

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
MAY 7, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The May 7, 2013, regular joint meeting of the Taft City Council/Taft Successor Agency, held in the Council Chamber at Taft City Hall, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Mayor Linder at **6:03:57 PM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Waldrop and invocation given by Bill Le Barron, First Congregational Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Linder; Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier.
Council Members Randy Miller, Dave Noerr and Ron Waldrop.
City Manager Craig Jones; City Attorney Tom Ebersole;
City Clerk Louise Hudgens.

1. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council Member Waldrop read the proclamation for the Public Works Week May 19 – 25, 2013.

Council Member Noerr read the proclamation for the Building Safety Week May 27 – 31, 2013.

2. LOTTERY DRAWING FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS STANDS 4TH OF JULY

The Clerk read off the candidates for the lottery drawing for the Safe and Sane Firework stands. The results are as follows:

The first drawing was Taft Sportsman's Club IDPA; second draw Mission Apostolica; third draw Taft Midway Sunset Lions Foundation; and fourth Taft Lions Club. The alternate is Taft Sportsman's Club Junior Division.

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Orrin, Chamber of Commerce executive Director – Chamber of Commerce
Made announcement for upcoming events

Jill Egland, Vice President of Community Impact – United Way
Announced a donation of "Born Learning" signage to be placed on rails to trails.

4. TREASURER REPORT

Ben Mangum, City Treasure reported on the financials as of February 2013.

Teresa Binkley, Finance Director explained funds received for JARC and New Freedom Grants for CalTrans.

Craig Jones, City Manager, commented about how it takes time to get funding from grants to be disbursed.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Randy Miller – Council Member

Expressed safety and concerns of riding dirt bikes in and around neighborhoods and in parks and advised the citizens to contact law enforcement if they see any wrong doing by dirt bike riders, and made comment about the South Taft Clean up.

Ron Waldrop – Council Member

Announced raising of the flag ceremony at the Veterans Building on May 25th at 10am, 218 Tylor

Orchal Krier – Council Member

Made comments about the weekend's events as well as upcoming events. Made comments regarding the fundraiser done by the Rotary Club and recognized all local clubs.

Dave Noerr – Council Member

Made comments about the South Taft commended the Mayor and Council Member Miller, for their efforts to reach the South Taft community; stated concerns regarding issue in Cleveland.

Paul Linder – Mayor

Commented on South Taft Clean up; acknowledged all participants as well as those who donated their time and efforts.

Commented on safety concerns regarding dirt bike riders in the community and surrounding areas.

Discussed Economic Summit meeting.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

Ron Orrin – Planning Commissioner

Commented on Planning Commission meeting and upcoming agenda items

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Ed Whiting, Police Chief –

Made announcements regarding Taft High School graduation June 5th police presence; dirt bikes riders

Lonn Boyer, Human Resources Director/Assistant City Manager –

Reported on Website Statistics

Debra Elliott, Enterprise Zone Manager–

Reported on Voucher activity; advertisement card; CALED conference in San Diego; Sacramento; breakfast seminar; item 21 on agenda

Louise Hudgens, Municipal Records Manager/City Clerk –

Reminded council regarding their mailbox; joint meeting tentative last Wednesday in May; June 4th public hearing on rate increase ballots that went out.

Brent Moon – Kern County Fire Department

Discussed fire Season and need to keep weeds abated.

8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Craig Jones – City Manager
South Taft Clean up; Harrison St entrance and replacement of trees; phone call regarding rate increase on sewer, sewer plant upgrade and cost and clarified with the public we are not raising rates due to spill.

9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

None

10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Paul Linder – Mayor
Resolution regarding United Way signs Miller concurred
Letter of support to Fuller, Grove, and McCarthy regarding Shell Oil fracking and opposition letter Miller concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11 - 23

Motion: moved by Krier, and seconded by Miller, to approve consent calendar items.

AYES: Krier, Waldrop, Miller, Noerr, Linder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

11. MINUTES

April 16, 2013 Regular
Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Cash Disbursements Warrant # 042613	Check No. 75274-75340	\$280,446.75
	Check No. 75273 WAS VOIDED	
Warrant # 041713	Check No. 75272	\$3,192.75
Warrant # 041213	Check No. 75269-75271	\$399.05

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

13. VIDEO RETENTION AND ACTION MINUTES

Recommendation – Motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING RESOLUTION 2382-97 AS IT PERTAINS TO THE RETENTION OF MEETING RECORDINGS. (*Resolution No. 3527-13*)

14. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2012 TO SEPTEMBER 2012

Recommendation – Motion to THE 25% ALLOCATION OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2012.

15. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER 2012 TO DECEMBER 2012

Recommendation – Motion to approve THE 25% ALLOCATION FO THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 2012.

16. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE OF MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER FOR CALTRANS PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. N015 (CONSTRUCT A BIKE / PEDESTRIAN PATH ALONG HILLARD ST. FROM “A” STREET PARK TO RAILS TO TRAILS) TO MASTER AGREEMENT 06-5193R

Recommendation – Motion to approve resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, APPROVING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. N015 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. RPSTPLE-5193 (033) FOR THE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING OF THE HILLARD ST. BIKE / PEDESTRIAN PATH FROM “A” ST., AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT. (*Resolution No. 3528-13*)

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT TO REVISE THE TAFT GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT MAP FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 ACRES OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF STATE ROUTE 33 AND SOUTH OF WOOD STREET, FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO INDUSTRIAL. CITY OF TAFT, APPLICANT

Recommendation – Motion to approve resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) NO. 2013-09, REVISING THE TAFT GENERAL PLAN LAND USE ELEMENT MAP FOR A 10 ACRE PORTION OF APN NO. 220-040-47 FROM LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LDR) TO INDUSTRIAL (I). (*Resolution No. 3529-13*)

18. SOLICIT BIDS TO COMPLETE DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADES AS DEFINED AS THE FEDERAL WWTP – DISINFECTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to publicly solicit bids for the completion of upgrades to the disinfection system at the City’s Federal Wastewater Treatment Plant. Funding for this work will be obtained from the Federal WWTP Capital Reserves.

19. EXECUTE CONTRACT REASSIGNMENT FROM SOUTH WEST WATER COMPANY TO SEVERN TRENT SERVICES FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Recommendation – Motion to approve and execute contract reassignment with Severn Trent Services.

20. EXECUTE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHT HOUSE TO PROVIDE TELEPHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE AT THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recommendation – Execute service agreement with Bright House for telephone and internet service at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

21. VIRTUAL INCUBATOR LICENSE PROGRAM

Recommendation – Motion to enter into a contract with Central Valley Business Incubator, Inc. for a term of one-year for the Virtual Incubator License Program (VIP) at no cost.

22. ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT MOU WITH THE CITY OF MARICOPA

Recommendation – Motion to approve and sign the attached and incorporated MOU for animal shelter services for the City of Maricopa.

23. AUTHORIZE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DEPOSIT FUNDS IN ESCROW ACCOUNT AS DIRECTED TO BY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AS A RESULT OF THE SEWER SPILL THAT OCCURRED ON MARCH 12, 2013

Recommendation – Motion to direct the Finance Director to establish escrow account and deposit \$17,325 therein.

24. APPOINT ONE (1) MEMBER TO THE CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL UNSCHEDULED VACANCY

Recommendation – Motion to appoint one (1) member to serve on the City of Taft Planning Commission to complete a term ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Bob Leikam was unanimously appointed by the City Council.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

Recessed to Closed Session at [7:32:09 PM](#).

A. At this time the City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to give direction to its labor negotiator concerning labor negotiations: All units.

Action Taken: No reportable action

B. At this time the City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 for the Council to give instructions to its negotiator, Craig Jones, regarding negotiation for real property – undisclosed location.

Action Taken: No reportable action

ADJOURNMENT – with no further business to conduct meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Erica Barron, Deputy City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor