

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 9, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell
Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris Gonzales
Council Member Christine Lopez

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

INVOCATION

Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITION

1. RECOGNITION OF TAX VOLUNTEERS.

Mr. Turner assisted Mayor Ancira in presenting a certificate of appreciation to the volunteers who provided tax assistance to over 800 people at the two sites in Taylor. Ms. LeAnn Powers with the United Way of Williamson County provided details of the services provided.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

The following individuals came forward to speak in support of proposals to repurpose the 7th Street campus: Mr. Cliff Olle, 1903 Sarah Cove, Mr. Cole Reid, Business Owner of 308 N. Main, Ms. Diana Philips, 2400 Cherry Lawn, Mr. Don Bunner, 1906 Sara Cove, Mr. Joe Burgess, 905 Davis, Ms. Janetta McCoy, 819 Hackberry, and Mr. Jose Orta, 1320 Howard.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-09 ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR WASTE HAULING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS ALLOWING INDIRECT DISCHARGES OF HAULED DOMESTIC, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES TO THE PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (POTW) OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE, EXCEPT WHERE A DIFFERENT PENALTY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY STATE LAW FOR SUCH OFFENSE, OR FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OR REGULATION WHICH GOVERNS FIRE SAFETY, ZONING, OR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION, INCLUDING DUMPING OF REFUSE WHICH SHALL BE PUNISHED BY PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00); PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, AND PUBLICATION CLAUSES.

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-08 REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR CONVENIENCE STORE LOCATED AT 619 N. MAIN STREET.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-08

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS TAYLOR CITY OF, BLOCK 33, LOT 3; ALSO KNOWN AS 619 N. MAIN STREET, TAYLOR TEXAS WILLIAMSON COUNTY TEXAS FOR A CONVENIENCE STORE; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT ADOPTED HEREIN.

4. APPROVE RESOLUTION R16-18 AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL HOME GRANT AWARDS.
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MAY 26, 2016.

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

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

(The following item was taken out of order to allow those in attendance to participate in the discussion.)

14. RECEIVE UPDATE ON 7TH STREET CAMPUS DISPOSITION.

Mayor Ancira provided a brief overview of the most recent activities regarding the 7th Street facility. He stated that the TISD Board was still reviewing the proposals received and was scheduled to make a decision at their next board meeting. Council members expressed their interest in this project and offered general support of the redevelopment of this facility.

Council Members Garcia, Lopez, and Gonzales voiced their support of a plan to redevelop this historic building as a community center that would retain the nonprofits. Mr. Gonzales expressed appreciation to all those nonprofits housed in the existing facility and noted that everyone in the community has been touched in some way by these groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked to go on record with the following statement: "This Council directs the Mayor and City Manager to communicate to the school district that the city stands ready and willing to assist the TISD in whatever way it can to support the redevelopment process and to facilitate any project that promises high community value and to ensure that the ultimate disposition is a positive and invigorating one for Taylor." No vote or further action was taken on this item.

6. RECEIVE UPDATE ON DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN ACTIVITY AND PROGRESS.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a recap of recent actions taken regarding the Downtown Master Plan. Activities include the execution of a contract with SEC to develop a design concept for the downtown and gateway signage and a tentative date of June 28th has been selected for a public meeting to receive comment on the signage plan.

Council Member Lopez moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent and staff support to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, presented a request to approve an appointment to the Board to fill an unexpected vacancy. At the time the council meeting was posted only one application was received and included in their packet; Ms. Irene Michna had submitted her application on May 26th. More time was requested to continue a discussion on board recruitment and appointment policies at a future date.

Council Member Garcia moved to appoint Ms. Michna to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. Prior to the vote, Mayor Pro Tem Rydell requested additional time to establish a process before proceeding with any board appointments. VOTE: Two voted AYE; three voted NO (Ancira, Lopez, Rydell). Motion failed.

8. RECEIVE REPORT ON ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

Ms. Lisa Thompson, Director of Internal Services, introduced a representative from Enterprise who provided information regarding a fleet management program that will result in a more efficient method to replace fleet vehicles. This program is expected to reduce in house maintenance and result in better fuel efficiency with vehicles on a 5-year cycle plan beginning in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. RECEIVE FOLLOW UP REPORT ON SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT.

Ms. Lumpkin provided a summary of activities and statistics on amount of debris removed from the selected sites during the Spring Clean Up event in April. She stated that there were two events occurring on the same day: a specific neighborhood site selected for volunteer clean-up efforts, house to house and a second event for the whole community providing an opportunity for individual homeowners the ability to haul their own debris and brush to two sites within the city at no charge. As a result, of these combined efforts over 135 tons of debris were removed with assistance from over 100 volunteers and our solid waste provider Progressive Waste Services. The Fall event is tentatively scheduled for October 22, 2016.

Council Member Garcia moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON ENERGY SAVINGS PERFORMANCE CONTRACT WITH ABM BUILDING AND ENERGY SOLUTIONS.

Mr. Turner introduced Mr. Jonathan Blackwell with ABM who presented an overview of the program and preliminary savings projections as a result of energy efficient improvements to be made in three phases. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSS REPORT ON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING ANALYSIS.

Ms. Lumpkin introduced Mr. Lawrence Dean, a representative from MetroStudy, who conducted an analysis of the city to determine future residential development options. Mr. Dean provided a report on existing community assets, land availability, market analysis and strategic recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to accept the report as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PROPOSED PLAN FOR MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE UTILITY PROJECTS.

Mr. Turner invited Halff and Associates staff to present an updated overview of existing drainage issues and prioritized specific sites that they recommend be included in future funding of utility projects. Council Member Gonzales moved to ~~accept the report as presented~~ approve the Edmond/Mills projects as presented and to come back with a reassessment to include additional projects regarding drainage issues cited by Council Members Lopez and Garcia. and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

13. RECEIVE PRELIMINARY BUDGET FORECAST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016.

Mr. Turner presented a brief overview of current budget projections for the end of this fiscal year including broad categories on revenue and expenditures. Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the information as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

14. RECEIVE UPDATE ON 7TH STREET CAMPUS DISPOSITION. (This item was addressed at the start of the meeting and taken out of order.)

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

Mayor Ancira asked council members for any items in need of further discussion. Council Member Lopez requested additional information regarding the drainage assessment of areas in her district. Other areas of interest included more details on the board recruitment process, information on Public Improvement Districts, and an update on the Retail Study from earlier years.

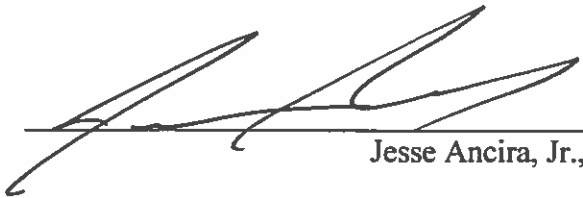
(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 8:48 pm.)

16. 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 551.072 to discuss or deliberate regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property.
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17. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.
Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 9:04 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during either Executive Session.

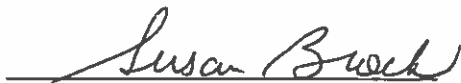
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk