

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on May 11, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Noting the absence of Mayor Jesse Ancira, Mayor Pro Tem Brandt Rydell declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Robert Garcia
Council Member Chris Gonzales (arrived at 6:12 pm)
Council Member Christine Lopez

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

PROCLAMATIONS

1. NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, MAY 14-20, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell presented a proclamation that was accepted by members of the Taylor Police Department in recognition of National Police Week which honors fallen officers.

2. PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 21-27, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell presented the proclamation to Public Works staff and Mr. Matt Rector, Director of Public Works, thanked them for keeping the city functioning with the work they do related to streets, water, and waste water.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell read a list of upcoming community events and activities. Council Member Garcia mentioned additional local events and Mr. Turner introduced Ms. Pam Cosel, the newly hired Public Information Officer.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Jesse Ramos resides on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and expressed his concerns regarding traffic issues, speeding, and the general condition of the residences and businesses on his street.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. APPROVE REQUEST FROM TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TAYLOR PRESS TO SELL WINE AND BEER AND TO ALLOW CONSUMPTION THROUGHOUT THE STOMP N' HOLLER FESTIVAL AREA ON JUNE 3, 2017.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2017.

Council Member Lopez moved to approve the consent agenda as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA: REVIEW/DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION

5. RECEIVE UPDATE ON RETAIL STUDY CONDUCTED BY RETAIL COACH.

Mr. Bernal provided an update on the results of a recent study conducted by the firm Retail Coach regarding a retail market analysis based on both the primary retail trade and retail trade area. This was to update a study previously done in 2012.

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

6. CONSIDER ACCEPTING REPORT FOR JANUARY-MARCH 2017 FROM THE TAYLOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Ms. Tia Stone, President of the Taylor Chamber of Commerce presented a report on activities for the January through March 2017 quarter. She highlighted the Walking Tour brochure and reminded everyone to purchase tickets for the upcoming Stomp N' Holler event in June.

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

7. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE TAYLOR AREA FARMERS MARKET TO TEMPORARY RELOCATE TO ANOTHER LOCATION DURING CONSTRUCTION ON 5TH STREET.

Ms. Deby Lannen, Main Street Manager, presented a request on behalf of the Taylor Area Farmers Market vendors to temporarily waive the restriction of selling merchandise on city owned property while they seek a new location until the school construction is complete. The Chamber of Commerce Board has agreed to let the vendors use their parking lot, but the land is owned by the City.

Council Member Garcia moved to allow the Farmers Market vendors to relocate and sell merchandise on the city owned property at the Chamber of Commerce for the 2017 growing season and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY REGARDING WORK SCHEDULE FOR POLICE OFFICERS.

Ms. Kim Peterson, Human Resources Director, presented a request on behalf of Chief Fluck to amend the Personnel Policy to change Civil Service Police from a 28-day work period to a 14 day work period for purposes of overtime. She stated that this will result in an increase in pay for police working overtime hours.

Council Member Garcia moved to approve the revised policy as presented effective May 15, 2017 and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER INTRODUCING ORDINANCE 2017-09 AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017.

Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented a request to amend the current budget mid-year for unexpected changes in both revenues and expenditures. After some discussion, Mr. Hejl introduced the ordinance as presented.

ORDINANCE 2017-09

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-05 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; BY AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS OTHER FUNDS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAY AND BY CHANGING THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Garcia had a request to readdress the rental assistance program funding in the future; and Council Member Lopez asked for a closer look at what items are taken into closed executive session.

(Mayor Pro Tem Rydell and Council adjourned to closed session at 7:39 pm.)

11. 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 if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect of the position of the governmental body in negotiation with a third person.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION II. 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

13. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EITHER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 7:56 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session. Council Member Lopez then moved to authorize the execution of a contract and contract payment between the city and Sierra Demolition, Round Rock, Texas under "General Exemptions", Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code allowing the contract without public bids under section 252.0215 since the procurement is necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's resident; authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City in the form and substance required by the City Manager.

Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

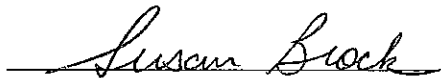
ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Pro Tem Rydell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Brandt Rydell, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk