

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The May 21, 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 [6:03:40 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Miller, followed by invocation given by Howard Tello, Seven Day Adventist Church.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Dave Noerr

1. PUBLIC HEARING - CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INCREASE OF RATES FOR REFUSE SERVICES, COUNT WRITTEN PROTESTS RECEIVED, AND IF NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS, APPROVE PROPOSED REFUSE RATES.

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Envelopes containing protests from property owners were opened and a count taken of qualified protests. There were 46 out of a possible 3,151 for 1.46 percent of property owners who protested.

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Miller, to approve an Ordinance titled An ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING SECTION 3.2-12 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE ESTABLISHING REFUSE AND STREET SWEEPING RATES FOR CITY CUSTOMERS, **for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived**

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

Moved by Krier, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution titled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION THEREBY ADOPTING REFUSE SERVICE RATES.

(Resolution No. 3530-13)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

2. PUBLIC HEARING - CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE INCREASE OF RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES, COUNT WRITTEN PROTESTS RECEIVED, AND IF NO MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS, APPROVE PROPOSED SEWER RATES.

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Envelopes containing protests from property owners were opened and a count taken of qualified protests. There were 39 out of a possible 3,116 for 1.25 percent of property owners who protested.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to approve an Ordinance titled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING SECTION 3.3-6 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES **only and reading of such be waived.**

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to approve Resolution titled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE XIID OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION THEREBY ADOPTING SEWER SERVICE RATES
(*Resolution No. 3531-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

3. PUBLIC HEARING - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - FINAL CLOSEOUT GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT 08-EDEF-5878 AND 09-EDEF-6534

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to receive report and submit report to CDBG

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Harvey Hall, Hall Ambulance and Bakersfield City Mayor, presented Council with plaque in appreciation of 18 years of Taft's support and to bring attention to Emergency Medical Services Week.

Shannon Jones, Chamber of Commerce Event Coordinator, read a letter of appreciation to Council from the downtown merchants and announced upcoming Community events.

5. TREASURERS REPORT

Ben Mangum, City Treasurer, gave the financial Report for period ended March 2013.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION) [6:58:42 PM](#)

Each of the Council Members gave a positive report of the previous week-end's Relay for Life Event.

Miller requested help for tornado victims in Oklahoma.

Waldrop requested that veterans participate in the "Raising the Flag" event on May 26 at Veteran's Hall.

Linder stated that Kiwanis will be placing flags on Memorial Day.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS – None.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Whiting reported on an FBI workshop he had attended. Kern County Fire Battalion Chief Brett Moon gave tips on best way to report possible arson.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Craig Jones reported on meeting with Supervisor Couch, that the Governor is working towards eliminating enterprise zones and asked that everyone write letters encouraging him not to.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Linder requested agenda item to donate \$2,000 toward Firework Show. Miller concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 - 19

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 12-16 and 19.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

12. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Cash Disbursements	Warrant # 042513	Check No. 75341-75342	\$ 503.99
	Warrant # 051013	Check No. 75343-75422	\$142,140.41

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

14. STANDARD AGREEMENT 08-EDEF-5878 – DISENCUMBERING UNUSED CDBG GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation – Informational only.

15. STANDARD AGREEMENT 08-EDEF-5878

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the repayment of Activity Delivery funds to the Department of Housing and Community Development Department from General Fund in the amount \$2,780 and to reallocate grant expense in the amount of \$10,291 to General Fund.

16. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EDD) PAYOUTS

Recommendation – Motion to Authorize the loan of \$10,098 from General Fund Reserves to the CCF for the payment of the 2012 4th quarter EDD Benefits.

19. OPPOSITION TO AB 649, AB 1301 & AB 1323 – PROHIBITING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING; OPPOSITION TO SB 241 – SEVERANCE TAX ON OIL PRODUCTION

Recommendation – Motion to approve and execute opposition letters for AB 649, AB 1301, AB 1323 & SB 241.

17. TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT WISHES TO PURCHASE A CITIZEN RIMS SOFTWARE CRIME MAPPING MODULE FOR THE NEW WEBSITE.

- Removed from Consent Calendar by Krier

Police Chief Whiting explained that the mapping software would allow anyone to check on the City's website where crimes have occurred and who the perpetrator was. County areas would be identified if a City police officer had assisted. The funds to be used from AB109 are for overtime and crime prevention.

Moved by Krier, seconded by Waldrop, to approve the purchase of the CITIZEN RIMS software module from Sun Ridge Systems for \$4,115.00

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

18. MOU WITH THE TAFT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A FULL TIME PAID SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

- Removed from Consent Calendar by Krier

There was no discussion other than to point out that the position is being fully funded by Taft City School District and that the three (3) School Resource Officers allows the City Police Department to be fully staffed.

Moved by Krier, seconded by Waldrop, to approve and sign the MOU with the Taft City School District for a full time paid School Resource Officer.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

Mayor Linder recessed the meeting to closed session at [7:43:12 PM](#)

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – 1 case.

ACTION TAKEN: Gave direction to staff.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANGER, Government Code 54957.6 – All units.

ACTION TAKEN: Gave direction to staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM with no further business to conduct.