

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on June 30, 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  
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager  
Mark Schroeder, Assistant City Attorney  
Susan Brock, City Clerk

### INVOCATION

Chief Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mayor Ancira took a moment to recognize Mr. Walter Ragsdale as the interim director for Public Works.

### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mayor Ancira invited those citizens to come forward who had submitted a Speaker Form prior to the start of the meeting. Mr. John McDonald, 2405 Meadow Lane, addressed the Council on the issue of funding for a skate park and distributed documents containing financial information for the Project Loop organization.

### CONSENT AGENDA

1. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MAY 2016.
2. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JUNE 9, 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.

### ORDINANCES

3. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-12 AMENDING THE ORDINANCE 2016-09 ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR WASTE HAULING AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY.

Mr. Bernal presented a request to amend the ordinance for a waste hauling program by adding a clause allowing a fee for this service. This information was omitted from the original ordinance. Without further discussion Mr. Schroeder introduced the ordinance as presented.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2016-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-09 ALLOWING THE CITY TO CHARGE AND COLLECT FEES FOR APPLICATIONS REQUIRED OR SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 2019-09 AND REASONABLE AND NECESSARY FEES TO ADMINISTER AND SUPPORT USE OF THE CITY POTW UNDER ORDINANCE 2016-09; THE FEES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY CITY ORDINANCE DESIGNING SUCH FEE AMOUNTS; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

4. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-13 AMENDING THE FEE ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE WASTE HAULING FEES.

Based on the action taken by Council on the previous agenda item, Ms. Rosemarie Dennis presented a request to amend the fee ordinance to add fees for the waste hauling program. Without further discussion, Mr. Schroeder introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-10 ADOPTED ON MAY 26, 2016 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. CONSIDER APPROVING CONTRACT TO EXPAND INSPECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Planning and Development Services, presented a request to approve an agreement with ATS Engineers, Inspectors & Surveyors to diversify the ability of the City to provide third party plan review and inspection services. ATS fees for services are more in line with what the City charges for these same services and will allow staff to continue to meet the high standards they have set for this department.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve the agreement with ATS as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

*(Due to a conflict of interest, Council Member Lopez recused herself from the discussion on the next agenda item. Ms. Lopez submitted an affidavit to the City Clerk stating the conflict was created as a business owner and potential bidder on the services under consideration.)*

6. CONSIDER RELEASING PROPOSAL FOR MOWING SERVICES.

Mr. Bernal presented a request to begin the process to seek proposals for mowing services of city owned properties. He stated this would expand the outsourcing of services and free up public works staff to perform more in house street maintenance. These additional mowing services will be funded with revenues currently designated for maintenance under seasonal and temporary positions and fuel and equipment maintenance savings.

Mayor Pro Tem Member Rydell moved to approve the proposal as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

*(Council Member Lopez rejoined the meeting after the vote.)*

7. CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR AMY YOUNG BARRIER REMOVAL PROGRAM.

Ms. Lumpkin provided a summary of bids received for three homes that have been selected to receive assistance from the TDHCA through the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program. She stated that there were two bids received and recommend three individual contracts be awarded.

Council Member Garcia moved to award the contracts as presented: On Call Management in the amount of \$18,200 for 415 Sams (with an additional \$300 from the City Weatherization Fund) and \$25,180 for 109 Tennessee; and a contract to Valdez Remodeling and Weatherization in the amount of \$5,900 for 141 Royal St. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON L.E.A.D. TAYLOR. A CITIZEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

Ms. Holli Nelson, Public Information Officer, presented an overview of the new leadership program being offered to members of the Taylor business community known as L.E.A.D. (Leading; Exploring; Advancing; Developing). The program is scheduled to begin in September and run through May 2017. Ms. Nelson stated that there would be scholarships available for those who may not be able to pay the \$50 registration fee.

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

9. DISCUSS SAFETY CONCERNS AND ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING MURPHY PARK.

Chief Henry Fluck, Taylor Police Department, provided a statistical summary of incidents that have occurred in Murphy Park in 2015 and the first six months of 2016. He noted an increase in arrests and citations during this period and that most of these crimes are acquaintance based. The number of close patrols has increased in response to this activity. Council Member Garcia suggested the possibility of initiating a "Citizens on Patrol" program in an effort to have more assistance from the community. No action was taken on this item.

10. RECEIVE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, distributed a draft copy of a balanced budget for the fiscal year 2016/2017. Mr. Turner stated that this budget was developed based on Council goals and objectives and includes a 5% salary increase for staff that would go into effect in January 2017. It also includes a 5 year Capital Improvements Plan.

Council Member Garcia requested additional consideration to fund a Citizens on Patrol program, a bicycle identification program, and the addition of a full time Animal Shelter Technician. Council Member Gonzales asked for additional funding to increase code enforcement efforts. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell would like to see curbside recycling reconsidered and Council Member Lopez requested a list of CIP funds spent by each political district.

11. 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 an update on Robinson Park grants, Taylor Marketing Partnership activities, Future Land Use, and MDUS Projects. Council Member Garcia asked for an update on the Transportation User Fee appeals board process and selection. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell indicated he would like to see the issue of curbside recycling addressed during the budget process.

(Mayor Ancira and council members retired to closed session at 7:43 pm.)

12. 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.

- Project Access
- Skate Park

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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 551.074 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

- City Manager evaluation-procedure/process

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:17 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 8:18 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk