

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on December 13, 2007 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Bernabe Gonzales declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Donald Hill
Council Member Rod Hortenstine
Council Member Ella Jez
Council Member John McDonald

Frank Salvato, City Manager
Assistant City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Council Member Hortenstine led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 13, NOVEMBER 15, AND NOVEMBER 27, 2007
2. ORDINANCE 2007-35 ZEPLIN REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED EAST AND SOUTH OF TRACTOR SUPPLY AND WHATABURGER ON NORTH MAIN STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS 22.293 ACRES SITUATED IN THE JOHN PHARASS SURVEY A-495, CITY OF TAYLOR, FROM SINGLE FAMILY (R1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS (B2).
3. ORDINANCE 2007-36, JONES REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF T. H. JOHNSON DRIVE AND NORTH MAIN STREET, ALSO KNOWN AS 7.528 ACRES SITUATED IN THE W. J. BAKER SURVEY A-65, CITY OF TAYLOR, FROM RURAL AGRICULTURE (RA) AND SINGLE FAMILY (R1) TO LOCAL BUSINESS (B1).

Council Member Hortenstine moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE; Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.
Mr. John Elsdon, City Planner, presented a request to Council to consider reappointing three members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. He provided Council with their attendance records and indicated that all have requested to be reappointed.

With no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to reappoint Gayle Collins, Brunner Grau, and Jim Killough and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS TO AIRPORT BOARD.
In the absence of Danny Thomas, Director, Public Works, Mr. Bob van Til, Director of Community Development, presented a request to Council to consider reappointing two members to the Airport Board whose terms have expired. Attendance records indicated Mr. Lopez had attended every meeting and Mr. Dayon attends as many as possible but continues

to stay involved with airport issues through his business interests at the airport. Two applications were received and reviewed for consideration but staff recommends reappointment of Mr. Lopez and Mr. Dayon based on their continued interest and ability to contribute to the board.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to reappoint Efrain Lopez and Mike Dayon to the Airport Board and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONDUCT INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2007-37 CREATING THE TAYLOR-WILLIAMSON COUNTY JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD.

Mr. van Til presented a request to Council to consider creating a joint airport board with the County to address the issue of updating the Taylor Municipal Airport's Zoning Ordinance approved in 1989. Mr. van Til explained how the purpose of the ordinance is to regulate the height of structures built in the area surrounding the airport for safety reasons. The State regulates the process of how an Airport Zoning Ordinance is developed and the process includes the City and County each appointing two members to a Joint Airport Zoning Board with a fifth member appointed by the four appointed members at their first meeting. Staff submitted eleven names to be considered for appointment and Council agreed to review the applications and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Without further discussion, Mayor Gonzales asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and declared Ordinance 2007-37 officially introduced.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-37

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, CREATING A JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD AND INVESTING SUCH JOINT AIRPORT ZONING BOARD WITH THE POWERS SUCH BOARDS ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AIRPORT ZONING ACT, TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, §§241.001 ET SEQ

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE TO REVIEW RFQ'S FOR EWCHEC FACILITY.

Mr. Salvato presented a request for Council to consider appointing staff to a committee that would be involved in reviewing the Requests for Qualifications (RFQ's) regarding the East Williamson County Higher Education Center (EWCHEC) project. The City is recommending that all partners in the project have representation on a review committee for professional services and to interview the selected firms.

Council Member Jez moved to appoint Frank Salvato to the review committee with Jim Dunaway as his alternate and Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. 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 551.087 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.

9. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No action or vote was taken on any matter discussed in Executive Session I.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION II.

The Taylor City Council will hold 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 discuss City Manager's performance evaluation.

11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Gonzales reconvened the City Council into open session at 8:36 pm and stated that no action or vote was taken on any matter discussed in Executive Session I or II. He then asked each Council Member to comment on the performance of the City Manager. At the end of their comments, Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to give the City Manager a 10% raise in salary effective January 1, 2008 and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk