. Council Member Green moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION REGARDING RAILROAD QUIET ZONES.

Mr. van Til presented an update on the research of railroad quiet zones for the downtown district. He pointed out the primary problem to implement would be the costs to the city for making necessary safety improvements for each crossing under consideration for the change. Council Member Rydell requested staff work with the Design Workshop staff and seek grant-funding opportunities for this project.

Council Member Green moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER FURTHER ACTION REGARDING WEST END SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Mr. vanTil provided Council with additional information regarding the appraisal of the property as well as a police report of incidents occurring at this site. Council Member Rydell asked staff to develop an RFP for redevelopment of the property and to bring back an update at a future meeting.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON STREET PROJECTS.

Mr. Danny Thomas, Public Works Director, and Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, presented an update on the current street projects including Jones/Burkett, Fair Streets, and Edmond Street rehabilitation. Council Member Green moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. RECEIVE UPDATE ON FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS AND PLANNED RECOGNITION EVENT.

Mr. Turner stated that staff is in the process of organizing a volunteer recognition event for next month and that details would be forthcoming when finalized.

12. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Rydell asked for a report on the short and long-term needs of the animal shelter and Council Member Green requested more information on the Williamson County Animal Shelter and costs to use their facility. Council Member Hill moved to cancel the July 23rd council meeting and move it to July 16th to accommodate schedule conflicts. Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

(Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales and council members retired to closed session at 8:12 pm.)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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.

- Property disposition at 800 W. 7th street

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Local Government Code, and the authority contained in Section 551.087 to discuss or deliberate regarding commercial and/or financial information on a business prospect that the City of Taylor, Texas, seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the City of Taylor, Texas and with which the City of Taylor, Texas, is conducting economic development negotiations and/or deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

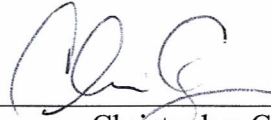
- Project Advance
- Project Access

15. CONSIDER ACTION FROM ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales resumed the open meeting at 8:26 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

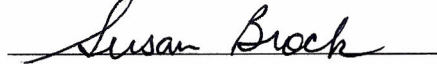
ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales declared the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.



Christopher Gonzales, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk