

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on September 25, 2007 at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. In the absence of Mayor Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor Pro Tem Hill declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Council Member Rod Hortenstine
Council Member Ella Jez
Council Member John McDonald

Frank Salvato, City Manager
Assistant City Manager, Jim Dunaway
City Attorney, Ted Hejl
City Clerk, Susan Brock

INVOCATION

Chief Straub led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

No citizens came forward during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. MINUTES FOR AUGUST 28, 2007 AND SEPTEMBER 6, 2007.
2. CONSIDER FINANCIALS FOR AUGUST, 2007.
3. ORDINANCE 2007-27 BUDGET AMENDMENT.

ORDINANCE 2007-27

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAYLOR, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-19 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2006, MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007; 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.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; Motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA – REVIEW/DISCUSS & CONSIDER/ACTION:

4. PROCLAMATION: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007.
Mayor Pro Tem Hill presented a proclamation to Mr. Dennis Thomas, Central Texas Resource Conservation and Development, to recognize the week of September 23, 2007 as Resource Conservation and Development Week.
5. CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2007-26 AMENDING FEE ORDINANCE.
Ms. Rosemarie Dennis, Finance Director, presented updated information to Council regarding specific fees that were revised on their recommendation at the previous meeting. Council agreed to readdress cemetery fees at a later date when more information can be reviewed.

ORDINANCE 2007-26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-23 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 BY CHANGING CERTAIN RATES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY

With no further discussion, Council Member Hortenstine moved to adopt Ordinance 2007-26 amending the Fee Ordinance and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

6. CONSIDER SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT REVENUE RECOVERY SERVICES.

Chief Watson, Taylor Fire Department, presented a request to enter into an agreement with Revenue Rescue for cost recovery services associated with Emergency Response. The City initially contracted with this firm in March, 2006 and has collected approximately \$5,500 during the contract period. However, the contract has since expired and this is a request to continue this service. The new agreement is a five year contract with a twenty percent commission on the amount collected. Mr. Rick Branning with Revenue Rescue was present to respond to questions.

With no further discussion, Council Member McDonald moved to approve the agreement as presented and Council Member Jez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. CONSIDER AMENDING COMPUTER AND INTERNET USE POLICY FOR TAYLOR PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Ms. Karen Ellis, Library Director, presented a proposed policy for computer and internet use in the Taylor Public Library. Council reviewed the policy and requested additional information regarding the use of filtering software by other libraries including the school district. No further action was taken on this item.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FROM WILLIAMSON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PROGRAM TO DEVELOP HOMES ON CITY LOTS ON DOAK STREET.

Mr. Bob vanTil, Community Development Director, presented an overview of a proposed partnership program with the Williamson County Habitat for Humanity. Ms. Debbie Hoffman, Executive Director of the program presented an overview of the plan and a proposed calendar of events. As a potential partner in the program the City has located twenty three lots available in the Doak Street area as possible sites. Mayor Pro Tem Hill requested that some of these lots be set aside for future "pocket parks" and not developed as home sites. Ms. Hoffman expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to develop the program in Taylor and Council agreed that the program should move forward.

Council Member Jez moved to authorize staff to proceed with a partnership agreement with Williamson County Habitat for Humanity and Council Member McDonald seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN WILLIAMSON COUNTY AND THE CITY TO PERFORM WORK ON THE EAST WILLIAMSON COUNTY REGIONAL

PARK, PHASE I PROJECT.

Mr. vanTil presented a request to consider entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Williamson County for an “in kind” match of equipment and labor for blading and leveling the parking lot at the East Williamson County Regional Park. Mr. vanTil reminded Council that during his tenure Commissioner Frankie Limmer had provided the City with a letter stating this intent. The next step is to have our current representative, Commissioner Morrison, take the request to the Commissioner’s Court for their consideration.

Council Member McDonald moved to approve the agreement with the revisions as noted and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER PLANNING PROCESS TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT REGULATION ISSUES.

Mr. vanTil provided Council with a plan to address complaints received regarding development issues. He presented a list of specific items to be addressed including tree caliper, parking, sidewalks, fees, drainage requirements, design professionals, plan requirements, and platting. Council discussed how to handle the issues and determined it would be best handled internally by staff and to continue to look for appropriate ways to work with builders and still meet the approved guidelines. Council Member Hortenstine stressed the need to get all builders to abide by the existing ordinances and keep the city a safe and attractive place to live while meeting standard codes. After further discussion, no formal action was taken on this item.

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION R07-25 TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT.

Mr. Dunaway presented a request from the Williamson County Appraisal District to consider nominations for the Board. Each City in the County has a specific number of votes to apply towards one or more nominations. Council discussed the possibility of gathering information from other political entities in the County including the School Districts and possibly joining forces to secure a nomination with as many votes as possible. Council Member Jez moved to table the item until the October 9th Council meeting and Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

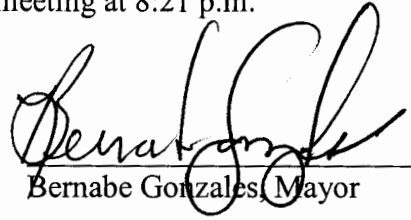
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION. The Taylor City Council will conduct a closed executive meeting under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code which authorizes a governmental body to consult with its City Attorney on a matter in which the City seeks the advice of its attorney about contemplated litigation or a settlement offer or 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 clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Pro Tem Hill adjourned Council into closed Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

13. CONSIDER ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION.

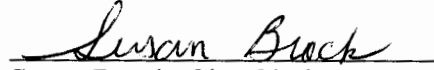
Mayor Pro Tem called the open meeting back to order at 8:19 p.m. and stated that no action had been taken during the closed session. Council Member McDonald moved to approve a settlement for \$15,623.62 from Halff and Associates to completely close out the Dickey Street project. Council Member Hortenstine seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Mayor Gonzales adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.


Bernabe Gonzales, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Brock, City Clerk