

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 22, 2010 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 John McDonald
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Chris Osborn

City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Interim Assistant City Manager, Jeff Straub
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Mayor Hortenstine led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Art Baisley addressed the council regarding his concerns about the proposed zoning for his property in the newly annexed area.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR JUNE 10, 2010.
2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2010-12 REGARDING INVASIVE PLANTS ON COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, CREATING LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS; PRESERVATION, PROTECTION AND PLANTING OF TREES; PROHIBITING INVASIVE PLANTS; ESTABLISHING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; 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 WHICH GOVERNS PUBLIC HEALTH OR SANITATION WHICH SHALL BE PUNISHED BY PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY, 2010.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Osborn seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ORDINANCE 2010-28 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$8,780,000 CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010; LEVYING AN AD VALOREM TAX AND PLEDGING CERTAIN SURPLUS

REVENUES IN SUPPORT OF THE CERTIFICATES; APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND OTHER AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATES; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE CERTIFICATES.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$8,780,000 in Certificates of Obligation (CO's) for previously approved capital improvement projects. Mr. Bart Fowler and Ms. Jennifer Douglas, both with Specialized Public Finance, Inc., were present to respond to questions. Ms. Douglas reported that the CO's were sold that morning at 4.35%, a much lower rate than expected.

Mr. Hejl read the caption of the Ordinance and Council Member Hill moved to approve Ordinance 2010-28 and other actions as presented. Mayor Pro Tem McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER PRESENTATION AND AN AGREEMENT WITH BICKERSTAFF, HEATH, DELGADO, ACOSTA, LLP FOR REDISTRICTING ELECTION DISTRICTS AFTER THE 2010 CENSUS.

Ms. Brock presented a request for Council to consider a proposal from a law firm who is currently contracting with Williamson County to provide redistricting based on the 2010 census results. After viewing the presentation, Council agreed to continue the discussion after a proposed budget is submitted by the Bickerstaff firm.

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-16 REGARDING A REQUEST FROM KEITH HAGLER AND MICHAEL AND JEAN THREADGILL TO REZONE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1912 AND 2006 NORTH MAIN STREET FROM B-1 LOCAL BUSINESS TO B-2 GENERAL BUSINESS.

John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request to consider a request to rezone properties located on North Main Street. The properties under review are situated between two other properties already owned by Mr. Hagler and in use for used car sales and a business office. If approved, Mr. Hagler would like to demolish the existing abandoned gas station structure and expand his current business. This request for a change in zoning is due to the fact that current zoning does not allow used car sales on this property.

Without further discussion, Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to formally introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-16

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF 0.472 ACRES AND 0.554 ACRES SITUATED IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NUMBER 0065, 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.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING A LICENSE AGREEMENT OR INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-27 REGARDING RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAYLOR AND INVESTCOR, LLC TO ALLOW ENCROACHMENT IN TO THE PUBIC RIGHT OF WAY OF A STRUCTURE AT 608 E. PECAN STREET.

Mr. Elsdon presented a request to consider abandoning a right of way to allow an encroachment by an existing residential structure. Mr. Elsdon reported that the request was approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and that the abandonment does not adversely affect access to utilities to the property. Both parties were present to respond to questions and concerns and expressed the need to move quickly due to the June 30 deadline for first time home owner financing.

In an effort to expedite the sale of the property, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald moved to approve the license agreement and to also introduce the ordinance which will replace the agreement once approved. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TAYLOR JAYCEES FRO USE OF MURPHY PARK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL BBQ COOK OFF EVENT.

Mr. Dunaway presented a continued request to consider a request from the Taylor Jaycees to hold their annual barbecue event at Murphy Park. Mayor Hortenstine restated his previous concerns regarding how the event impacts the surrounding neighborhood and asked the group to find a new location. Mr. Shawn Jonas, President, Taylor Jaycees, responded to his concerns and repeated his request to remain at Murphy Park.

Following some continued discussion, Council Member Osborn moved to allow the cook off event to take place in the Murphy Park this year and Mayor Pro Tem McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; two voted NO (Hortenstine and Gonzales). Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Mr. Dunaway submitted a request to Council to consider confirming his appointment of Mr. Clarence Tolliver, Sr. to the Civil Service Commission. He will replace Mr. Leon Nickerson whose term ends in July. If confirmed, Mr. Tolliver will serve a three year term.

Council Member Hill moved to confirm the appointment of Clarence Tolliver to the Civil Service Commission for a three year term and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER AWARDING BID TO EFC BUILDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES UNDER THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (TDHCA) HOME OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING ASSISTANCE (OCC) GRANT PROGRAM .

Bob vanTil, Director, Community Development, presented a request to award a contract for the OCC grant program. Mr. vanTil reported that only one bid was received and it was from EFC Builders. Ms. Robin Sisco, with Langford and

Associates, was present and stated that she has had previous experience with this builder on two other projects. She agreed to provide Council with sample house plans and photos of the proposed housing which will include five new homes for a total grant amount of \$382,500.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald moved to award the bid to EFC Builders as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE TEXAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

Mr. vanTil presented a request from Mr. John Lorek to provide a letter of support from the city to assist in hosting the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games in 2011 in the Round Rock/Hutto/Taylor areas.

Council Member Hill moved to authorize the Mayor to submit the letter as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-29 APPROVING AN EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE.

Mr. Dunaway asked to pass on this item and bring it back at a future meeting.

13. 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 it's 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.

- East Williamson County Higher Education Center

Mayor Hortenstine adjourned into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hortenstine resumed the open meeting at 8:41 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during the Executive Session and there were no motions made to take action during the open session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk