

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on November 10, 2016, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris 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 Pat Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. PROCLAMATION: CHEMICAL FREE PROM. 2017.
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell presented a proclamation to Judge Randall Pick and court staff recognizing November 7-11 as Municipal Courts Week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ancira read a list of upcoming community events and activities.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

The following citizens came forward to express their support of a request by First Baptist Church to waive permit fees: Mr. Kelly Cmerek, 1406 Sagewood, Ms. Liz O'Dell, 1205 Debus, Mr. Daman's Taylor, 2200 Meadow Lane, Ms. Irene Michna, 1301 Davis, and Mr. Keith Hagler, 3400 FM 1331. Mr. Ross Thornton, 1801 Oaklawn St., commented on the ability to conduct business with the city and conflicts of interests.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-20 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO DELETE APPENDIX A: FEES.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-17 ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ON APRIL 24, 2001, AND AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ("ZONING ORDINANCE"), BY DELETING APPENDIX A – ZONING FEES TO ALLOW ZONING FEES TO BE CHARGED UNDER A SEPARATE FEE ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY FROM TIME TO TIME; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE.

3. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-22 TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 0.18 ACRES AT THE APPROXIMATE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND WEST SECOND STREET FROM M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DOWNTOWN PLAN.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-22

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY BEING 0.18 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, DESCRIBED AS CITY OF TAYLOR, BLOCK 4, LOTS 13 AND 14, GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MAIN STREET AND WEST SECOND STREET IN TAYLOR WILLIAMSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LEGALLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDINANCE FROM LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT (M-1) TO CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-3); AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS, TO SHOW THE ZONING CHANGE ADOPTED HEREIN; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

4. APPROVE ORDINANCE 2016-24 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 11 DEFINITIONS, TO CLARIFY AND UPDATE ZONING DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DWELLING UNIT, MINIMUM SIZE AND INDUSTRIALIZED HOME.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-24

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-17 ADOPTED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS ON APRIL 24, 2001, AND AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED ("ZONING ORDINANCE"), BY AMENDING THE DWELLING UNIT, MINIMUM SIZE AND INDUSTRIALIZED HOME DEFINITIONS IN CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11.1 BY DELETING THE EXISTING DEFINITIONS AND ADOPTING THE NEW DEFINITIONS STATED IN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE.

5. APPROVE REQUEST FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON BEHALF OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CATHOLIC CHURCH TO SELL WINE AND/OR BEER AND TO ALLOW CONSUMPTION ON HERITAGE SQUARE FOR A SPECIAL EVENT.
6. APPROVE MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 27, 2016.

Council Member Garcia requested agenda item number 5 be removed from the consent agenda for a separate vote. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the consent agenda items numbered 2, 3, 4 and 6 as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve item number 5 as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one abstention (Garcia). Motion passed. (Council Member Garcia stated that he wished to abstain from voting on this issue because he is a member of the OLG Church.)

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

As a result of recent discussions with council members and comments from the public Mr. Turner asked Mr. Hejl to invite an outside professional to present information related to municipal government and conflict of interests. Mr. Hejl invited Mr. Ross Fischer with The Grober Group to present an overview of state law and how our home rule and city charter address the issue. When reviewing the charter he stated that the more specific rule prevails. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the presentation as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING.

Mr. Matt Rector, Director of Public Works, presented a summary of the most recent discussions on curbside recycling with our current solid waste services provider, Waste Connections. Mr. Steve Shannon stated that the company is willing to continue to work with the city in determining an appropriate fee for service and are ready to develop a program to meet our needs.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked staff to bring back funding options during the budget discussion for the next fiscal year and to address this topic at the next Strategic Planning session. Council Member Garcia also expressed an interest in addressing hazardous materials waste disposal. Council Member Gonzales moved to accept the presentation as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. RECEIVE UPDATE ON COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP EFFORTS.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, presented a report on the most recent clean up events held on October 22. Council Member Lopez moved to approve the report as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE. Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

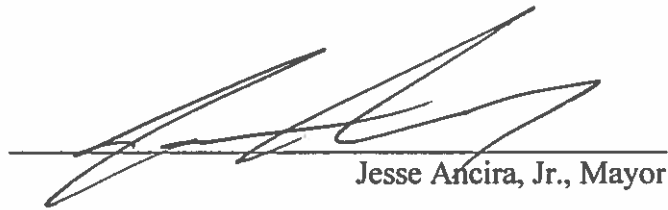
Ms. Brock provided an update on current efforts to recruit applicants for the upcoming appointment process in January. Copies of applications received and attendance records were provided to allow additional time to review this information prior to making appointments at the January 26th council meeting. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the update as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

Items presented for additional discussion included: fire suppression, managing the duck population, update on the skate park, review of possible city charter amendments, update on the Robinson/Givens Community Center project, and the request by First Baptist Church to waive all permit fees.


ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk

