

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 23, 2011, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Osborn, Mayor Donald Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Jim D. Dunaway, City Manager
Jeff Straub, Assistant City Manager
Mark Schroeder, Acting City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Jeff Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Ronda Dukes, Manager of Taylor MarketPlace came forward to address the council regarding an extension of an agreement with the City allowing her to use the parking lot for vendors on a temporary basis until she receives her Certificate of Occupancy.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 2011.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2011-18 REPEALING ORDINANCE 76-14 REGARDING CITY LANDFILLS.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY, 2011.

Council Member Ancira requested item number 3 be removed from consent for further review. Council Member Gonzales moved to approve items 1 and 2 of the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion.
VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY, 2011.

Council Member Ancira asked Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, to elaborate on the monthly financial report and how it relates to the overall budget process. She provided a brief overview of what is contained in the report and how the information can be used to plan for the remainder of this year as well as for the upcoming budget year.

Without further comment Council Member McDonald moved to accept the financials as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-17 ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION BOUNDARY LINE WITH THE CITY OF HUTTO.

Mr. Straub presented an agreement with the City of Hutto regarding properties in the extraterritorial jurisdictions of each city. He presented an agreement already approved

by the Hutto City Council with a request to move this issue forward towards a final boundary line.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve Resolution R11-17 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R11-18 RELEASING AND ACCEPTING EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ) PROPERTIES.

Mr. Straub presented a request to consider approve another agreement with the City of Hutto to release certain properties based on the boundary line approved by Council in the agreement immediately preceding this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R11-18 as presented and Council Member Ancira seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2011-20 REGARDING THE DISANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES FROM THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR.

As a final step to finalizing the issue of extraterritorial jurisdiction boundaries with the City of Hutto Mr. Straub presented a request to introduce an ordinance to disannex selected properties agreed on by both parties.

With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2011-20

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, DISANNEXING FROM ITS CORPORATE LIMITS APPROXIMATELY 52.058 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF COUNTY ROAD 101 AND NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 160 AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIED IN THIS ORDINANCE; REMOVING THE LAND FROM THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY; AND PROVIDING SAVINGS AND REPEALER CLAUSES.

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

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

John Elsdén, City Planner, presented a request to consider abandoning an alley that has become almost inaccessible due to property owner encroachments. Mr. Elsdén stated that there are no utilities in the area designated as an alley and that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the request at their last meeting.

With no further discussion Mayor Hill asked Mr. Hejl to introduce the Ordinance as presented.

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.)

8. CONSIDER EXTENDING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR VICTORIA STREET FACILITY.

Chief Pat Ekiss presented an amended agreement with the Taylor Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) to extend their lease for use of the Victoria Street facility. Chief Ekiss stated that the lease has expired and the tenants have continued to make payments until a new agreement can be reached. Based on comparable properties Chief Ekiss asked Council to consider an increase in the lease amount from \$500 a month to \$650 a month. Paul Ortega, TVFD, was present and asked the council to extend the lease for another twelve months and to consider no rent increase at this time. Discussion on the lack of a termination clause in the agreement led to no action on this item and Mayor Hill requested this item be brought back to Council on July 14 with additional details added to the agreement.

9. CONSIDER APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE.

Mayor Hill passed on this item until further notice. No action was taken.

10. CONSIDER DISPOSITION OF OLD CITY HALL.

Mr. Dunaway presented for discussion the possibility of a bond election to address the disposition of the old city hall building. Based on recommendations from the Komatsu study he stated that there are three options: remodel the existing structure; demolish the existing structure and build a new facility on the same site; or to demolish the existing structure and have the land revert back to park land with plans to enhance the site at a future date. Ms. Jean Johnson, Public Information Officer and former Main Street Director, provided a historical review of funding options and indicated how federal, state, and county grant funds have diminished or been eliminated for most historical preservation efforts.

No formal action was taken and Council asked Mr. Dunaway to meet with our bond counsel and bring back details on ballot wording and other possible issues associated

with an election in November.

(Council adjourned into closed session at 7:22 p.m.)

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, 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 Venture
- Project Lone Star

11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hill resumed the open meeting at 8:59 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business or action Mayor Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Donald Hill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk