

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 10, 2015, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira 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
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager
Ted Hejl, City Attorney
Susan Brock, City Clerk

INVOCATION

Mr. Danny Thomas led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, OCTOBER 6, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presented a proclamation recognizing National Night Out on October 6th this year. This event is sponsored by the police department to encourage citizens to organize neighbors to host an outdoor event and meet the officers who patrol their city. Chief Fluck and his officers accepted the proclamation on behalf of the entire police force.

2. PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 4-10, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales presented a proclamation recognizing Fire Prevention Week from October 4-10, 2016. He stressed the theme this year is "Hear the Beep Where you Sleep" encouraging everyone to have a working smoke alarm in every bedroom. Chief Ekiss invited his fire fighters to come forward and accept the proclamation.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Ancira invited those who had registered to speak at this time or to wait and speak during the time a particular agenda item was going to be addressed. Mr. Matthew Temple, 4402 Kings Canyon, presented Council with a ceremonial "Shovel of Change" to help move the community forward. Mr. Cole Reed expressed his appreciation for the renewed interest from the community and the effort being made by city officials to find solutions to the existing problems.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-17 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT PAY FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17

AN ORDINANCE CREATING "ASSIGNMENT PAY" FOR CERTAIN ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS; SENIORITY PAY" IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

4. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R15-16 WAIVING THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATORY FEES FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY EVENTS AND EXPO CENTER PROJECT.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 9 AND JULY 16, 2015.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

6. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON RECREATIONAL NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, presented a brief overview of plans to submit two grant applications regarding parks. He stated that this Public Hearing was to gather any public thoughts on park improvements that might also supplement the Parks Master Plan conducted in 2004 and currently under consideration for an update. While some of the items on the master plan have been addressed there is still much of the plan that remains to be completed. Mayor Ancira opened the Public Hearing and Mr. Gary Gola, 1806 Cypress Cove, came forward to express his support for the projects currently under consideration. Mr. Gola also serves as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and stated that the Board supports these efforts as well. Hearing no other comments, the Hearing was closed.

7. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT TO ADDRESS FLOODPLAIN REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-18 TO SUBMIT AN OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR A PROJECT IN FANNIE ROBINSON PARK.

Mr. DeVito presented an overview of the grant application for improvements to Fannie Robinson Park that is situated in a floodplain area. Proposed improvements include the installation of a splash pad, grading work on the adult softball field, and adding benches and landscaping throughout the park.

Mayor Ancira opened the Public Hearing; no one came forward. Hearing no other comments Mayor Ancira closed the Hearing and asked for a motion to approve the resolution before them. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R15-18 as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R15-19 TO SUBMIT A SMALL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR A PROJECT IN HERITAGE SQUARE PARK.

Mr. DeVito presented an overview of the grant application for improvements to Heritage Square. Proposed improvements include a water feature and an amphitheater. Council Member Rydell reminded staff that the Downtown Master Plan includes recommendations for

Heritage Square and should be reviewed for public comment with regard to future improvements. Mayor Ancira opened the Public Hearing; no one came forward and the Hearing was closed. Council Member Hill moved to approve Resolution R15-19 as presented and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FUNDING OPTIONS FOR STREET MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Turner requested that this item and the next two agenda items be tabled until the next Council meeting. The Taylor Chamber of Commerce has appointed a committee made up with citizens and business owners to discuss this issue and make recommendations to the City Council for funding options for street repair and maintenance.

10. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-12 ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION USER FEE ASSESSED AGAINST, AND COLLECTED FROM, OWNERS OR OCCUPANTS OF BENEFITTED PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING THE STREET SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

This item was tabled and will be brought back at the next scheduled council meeting.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-13 ESTABLISHING RATES, POLICIES, AND METHODOLOGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE TRANSPORTATION USER FEE CREATED BY ORDINANCE 2015-12.

This item was tabled and will be brought back at the next scheduled council meeting.

12. CONSIDER ACCEPTING TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S (TEDC) ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016.

Mr. Sean Stockard, President and CEO of the TEDC, presented the line item and summary information on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2015/2016. Mayor Ancira asked Mr. Stockard to look into the actual value of the TexasOne Membership to see if it is still a benefit to the City. Council Member Hill moved to accept the TEDC Budget as presented with the Texas One membership to be evaluated and Council Member Green seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; One Vote NO (Gonzales). Motion passed.

13. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-10 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016.

Ms. Dennis stated that the proposed budget has been adjusted to include some of the previously mentioned unfunded items (pool repairs and park improvements). Hearing no additional discussion or comments Mayor Ancira asked for a motion and a record vote. Council Member Rydell moved to approve the budget and Ordinance 2015-10 as presented that this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$384,434 or 5.9% and of that amount \$44,025 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year. Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed. Ms. Brock recorded the vote as follows:

	AYE	NO
Scott Green	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Don Hill	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brandt Rydell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-10

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.

14. APPROVE INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-18 ADOPTING NEW WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES.

Ms. Dennis stated that if approved the proposed rates will become effective September 10, 2015 and includes a 5-year plan to increase the rates in a systemic way to reach an acceptable level. Hearing no further comments, Council Member Hill moved to approve Ordinance 2015-18 as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS (CITY), ADOPTING NEW UTILITY RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER; INCREASING MINIMUM CHARGES AND VOLUMETRIC RATES EACH YEAR FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE UNTIL THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AT THE LEVELS INDICATED IN THE RATE TABLES PROVIDED WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE, SAID RATE INCREASES TO AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO EFFECT ON THE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR THEREAFTER THROUGH THE 5TH YEAR UNLESS THE CITY COUNCIL TAKES ACTION TO REVISE THIS ORDINANCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ORDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RATE SCHEDULE WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE CITY; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

15. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2015-11 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2015/2016.

Ms. Dennis provided a brief overview of the tax rate history for the city and stated that the proposed rate is the same as last year: 0.0813893. Council Member Hill moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-11 and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of

\$0.813893, which is effectively a 4.8 percent increase in the tax rate. Ms. Brock recorded the vote as follows:

	AYE	NO
Scott Green	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Don Hill	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Chris Gonzales, Sr., Mayor Pro Tem	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brandt Rydell	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-11

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE INTEREST AND SINKING FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

16. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2015-14 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016.

Ms. Dennis stated that the proposed fee schedule for the upcoming fiscal year includes new rates for the airport and the water and wastewater rates as previously discussed. Hearing no further discussion Mayor Ancira accepted a motion from Mayor Pro Tem Gonzales to approve Ordinance 2015-14 and Council Member Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-14

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2014-16 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

17. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOME AND AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAMS.

Mr. Turner tabled this item at the request of a Council member to gather additional information prior to making a decision.

18. CONSIDER APPROVING A LETTER OF INTENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ON SOUTH DOAK STREET.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Director of Planning and Development, presented a request to allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement to transfer five city owned lots to the Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County to build additional homes. The City has asked that all future homes have at least a one-car garage be added to the design and the city will help cover any additional costs.

Council Member Hill expressed some concern for future access to the property located behind these sites. Staff said the city already has the Right of Way but lacks the funding to actually build any streets at this time. With no further comments, Council Member Rydell moved to approve the Letter of Intent as presented and Council Member Hill seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. His own request was to have staff provide a report on the 7th Street project. Council Member Hill asked for an update on other facilities in need of repair including the 7th Street Hospital property.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:54 pm.)

20. 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.

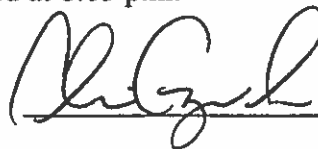
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21. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:05 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



BY _____

Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk