The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 14, 2009 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 Ella Pumphrey Jez	City Manager, Jim Dunaway
Council Member Bernabe Gonzales	City Attorney, Ted Hejl
Council Member Donald Hill	City Clerk, Susan Brock
Council Member John McDonald	

<u>INVOCATION</u>
Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u>

<u>CITIZENS COMMUNICATION</u>
No citizens came forward.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

1. <u>MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2009.</u>
2. <u>ORDINANCE 2009-13 AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE (SWIMMING POOL FEES).</u>
   Council Member Hill moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted Aye. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-31 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2008, BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

<u>REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:</u>

3. <u>PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WEEK, MAY 10-16, 2009.</u>
   Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to honor police officers. Chief Jeff Straub was present to receive the proclamation.

4. <u>PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 16-22, 2009.</u>
   Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to honor public works officials and employees. Mr. Danny Thomas, Director of Public Works, was present to receive the proclamation.

5. <u>CONSIDER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO "ORDINANCE 2009-15 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR SELLING AND DELIVERING THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS."</u>
   Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to consider taking action to

authorize the refunding of bonds to take advantage of savings on interest scheduled to be paid out over the next few years. Ms. Jennifer Douglas with Special Public Finance, Inc. provided details of the agreement and outlined the benefits of taking this action at this time. Mr. Bart Fowler, our municipal bond counsel, was also present to respond to any questions or concerns.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 2009-15 for an amount not to exceed $9.1 million and delegating authority to Jim Dunaway and Rosemarie Dennis. Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2009-15

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2009, APPROVING AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT, A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURES FOR SELLING AND DELIVERING THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS."

6. <u>CONSIDER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING WASTEWATER AVERAGING METHODS.</u>
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided additional information regarding the number of customers affected by any proposed changes in the method for determining wastewater rates. She pointed out that establishing a flat rate would negatively impact those residents who currently have a lower rate through averaging. Reverting to usage during the previous year would result in a negative impact on the current fiscal year revenues. After much discussion, Council agreed to enhance the City's efforts in communicating to customers on when and how to conserve water during the period used for averaging rather than making any change in the current method being used.

This item was for discussion only and no action was taken.

7. <u>CONDUCT INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2009-12 AMENDING THE SIGN ORDINANCE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.</u>
Mr. John Elsden, City Planner, presented a request consider amending the sign ordinance to accommodate a request from the Taylor Senior Center for a directional sign. The current ordinance does not allow signs in residential districts. The proposed ordinance would allow freestanding, low profile, and attached signs for non-profit, governmental, schools and churches in residential zoning districts.

Mayor Hortenstine asked Mr. Hejl to read the caption and officially declared Ordinance 2009-12 introduced.

ORDINANCE 2009-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-20 TO ALLOW SIGNS FOR NON-PROFIT, GOVERNMENTAL, SCHOOL AND CHURCH USES WITHIN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

8. CONSIDER CONTINUING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.
   Mr. Bob vanTil, Director Community Development presented a request to consider continuing to participate in a program that allows the City to apply for funding through the county Urban County Entitlement program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. vanTil pointed out that by participating in the County Urban Program the City has received over $1.3 million for the Dickey Street Drainage Project. Participation in this program does not limit the City from seeking additional funding available from other sources including federal or state grants.

   Mayor Pro Tem Jez moved to continue to participate in the program and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE 2009 CDBG GRANT APPLICATION.
   Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider approving a grant application from the Williamson County Urban County Program for $400,000 with $100,000 , match from the City to continue to fund the Dickey Street Storm Drainage Program. Mr. vanTil pointed out that any matching funds would not be expended until the next fiscal year.

   Council Member McDonald moved to approve the application with $100,000 to be added to the 2009/2010 FY Budget and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO AIRPORT BOARD.
    Mr. Thomas presented a request to consider approving the application of Mr. Gary Wilson to fill a vacancy on the Airport Advisory Board. Council discussed possible changes in the make up of the board and how to address the issue of not being able to get a quorum for meetings.

    Council Member Hill moved to appoint Gary Wilson to the Airport Advisory Board and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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 551.087 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 to deliberate the offer of financial or other incentives to the business prospect.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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.

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:16 pm.

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION I OR II
Mayor Hortenstine reconvened the meeting in open session at 8:15 p.m. and announced no action was taken during either executive session.

14. CONSIDER AGREEMENTS REGARDING RATES AND AMENDMENTS TO WATER TREATMENT CONTRACTS (FM112 AND US HWY 79) WITH N OACK WATER SUPPLY CORPORATION
No action was taken on this item.

15. CONSIDER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGARDING BILLBOARDS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION.
Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the agreement as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

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Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan Brock, City Clerk