The City Council of the City of Taylor met on July 9, 2009 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Hortenstine declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Ella Pumphrey Jez	City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Christopher Gonzales	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Donald Hill	City Clerk, Susan Brock
Council Member John McDonald	

INVOCATION
Mr. Bob vanTil led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
Ms. Jean Johnson, Director, Main Street, read a letter from Major General Hammond of the 1-4 ARB unit from Fort Hood expressing his appreciation to the City of Taylor for their support during their deployment.

Mr. Joe Naizer presented Council with a comment on the planned location of a new recreation facility.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JUNE 23, 2009.
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the minutes on the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. PROCLAMATION: IN HONOR OF MS. BEOLA JONES' 100TH BIRTHDAY
   Mayor Pro Tem Jez presented a proclamation to Ms. Beola Jones naming July 25, 2009 as "Beola Jones Day" in honor of her one hundredth birthday.

3. CONSIDER ADDENDUM TO IESI SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT.
   Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, presented a request from IESI to amend their current agreement with the City. Mr. Gerry Rieger, Division Manager with IESI, was present to respond to questions. He emphasized the need to clarify information already included in the contract and to provide more specific definitions for some of the services including amount of bags and bundled brush. Council commended Mr. Rieger on the improved level of service being provided and their appreciation for his cooperation in quickly solving issues as they arise.

   Council Member McDonald moved to amend the IESI agreement as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRACT WITH GALLAGHER FOR UPPER PRESSURE PLANE PUMP STATION AT THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.
   Mr. Thomas presented a request to consider approving a contract with Gallagher Construction as Project Construction Manager for additional work at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. Mr. Von Gallagher was present to respond to questions. Mr. Casey Sledge, consulting city engineer, reported that the selection of Gallagher for the pump station was based on several criteria including their excellent work history and the ability to save money since they are already on site at the park.

   Council Member McDonald moved to authorize Gallagher to proceed with the bid process and to bring back the contract with additional language and new and revised fees at a later date (August) and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO WORK AUTHORIZATION NUMBER 3 FOR KSA ENGINEERS, INC. FOR THE EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER OFF SITE WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECT.
   Mr. Thomas presented a request to approve an amendment for KSA to the EWCHEC water and wastewater project. Mr. Ed Bailey with KSA was present to respond to questions. The change is a result of the successful bond election for a new high school to be located adjacent to the EWCHEC and the need to redesign the service to better accommodate both sites.

   Council Member Hill moved to approve the amendment for $34,500 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER ACCEPTING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR MUSTANG COVE PROJECT.
   Mr. Thomas presented a request to consider accepting the public improvements for a street located in the Mustang Creek Industrial Park. The Taylor Economic Development Corporation constructed a cul-de-sac and made improvements to the roadway, storm drainage and associated water and wastewater mains which now need to be added to the city inventory.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to accept the public improvements for the Mustang Cove project as presented and Council Member McDonald Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER ADDRESSING H.B. 2113 REQUIRING THE DESIGNATION OF A HOLIDAY FOR FIREFIGHTERS.
   As a result of recent legislation, Mr. Dunaway presented a request to designate September 11 as a holiday for firefighters. Council discussed the possibility of adding an extra holiday for other municipal employees but agreed to keep the number of paid holidays for all employees at ten days therefore making it necessary for firefighters to use their personal day for the September 11th holiday.

   Council Member McDonald moved to designate September 11 as the personal day for firefighters and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE.

Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-16 TO RENEW AND REVISE THE ANNUAL CITY INVESTMENT POLICY.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a request to amend the current city investment policy by including a broker/dealers list to allow staff to diversify investments. The proposed list includes Duncan Williams, Morgan Keegan, Edward Jones, and JP Morgan Securities.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to approve Resolution R09-16 and the Dealer/Broker List and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TAYLOR TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT AND COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM.
Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider authorizing the City to participate in a cooperative purchasing program. Participants include the cities of Georgetown, Round Rock, Leander, Cedar Park, Hutto and the Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority. The program is designed to allow the participating entities to realize savings on supplies, equipment and other materials through competitive bidding as a group.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the interlocal agreement as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER AMENDING STREET NAMING POLICY AND APPOINTING ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE.
Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented an amendment to the policies of the Street Naming Committee with regard to membership and appointments. Council Member Hill recommended removing the appointment of a council member and a member of the planning and zoning committee from serving on the committee. Discussion continued with a recommendation that each council member would appoint one member, not necessarily from their respective districts, who would be appointed for three year terms with the first terms staggered.

Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to amend the policy to have the committee consist of five members with each Council member appointing one member and Council Member Hill seconded the motion: Ella Jez appointed Jose Orta; Christopher Gonzales appointed Lisa Reyes; Rod Hortenstine appointed Johnny Sanford; John McDonald appointed Nancy Tyson; and Don Hill appointed Rickey Gray. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT FROM WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO THE CITY.
Chief Bruce Watson presented a request to consider formally accepting a donation of an ambulance from Williamson County made in 2002. The final paperwork was never completed and this action would make the transfer complete.

Council Member McDonald moved to accept the donation and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R09-17 TO EXECUTE THE ADVANCE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM METROPOLITAN MOBILITY (STP-MM) GRANT AWARD FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN CORRIDOR ON STATE HIGHWAY 95.
Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved that this item be tabled and discussed at or after the planned workshop scheduled for July 14 on capital improvement projects and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. CONSIDER IMMEDIATE FUNDING NEEDS FOR THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.
Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to table this item and discussed at or after the planned workshop scheduled for July 14 on capital improvement projects and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will hold a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code, in accordance with 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Government Code in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074 to discuss a personnel issue: the presiding judge position in the City Municipal Court.

Mayor Hortenstine announced that there is no need to hold Executive Session I and then adjourned into Executive Session II at 7:55 pm.

16. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II.
Council returned to open session at 8:26 p.m. and announced that no action was taken during Executive Session II.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk