

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on April 27, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Council Member Chris Gonzales, 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 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

Mr. Bernal led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

1. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH, MAY 2017.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation encouraging motorcycle safety to the Crossroads Motorcycle Club members.
2. PROCLAMATION: MAY IS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION MONTH.
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell presented the proclamation to members of the Taylor Conservation and Heritage Society and members of the Main Street Advisory Board.
3. PROCLAMATION: PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, MAY 7-13, 2017.
Ms. Kim Peterson, Director of Human Resources, accepted the proclamation on behalf of all city employees.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ancira read a list of upcoming community events and activities. An announcement was made that the Downtown Master Plan received a Merit Award from the American Society of Landscape Architects, Texas Chapter.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Tony Gomes, 219 W. Main Street, provided comments regarding the Heritage Square planned improvements.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR MARCH, 2017
5. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2017.
Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

6. CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING REZONING OF APPROXIMATELY 1.84 ACRES LOCATED AT 1100 WEST 2ND STREET FROM LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-1) TO GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (B-2).
Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director, Development Services, presented a request to consider changing the zoning to General Business B-2 which would accommodate a motorcycle repair business. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 11, 2017 and

made a recommendation for denial to City Council with a vote of 5 (for) – 2 (against) – 2 (absent). The applicant was present to respond to questions and would like to resubmit a request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) if the zoning can be changed to allow it within the B1 tables.

Mayor Ancira opened the Public Hearing and Mr. Tony Gomes came forward in support of the business. With no further comments, the hearing was closed and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to deny the request to rezone the property and directed staff to address the current matrix for B1 and to consider adding the ability to request a SUP for the specified use. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

7. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM TAYLOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDC).

Mr. Mark Thomas, Director of the TEDC, provided an update on recent activities and future plans within this fiscal year. He emphasized the most recent successes as well as encouraging prospects.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to receive the report as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING DESIGN FOR HERITAGE SQUARE.

Ms. Lumpkin presented a request to consider approve a design for Heritage Square and to consider funding options. She reported the results of the joint board meeting in March and presented the resulting four designs that incorporate many of the suggestions from this and previous public meetings.

Council Member Garcia moved to create a subcommittee consisting of Council Members Rydell, Lopez and himself to hold a public meeting to receive additional public comment on the design options “A” and “B” and to present a decision on a final design to the full Council. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Ms. Tia Stone, President, Taylor Chamber of Commerce, provided a report covering April-December, 2016 activities and financials. She agreed to come to the May 11 Council meeting in order to get the quarterly reports current from January to April, 2017. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE ON RETAIL STUDY BY RETAIL COACH.

Staff from Retail Coach was unable to attend this meeting and this item was moved to the May 11th council meeting agenda.

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

Mayor Ancira asked Council Members for future agenda items. No new items were added to the existing list.

(Mayor Ancira and Council adjourned to closed session at 7:40 pm.)

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION I. 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.

- Code Enforcement
- Open Records Act

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071(1) of the Texas Government Code in order to meet with its City Attorney on a matter regarding pending or contemplated litigation or settlement offers including pending or contemplated administrative proceedings governed by the Administrative Procedure Act.

- Cause No. 15-0119-C26

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 8:08 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session.

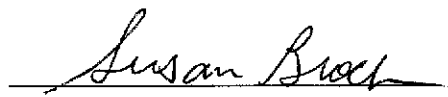
ADJOURN

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



Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk