

The City Council of the City of Taylor met on January 26, 2017, at City Hall, 400 Porter St., Taylor, Texas. Mayor Jesse Ancira declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Ekiss led the group in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

1. PROCLAMATION: RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH.
Mayor Ancira presented a proclamation recognizing February as Black History Month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ancira read a list of upcoming community events and activities

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Ms. Melanie Rathke, 612 Vernon, Ms. Dee Dee Yelverton, 1415 Howard, Ms. Patrice Dempsey, 4106 Big Bend Trail, and Ms. Christine Sumpter-Hegar, 606 W. 7th St., spoke on the condition of the animal shelter. Mr. David Paul, 840 W. 5th St., commented on the further development of Kimbro Street and Mr. Jeff Snyder, 106 Porter Street business owner, encouraged council to consider options for reducing railroad noise.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. CONCUR WITH PRELIMINARY FINANCIALS FOR DECEMBER 2016.
3. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve 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

4. CONSIDER APPROVING A GRANT PROGRAM REGARDING A REDUCTION IN PERMIT FEES FOR QUALIFYING NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

Ms. Ashley Lumpkin, Director of Development Services, introduced a plan to develop a grant program to reduce development fees for new construction for religious organizations and non-profit organizations who qualify.

The program would provide \$50,000 annually with a limit up to \$20,000 per entity per year. If approved, staff will bring back an ordinance to be introduced on February 9 with final approval on February 23.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to approve the grant program for fee reduction to qualifying non-profit organizations as presented and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

5. RECEIVE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) FOR 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR.

Mrs. Rosemarie Dennis, Director, Finance, introduced Mr. Michael Brooks with Brooks-Cardiel, to present the annual audit for fiscal year 2015-2016. In response to a question from Mayor Ancira, Mr. Brooks restated the fact the City of Taylor and the Taylor Housing Authority have no relationship, management or financial, other than the Mayor's appointment of the Board members.

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

6. RECEIVE PRESENTATION REGARDING RAILROAD CROSSING QUIET ZONES.

Mr. Matt Rector, Director, Public Work, provided information regarding creating a quiet zone for train horns within the city limits. The rules and regulations required to create such a zone are strictly determined by Union Pacific as well as the costs to ensure those crossings are safe. The general consensus of council was to continue to research other options including "wayside" horns and possible funding mechanisms.

Council Member Lopez moved to accept the presentation and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

7. RECEIVE UPDATE ON GROWTH SUMMIT.

Ms. Lumpkin presented an update on plans for the Growth Summit scheduled for March 2 at the Williamson County Expo Center. The program will focus on future growth and transportation, corridor standards, commercial and residential design standards, as well as parks and recreational areas. More details will be forthcoming as the program continues to develop. Council Member Lopez moved to accept the update as presented and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-04 REGARDING CDBG GRANT FUNDING FOR FY 2017-2018.

Mr. Rector presented a request to approve a resolution regarding a grant application to Williamson County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. The project under consideration for funding in the 2017/2018 fiscal year is to reconstruct West 3rd Street from Howard to Vance Street.

Council Member Gonzales moved to approve Resolution R17-04 as presented and to move forward with the new CIP project list including streets and drainage and to fund the first year fully with CDBG monies and to augment with funds from the Transportation User Fee monies if needed. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

9. CONSIDER APPROVING SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING PROGRAM FOR THE TAYLOR REGIONAL PARK AND SPORTS COMPLEX.

Mr. Mike DeVito, Director, Parks and Recreation, presented a request to consider approving a sponsorship and advertising program for local businesses to advertise at the Taylor Regional Park and Sports Complex. The program includes banners at various locations within the park with pricing depending on location.

Mayor Ancira moved to appoint Council Member Garcia and Mayor Pro Tem Rydell to meet with staff to move this project forward and Council Member Gonzales seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION R17-01 CALLING AN ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2017 TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE.

Ms. Brock presented a request to approve a resolution calling an election on May 6, 2017 to elect a Council Member At Large. Mayor Ancira moved to approve Resolution R17-01 as presented and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS FOR CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Ms. Brock presented applications for appointments and reappointments to city boards and commissions.

Airport: Council Member Gonzales moved to reappoint Terry Blodgett and Efrain Lopez and to appoint Brian Decker and Catherine Rochez as new members. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rydell. Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Animal Control Appeals Board and Shelter Advisory Board: Council members agreed that additional discussion is needed on this group prior to making any appointments or reappointments and council will also consider adding term limits.

Building and Standards Commission: Council Member Gonzales moved to reappoint Arnold Cuba and appoint Steve Smith as a new member. Motion seconded by Council Member Garcia. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Library: Council Member Gonzales moved to reappoint Trisha Randig and to appoint Sheon Corley as a new member. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rydell. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Main Street: Council Member Garcia moved to reappoint Christina Kane-Gibson and Steve Truex and to appoint Stephen Hoskins as a new member. Motion seconded by Council Member Gonzales. VOTE: Two voted AYE; Three voted NO. Motion failed.

Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to reappoint Christina Kane-Gibson and Steve Truex and to appoint Lotte Vehko as a new member citing her background and experience in architecture. Motion seconded by Council Member Lopez. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Moody Museum: Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to reappoint Susan Komandosky, Joe Bartosh, Rebecca O'Bryan-Lieb and Carol Preuss and to appoint Julia O'Bryan and Paul Pennington. Motion seconded by Council Member Garcia. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

Parks and Recreation: Council Member Lopez moved to reappoint Larry Cmerek, Irene Michna, Timothy Tebeau and to appoint Stacy Olsen as a new member. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. One No (Garcia). Motion passed.

Planning and Zoning: Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to reappoint Donna Frazier and to appoint Mike Aplin as a new member. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

TEDC: Mr. Mark Thomas, President of the TEDC, requested council consider not making any changes to the current composition of the board until next January to allow them to continue to work on existing projects. Council Member Gonzales nominated Gary Gola for consideration as a member. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to reappoint Joe Burgess and Kelly Cmerek and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE. One vote NO. (Gonzales)

Tree Advisory Board: Council Member Garcia moved to reappoint Erin Butler and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed. Staff agreed to contact all those applicants who were not appointed to their board of choice this round to see if they might be interested on serving on other boards that are in need of members.

Zoning Board of Adjustments: Council Member Garcia moved to appoint David Paul and Craig Eulenfeld to the ZBA and Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to appoint Suzanne Bice and Council Member Garcia seconded the motion. VOTE: Five voted AYE. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Ancira asked Council Members for future agenda items. Council Member Gonzales asked to include cemetery streets in the Strategic Plan; a reduction in the TUF for seniors, and to add a city facilities assessment to the CIP priorities. Council Member Garcia asked staff to meet with representatives of the local Boy Scout Troop to see what their immediate needs are. Council Member Lopez asked to provide a plan for mowing city properties and street maintenance and to see a timeline for the CIP program. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell requested a survey of building and development fees for other cities and Mayor Ancira requested staff provide an update to the retail study.

(Mayor Ancira and Council adjourned to closed session at 8:20 pm.)

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION. 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 551.074 to discuss the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

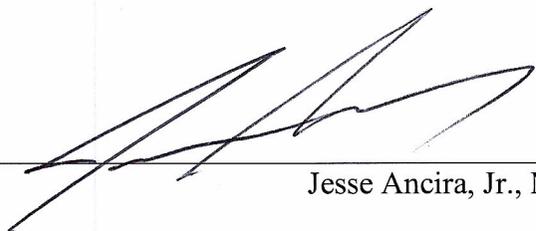
- Evaluation of City Manager, Isaac Turner

14. CONSIDER ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Mayor Ancira and Council Members returned to the dais and declared the meeting reopened at 10:27 pm. He stated that no action was taken during the closed session. Mayor Pro Tem Rydell moved to grant a salary adjustment to base of +5%, retroactive to be effective on December 26, 2016 and to increase his annual leave accrual rate to 120 hours/yr the same as a 10 year employee. Council Member Lopez seconded the motion. VOTE: Four voted AYE; one vote NO (Gonzales). (Council Member Gonzales requested the record show his vote was not based on Mr. Turner's performance.) Motion passed.

ADJOURN

With no further action Mayor Ancira declared the meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.



Jesse Ancira, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Susan Brock, City Clerk