The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 8, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Dwayne Ariola	Isaac Turner, City Manager
Council Member Robert Garcia	Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Council Member Chris Gonzales (Joined mtg at 6:11 pm)	Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Mayor Pro Tem Christine Lopez	Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Pastor Jeff Ripple led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITIONS

1. TAX ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS.
   Mayor Rydell and Mr. Turner presented a proclamation to recognizing the contributions of the United Way of Williamson County and AARP-Tax-Aide volunteers and proclaiming appreciation for the valuable assistance provided to our community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities. Council Member Garcia added several others.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. John McDonald, 2405 Meadow Lane, spoke on the need to increase the budget for park maintenance; Ms. Frances Sorrow, 701 Kimbro, encouraged the Council to consider a Historic Preservation Plan that will be submitted by the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2017-11 REGARDING A REQUEST TO REZONE 6.526 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65 FROM THE HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY (MF-2) AND LOCAL BUSINESS (B-1) DISTRICTS TO THE MF-2 HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY DISTRICT (MF-2), GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MALLARD LANE AND DAVIS STREETS.

ORDINANCE 2017-11

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 6.526 ACRES IN THE WILLIAM J. BAKER SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 65, LOCATED AT SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MALLARD LANE AND DAVIS STREETS IN TAYLOR, WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY MF-2 AND LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT B-1 TO HIGH DENSITY MULTIFAMILY MF-2; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OFF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 25, 2017.
   Council Member Garcia moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

4. RECEIVE UPDATES ON FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS.
   Pastor Jeff Ripple presented a brief overview of the past flood event and introduced Ms. Jeanne McClellan and Reverend Laraine Waughtal who presented a report on the status of the 2015 Memorial Day Flood Recovery efforts.

   Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER RECEIVING REPORT ON CITY CEMETERY.
   Mr. Bernal introduced Dr. Thomas Longoria who presented a summary of results from an assessment and analysis of the city cemetery by students enrolled in the Public Performance Management program at Texas State University Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training. Staff will be using this information to review current policies and fee schedules and continue this discussion during the budget process.

   Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER SELECTING A FIRM FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES OF THE SKATE PARK PROJECT.
   Mr. Mike DeVito, Parks and Recreation Director, presented a request to approve the award to Evergreen Skateparks for design/build services who will begin work on the proposed skatepark at 3rd and Porter Streets.

   Council Member Garcia moved to approve the selection of Evergreen Skateparks to provide the design build services for the skate park as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER SELECTING PFLUGER BUILDERS TO PROVIDE DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR THE GIVENS COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION PROJECT IN FANNIE ROBINSON PARK.
   Mr. Matthew Rector, Director, Public Works, presented a request to approve the selection of Pfluger Builders to provide design build services for the Givens Community Center project.

   Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to approve the selection of Pfluger Builders for the Givens project as presented and Council Member Ariola seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ANIMAL SHELTER.
   Chief Henry Fluck presented information related to the three improvement options given to the board regarding the Animal Shelter. Citizens who came forward included Ms. Melanie Rathke, a current member of the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee, suggested an additional option for consideration to move the current buildings to a new location. Mr. David Legere, 211 N. Doak, suggested that if this additional option was selected that the new water line that would be required at this location could also be an incentive to add new residential housing options in that same area. This item was for information only and no action was taken on the options. Council Member Gonzales moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. DISCUSS AND INTRODUCE ISSUES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING ORDINANCES.
   Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented a summary of items to be addressed during the budget discussion for further consideration as they relate to the development and building regulations. Mr. Joe Burgess, 1801 Oaklawn, suggested a task force be appointed to begin to review the historic preservation needs within the neighborhood communities. Mr. Turner reiterated that this information is for further discussion during the budget and strategic planning workshops and the goal is to remain business friendly while encouraging new development.

   Mayor Pro Tem Lopez moved to accept the information as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. RECEIVE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET.
    Mr. Turner stated that the budget books would be provided to council under separate cover. Mayor Rydell passed on this item.

11. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
    Mayor Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Mayor Pro Tem Lopez would like to have the Combined Strategic Master Plan as soon as possible; Council Member Garcia suggested moving Council meetings from Thursday to Tuesday; Council Member Ariola requested a list of donations to the animal shelter and a list of volunteer groups who provide services to the shelter; he also requested a list of those businesses who have requested and received rental assistance as well as those whose requests were denied.

ADJOURN

Prior to adjournment, Mr. Bernal introduced Mr. Joseph Resendez who has joined staff as an intern. With no further action Mayor Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Brandt Rydell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk