

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on March 12, 2015, 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 Don Hill  
Council Member Brandt Rydell

Isaac Turner, City Manager  
Ted Hejl, City Attorney  
Susan Brock, City Clerk

#### INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PROCLAMATION

1. SUNSHINE WEEK IN OPEN GOVERNMENT, MARCH 15-21, 2015.

Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to the local news media recognizing the need for open and transparent government. Taylor Press staff Richard Stone and Jason Hennington accepted the proclamation.

#### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Matthew Temple, 4402 Kings Canyon, expressed his appreciation for police actions in recent events, his support of honoring Bill Pickett by renaming the arena and street, and his concern regarding the accuracy of the broker's opinion for the West End School property.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2015.

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

#### REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

3. CONSIDER REVISED 380 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH SAYDA CAPITAL, LLC FOR HOTEL DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Turner presented a summary of the revisions made to the agreement with Sayda Capital. Specific changes related to the city use of the hotel meeting facility or civic center in exchange for hotel motel tax funds, specific wording that the tax rate will be a constant 7%, and that the onsite work on the project would begin no later than December 31, 2015. Council requested a final version be returned to them for final consideration at a future meeting.

4. CONSIDER RECEIVING REPORT REGARDING ENGINEERING STUDY OF THE WEST END SCHOOL FACILITY.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director, Development Services, presented a report that included an engineering study and broker's opinion on the West End School property owned by the City. Mr. Gary Gola, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, requested an opportunity to review the report, tour the property, and make a recommendation to Council regarding future use of the property. Council agreed by consent to let the Board proceed and

bring back their recommendations at a future council meeting. No further action was taken on this item.

5. CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TAYLOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PAVING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAIN STREET CAMPUS.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request from the Taylor Independent School District (TISD), which would allow the school district to take advantage of the city agreement with Ramming Paving while they are under contract to perform work on city streets. The TISD would pay the city up to \$48,750.00 for Ramming to provide paving improvements to the Main Street Intermediate Campus.

Council Member Hill moved to approve the agreement as presented at an amount not to exceed \$48,750 and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER RENAMING THE STREET LEADING TO THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY ARENA.

Mr. Turner presented a request from Council Member Green to consider renaming a city street after Bill Pickett. Mr. Gerald Anderson, 811 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed his appreciation to Council for their consideration in this matter since Mr. Pickett was a relative in his family. Mr. Turner reminded Council that the Mayor had submitted a request on behalf of the Council to Judge Gattis in October requesting consideration of naming some part of the future Arena expansion after Mr. Pickett. Council Member Rydell asked if only the first portion of the road leading into the park/arena area could be renamed now. Mr. Turner stated that he would like another opportunity to meet with county officials before moving forward with any other city action regarding roads at this time since they are also in the process of constructing a new access road to the arena on the west side. Council agreed to have Mr. Turner bring this item back after his discussion with county officials.

7. CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE IN THE 1-GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT ALLIANCE (1GPA) PURCHASING COOPERATIVE.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to approve a cooperative purchasing agreement to increase the buying power of the city. She noted that the city currently participates in five other cooperatives that have resulted in considerable savings on specific items.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-06 CANCELLING THE DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCIL ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015.

Ms. Brock presented a request to approve a resolution that would officially cancel the election for District 2 and declare Christopher Gonzales, Sr., elected to that position. This does not

affect the District 3 election and both council members will be sworn in at the same time once the election results have been canvassed.

Council Member Rydell moved to approve Resolution R15-06 as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Hill asked for information from staff regarding the possibility of establishing a second recycling site; Council member Green asked for information regarding the development of regulations for painting residential properties; Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales asked for an update on the fire suppression requirements; an update on the 7<sup>th</sup> street campus; funding for streets; and Council Member Rydell requested the council discuss a skate park at an upcoming meeting.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 6:56 pm.)

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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.

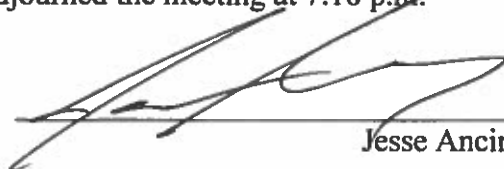
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11. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

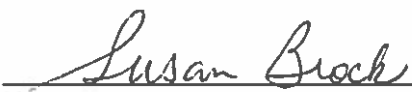
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 7:18 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Ancira adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

  
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Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Brock, City Clerk