The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 22, 2014, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira, Jr. declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Chris Gonzales
Council Member Scott Green
Council Member Donald Hill
Council Member Brandt Rydell

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

INVOCATION
Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. PROCLAMATION: IN RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS PROVIDING TAX ASSISTANCE IN TAYLOR.
   Mr. Jose Orta accepted a proclamation from Mayor Ancira on behalf of the volunteers who provided tax assistance in Taylor at both the Library and City Hall locations.

2. RECOGNITION OF TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.
   Mayor Ancira presented certificates to over thirty students who were recognized for their academic and/or athletic achievements during this school year.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION
No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2014.
4. AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH G-PIES, INC.
   Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. CONSIDER APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HALFF ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO FUTURE MDUS PROJECTS.
   Mr. Straub presented a request to approve an agreement with Halff and Associates to design options for several drainage projects including Donna, Edmond and Mills Street, McLain, Paula, Kirk, Sams, and Lake Drive drainage issues.

For the record, neither Mayor Ancira nor Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales was on the Council at the time these projects were initially added to the Capital Improvement Projects for the City. Council Member Rydell moved to approve the agreement as presented for $169,000 and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER APPROVING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AVALANCHE CONSULTING, INC. TO UPDATE CITY STRATEGIC PLAN.
Mr. Straub presented a request to approve an agreement with a consulting firm to update the current strategic plan, which was adopted in 2008. He noted that Ms. Holloway with Avalanche Consulting had worked successfully with the Council on two previous occasions and was willing to assist in updating the most recent version for $14,525.

Council asked Mr. Straub to seek alternative options as well as renegotiate the cost with Ms. Holloway to update the plan.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE MOODY MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD.
Ms. Brock presented a request from the Moody Museum Advisory Board to appoint Ms. Shirley McCoy to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. Linda Looney. No other applicants were available and Ms. McCoy had served on the board previously.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the appointment of Ms. McCoy to the Moody Museum Advisory Board and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPOINTING A CITIZEN TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN REVIEWING THE PERMITTING AND PLAN REVIEW PROCESSES.
Mr. Straub presented a request to consider appointing a committee to review the Requests for Proposals regarding the permit and plan review processes of the City.

Council agreed by consensus to let Mr. Straub and Mayor Ancira appoint six of those individuals who have already expressed an interest in being involved in the process: Bobby Naivar, James Naivar, Brad Moss, Nancy Talley, Tim Talley, and Albert Janecka. Additional names from staff included Thomas Rohlack and Craig Eulenfeld. No formal vote was taken on this item.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE ON West 2nd STREET CORRIDOR PLAN.
Mr. vanTil presented a report on recent activity occurring on West 2nd Street after the rehabilitation project was complete. He provided photos of a number of buildings that have been revitalized and the work still being done by property owners and code enforcement officials to enhance and improve the corridor as a gateway to the city. No action was taken on this item.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON CURRENT AND FUTURE PLANS FOR HERITAGE SQUARE.
Mr. vanTil presented an overview of the existing plans for Heritage Square without the Old City Hall facility. He noted that the Komatsu Architecture firm had provided the city with these plans in 2000 and again in 2010. Council discussed the possibility of inviting an urban planner to review the site and assist staff with future development plans to bring back to Council.

11. CONSIDER FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.
Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for an update on the ordinance being developed regarding historic preservation.

12. 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, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:
    - Chris Hartung of Chris Hartung Consulting will meet with Council to discuss the City Manager position.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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 551.087 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 Overload

    Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:23 pm.

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:58 p.m. and stated that there was no action was taken on any issue during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Jesse Ancira, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock

Susan Brock, City Clerk