

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on August 25, 2016, 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:

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

Isaac Turner, City Manager  
Noel Bernal, Assistant City Manager  
Ted Hejl, City Attorney  
Susan Brock, City Clerk

#### INVOCATION

Chief Ekiss led the group in prayer.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### PROCLAMATION

1. PROCLAMATION: SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH.  
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation to Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, and her Library Board members.

#### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time set aside for items not on the agenda.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

2. CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CR101.
3. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR JULY, 2016.
4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR AUGUST 11, 2016.  
Council Member Gonzales asked to remove item number 2 from the consent agenda for further discussion. He then moved to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

2. CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAMSON COUNTY TO PROVIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO CR101.  
Mr. Walter Ragsdale, Interim Director of Public Works, provided background information on this item and stated that this project was approved by Council on April 25, 2013 and it was related to the road bond election held by Williamson County.  
  
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.  
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, provided Council with additional information on changes made by reducing the ad valorem tax by .01 as requested by Council at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Staff presented a balanced budget with the addition of three positions including a code enforcement officer, a library aide and changing the part time kennel tech to a full time position. Mr. Turner stressed the need to continue to increase the fund balance as recommended by bond counsel.
6. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.  
Mayor Ancira declared the public hearing open and invited speakers to come forward. Mr. Sandy Duncan stated that he was not a citizen of Taylor but was an active supporter of the animal shelter and encouraged the council to fund the full time kennel tech. Mr. Gary Gola asked the council to consider lowering the tax rate even further to the effective rate to encourage future development. With no further comments the public hearing was closed.
7. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2016/2017.  
Mayor Ancira declared the public hearing open; no one came forward and the hearing was closed. Due to the increase in the tax rate from the effective rate he stated that there would be a second public hearing conducted on September 1, 2016 on the tax rate at 6:00 pm to be held in the Council Chambers at 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas. The adoption of the tax rate will be voted on September 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm at a meeting held in the Council Chambers at 400 Porter Street, Taylor, Texas.
8. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE OUTDOOR GRANT PROGRAM.  
Mr. Mike DeVito, Recreation Superintendent, presented a request to hold a public hearing to take public comment regarding a grant application from the Texas Parks and Wildlife. The grant request is to fund a portion of the Downtown Master Plan including a skate park on donated land at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Porter Streets. Mayor Ancira opened the public hearing; no one came to the podium to speak on the application but one individual in the audience gave it a "thumbs up" approval. The hearing was closed and no further action was taken.
9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-24 TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE OUTDOOR GRANT PROGRAM AND, IF AWARDED, ACCEPT THE GRANT FOR THE TAYLOR DOWNTOWN PARKS ENHANCEMENT PROJECT.  
Mr. DeVito presented a request to approve a resolution in support of the grant application previously discussed. Hearing no additional comments Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the resolution as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R16-25 TO PREVENT MINING AND DRILLING ON CITY PROPERTY BEING UTILIZED FOR A TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Mr. DeVito requested approval of an additional resolution for the grant to ensure that no mining or drilling will take place on the property under consideration for the improvements proposed. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the resolution as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-15 ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to introduce an ordinance to adopt the budget as presented. With no further discussion Mr. Hejl introduced Ordinance 2016-15.

ORDINANCE 2016-15

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

12. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-16 FIXING AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to introduce an ordinance to fix the tax rate as presented. Mayor Ancira announced that the tax rate recommended is \$0.803893 and that no vote will be taken at this meeting. The adoption of the budget and tax rate will be voted on September 8, 2016 at 6:00 pm at a meeting to be held at 400 Porter Street, Taylor Texas in the city council chambers. Without further discussion Mr. Hejl introduced Ordinance 2016-16.

ORDINANCE 2016-16

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 2016-2017.

13. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-2017 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR CITY SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Dennis presented a request to amend the current fee schedule to include changes to the airport hangar rates, engineering inspection fees, and utility rates for water and sewer. Hearing no comments, Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2016-17

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

14. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2016-18 REGARDING ASSIGNMENT PAY FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS.

Chief Fluck, Police Department, and Chief Pat Ekiss, Fire Department, presented a request to council to introduce an ordinance to continue assignment pay and seniority for both firefighters and police officers. With no further discussion Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2016-18

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.

15. RECEIVE BUDGET FROM TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Tia Stone, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, presented a budget based on the revenues received through a Hotel and Motel Occupancy Tax agreement with the city. Ms. Dennis estimates these revenues will be approximately \$56,250 for the fiscal year 2016/2017. Mayor Ancira asked for additional information regarding the tracking of taxes received from events held at the Expo Center. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to receive the budget and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

16. RECEIVE BUDGET FOR TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR.

Mr. Mark Thomas, President, Taylor Economic Development Corporation, presented a budget approved by the TEDC Board. This entity receives 0.05% of sales tax collected and is estimated to be \$1,011,703 for the upcoming fiscal year. Ms. Lopez moved to receive the budget as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

17. CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD, PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AND TO THE ANIMAL CONTROL APPEALS BOARD AND SHELTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Ms. Brock presented a request to consider board appointments for those boards with existing vacancies or vacancies due to excessive absences. Based on applications received, Council Member Gonzales moved to appoint Ms. Diana Voytek to the Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Committee and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to appoint Ms. Ebby Green to the Library Advisory Board and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Garcia moved to appoint Ms. Shannon Grace to the Main Street Advisory Board to replace Mr. Espitia and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Three voted AYE; Two voted NO (Lopez; Rydell). Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to appoint Ms. Christina Kane-Gibson to replace Ms. Shadd and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Council Member Lopez moved to appoint Ms. Carol Bachmayer to replace Mr. West due to absences and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

18. CONFIRM CITY MANAGER APPOINTMENT OF CLARENCE TOLIVER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Mr. Turner presented a request to council to confirm his reappointment of Mr. Clarence Toliver to the Civil Service Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to confirm the appointment of Mr. Toliver and Council Member Lopez 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. Council Member Lopez requested staff contact Pastor Ripple to provide assistance with the flood recovery effort; Council Member Gonzales would like to address current and future staffing needs after the first of the year; Council Member Garcia requested an update on the TIF; and Mayor Ancira asked for a timeline of pending projects.

(Mayor Ancira adjourned the Council into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m.)

20. 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 its 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.

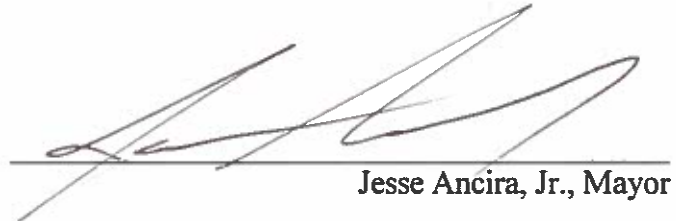
- Road Ownership
- Board communications

CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira resumed the open meeting at 8:50 p.m. and stated that there was no action taken during the Executive Session. Staff was directed to add an item to the council meeting agenda for September 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible action to remove a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk