

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 13, 2010 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 John McDonald
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member Don Hill
Council Member Chris Osborn

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

INVOCATION

Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2010.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

2. PROCLAMATION: TEXAS HUNGER INITIATIVE, May 22, 2010.

Mayor Hortenstine presented a proclamation to Mr. John Matthews (TISD), Ms. Trish vanTil (Interagency Council of East Williamson County), Anita Peden (Sodexo Food Services, TISD), and Debbie Kovar recognizing May 22, 2010 as Texas Hunger Initiative Day.

3. CONSIDER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION R10-10 AUTHORIZING PROCEEDING WITH ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND FURTHER DIRECTING THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2010.

Rosemarie Dennis, Director of Finance, presented a request to consider action authorizing staff to move forward with the issuance of certificates of obligation (C.O.'s) as discussed by Council at an earlier meeting regarding capital improvement projects. Jennifer Douglas with Specialized Public Finance, Inc. and Bart Fowler, bond counsel with McCall, Parkhurst and Horton were present to respond to questions or concerns regarding the resolution or bond. Council discussion included the pavilion at Robinson Park and the intent to increase the original estimate from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to accommodate 100 people and to include restrooms.

Without further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem McDonald moved to approve the Resolution as presented for the issuance of Certificates of Obligation not to exceed \$9 million and

Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

4. CONSIDER ACTION WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION R10-11 EXPRESSING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO EXPENDITURES BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS.

With the previous resolution to issue certificates of obligation, Ms. Dennis presented a request to consider approving a resolution that would allow the city to request reimbursement for any costs incurred prior to receiving the proceeds from the issue.

Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R10-11 as presented Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING ORDINANCE 2009-19 REGARDING CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Mr. Danny Thomas presented a request for Council to continue discussion and consider approving proposed amendments to the cemetery regulations. Previous discussions included authorizing the city manager to sign deeds, a better definition of “space” and “standard grave”, regulation of hours of operation and access to the cemetery, and rules regarding objects placed on graves. After much discussion, council asked staff to continue to define the rules for prohibited objects and to develop a plan to notify visitors of any violations. Also, the payment plan for cemetery lots was to be phased out on the advice of city counsel.

Mayor Pro Tem McDonald moved to approve Ordinance 2009-19 with changes as indicated (to remove Section 4) and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2009-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-43 REGARDING THE CITY CEMETERY BY ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL CEMETERY DEEDS AND TRANSFERS; ALLOWING FEES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE TAYLOR FEE ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

6. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2010-18 AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE.

Noting the previous action taken by Council approving the changes to the cemetery payment plan, Ms. Dennis requested a formal change in the city fee schedule to eliminate this plan. Ms. Dennis stated that there were seventeen accounts still active and that no action would be taken to shorten their payment periods. However, no new accounts will be opened and the program will be eliminated effective immediately.

Discussion included other possible options for individuals to obtain financing but no other action was taken by Council on this item. Hearing no objection, Mayor Hortenstine requested Mr. Hejl read the caption and introduce the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2009-29 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCE OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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.

- East Williamson County Higher Education Center

Mayor Hortenstine adjourned into closed session with the Taylor Economic Development Board at 6:50 p.m.

8. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Hortenstine resumed the open meeting at 8:42 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken on any issue during either of the Executive Sessions and there were no motions made to take action during the open session.

ADJOURN

With no further business; Mayor Hortenstine adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Rod Hortenstine, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Brock, City Clerk