The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 11, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Don Hill, Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales	Isaac Turner, City Manager
Council Member Scott Green	Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Brandt Rydell	Ted Hejl, City Attorney
	Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-06 TO ABANDON A PORTION OF MILL STREET AND AN ALLEY BEHIND 523 W. LAKE DRIVE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, VACATING A PORTION OF MILLS STREET AND AN ALLEY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT A & B; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 28, 2015.
3. CONSIDER A 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 211-215 N. MAIN STREET.

Council Member Green requested the minutes, Item Number 2, be removed for corrections and Item Number 3 was also removed for further clarification. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved that Item Number 1 be approved as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Green asked that the minutes for May 28, 2015 be corrected as follows: The proclamation for tax volunteers was actually presented by himself. He also pointed out that the text for the agenda item regarding waiving regulatory development fees for the TEDC project was incorrect and the amount of fees waived should be shown as $216,000 not $216 million. With these corrections noted, Council Member Green moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE.

Item number 3 was pulled to amend the original agreement with respect to the dates of the agreement. Council Member Rydell moved to approve the agreement as amended and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. RECEIVE UPDATE ON STORM RECOVERY ACTIVITIES.
Mr. Turner presented a report on staff activities in conjunction with the other partners involved in storm relief: The Ministerial Alliance, Austin Disaster Relief Network, United Way, VOAD, Red Cross, Williamson County Emergency Management, Oasis Church, Texas Housing Authority, and FEMA. He reported that the FEMA Mobile Intake Center will be stationed at City Hall through July to serve all those in Williamson County affected by the storms. One particular street repair has been categorized as an emergency due to the extreme damage done to the pavement being completely washed out. Level up and asphalt paving was scheduled to be done on Edmond Street with weather permitting. He noted that the city communication efforts had been substantially increased and that a post incident analysis would be forthcoming within the next thirty days.

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY THE RECENT STORM AND FLOODING EVENT.
Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Development Services, presented a request to allow those individuals directly affected by the flood to secure building permits at no charge. The Austin Disaster and Relief Network has identified those who may qualify and council will be provided an update and a list of those who receive the benefit of having the fees waived.

Council Member Green moved to authorize the city Manager to waive the fees as allowed and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUDIT INITIATIVES FOR CITY FACILITIES, LIGHTING AND TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.
Mr. Bernal presented a request to approve a series of audits that could allow the city to reduce its costs in three areas: energy, street lighting, and phone systems. The only program with a cost is the street light review. The other programs are based on a percentage of costs that are recovered.

Council Member Green moved to approve the audit initiatives as presented and the street light program for $3,875.00. Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING REVISED POLICY FOR TEXSHARE LIBRARY CARD PROGRAM.
Ms. Betty Thompson presented a request to approve an amendment to the Library policy regarding the TexShare Library Card Program. The current program requires that each user renew their cars every six months; this request is to extend that program to one year. She stated there have been no problems and they don't anticipate any by extending the program to one year Council Member Rydell moved to approve the change in policy as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON HIDE, LOCK AND TAKE THEFT PREVENTION PROGRAM.
   Chief Henry Fluck presented an overview of the new initiative to educate citizens on how to prevent burglary of their vehicles. The slogan is: HIDE your things, LOCK your car, and TAKE your keys. Door hangars and educational materials will be distributed in an effort to prevent this crime.

9. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH PROGRAM.
   Chief Fluck presented a review of the Police Department efforts to assist those citizens interested in establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program in their neighborhoods.

10. CONTINUE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REPORT FROM PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD ON THE WEST END SCHOOL PROPERTY.
    Mr. Turner asked Council what their thoughts are regarding the next step to take for the West End School property. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales would like to move forward with the demolition of the building so that the property could be reverted to parkland. Council Member Green would like to see some action taken, either sell it or demolish it as well as the 7th Street Hospital. Council Member Rydell would like to save the building. Mayor Ancira asked that no action be taken without Council Member Hill having a chance to participate in the discussion and instructed staff to verify the valuation of the property and to provide council with a criminal activity report for the buildings.

11. REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR DOWNTOWN AND PARKS AND RECREATION.
    Mr. Turner provided a brief review of activities related to the strategic plan and the downtown area and parks and stated that these items will be addressed during the budget process.

12. CONSIDER CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY URBAN COUNTY PROGRAM FOR CDBG (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMNENT BLOCK GRANT) FUNDING.
    Mr. vanTil presented a request to approve the participation in the county grant funding program for CDBG funds for the years 2016-2018. This is a recurring request that allows the city to submit applications for funding appropriate programs. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the request as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. RECEIVE REPORT ON CODE ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES.
    Mr. vanTil reported on recent code enforcement activities and stated the Ms. Holli Nelson, PIO, will be assisting in promoting a neighborhood engagement initiative in the future.

14. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
    Mayor Ancira asked that this item be passed on until the next council meeting when Council Member Hill will be present.

15. RECEIVE PRESENTATION REGARDING OVERVIEW OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016.
Mr. Turner and Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a brief overview of the current state of the budget and the three major funds: Utility, Airport, and General Fund. Ms. Dennis anticipates proposing a Budget Amendment in September to make appropriate transfers and additional information will be provided in the upcoming scheduled Budget Workshops.

16. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. No new items were presented.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:42 pm.)

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
    - Project Access

18. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 7:52 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk