

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The June 18, 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 [6:04:11 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Miller, followed by invocation given by Pastor Tello of the Seven Day Adventist Church.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Ron Waldrop.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING – REGARDING THE RATES FOR REFUSE SERVICES AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REFUSE RATES [6:06:33 PM](#)**

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, 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, Noerr, Linder

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – REGARDING THE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICES AND APPROVE AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES [6:11:20 PM](#)**

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, 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 FOR CITY RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS, for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Linder

**3. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT REFUSE CHARGES**

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Miller, to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE

CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. (*Resolution No. 3542-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Linder

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SEWER CHARGES**

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. (*Resolution No. 3543-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Linder

**5. KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS PRESENTATION BY BECKY NAPIER - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY [6:17:35 PM](#)**

Napier voiced appreciation to Linder and Krier for serving on the KernCOG Board. She then proceeded to explain the process of how the study had been conducted and its results.

**6. APPOINT THREE (3) MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL SCHEDULED VACANCIES [6:42:25 PM](#)**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier and approved unanimously, to implement vote by ballot procedure to select three (3) Planning Commissioners.

Each of five candidates spoke briefly: Shannon Jones, Robert Jordan, Renée Hill, Yvette Mayfield, and Robert Thompson. Glenn Black withdrew his application due to possible conflicts. Carol Jackson unable to attend but sent letter read by Linder. Shawn Sutherland unable to attend.

After silent ballot, Thompson and Hill selected. A tie between Sutherland and Jones was decided by voice vote and Sutherland was selected.

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to appoint Thompson, Hill and Sutherland to serve on the City of Taft Planning Commission for terms from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Linder

**7. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS [7:13:31 PM](#)**

Severn Trent explained that his company took over operations of the Waste Water Treatment Plant from Southwest Water Co. on June 1, 2013, and wanted to introduce himself and Richard Clayton. Trent stated that his company had taken over several plants in California. Miller suggested scheduling a Public Works committee meeting to all get acquainted.

Shannon Jones, Event Coordinator Chamber of Commerce, introduced banners that will hang from July 4 through Veterans Day. Cost is \$250 each and can honor past or present servicemen/women. She also gave announcement of upcoming events.

**8. TREASURER REPORT [7:21:58 PM](#)**

Ben Mangum, City Treasurer, gave Finance report for period ended April 2013.

**9. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)**

Krier – congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for successful Car Show, concert and Cruz night. Reported that Taft College was holding a petroleum night. Voiced concerns regarding the state's reduction in prisons, the consolidation of the courts, and other cut-backs, and then turn around and grant 4.5% pay raise to state employees.

Noerr - Announced that the groundbreaking for the new hotel was July 9. Stated that there is a senate bill to make gun magazines holding more than 10 rounds illegal.

Miller – indicated that dealing with regulators is frustrating as they regulate but don't help. Stated that it was exciting news that hotel is breaking ground and hopes for support businesses.

Linder – congratulated the Chamber for successful events. Indicated that the Fox Theater is struggling and that they have to update all their equipment to digital.

**10. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT [7:43:20 PM](#)**

Ron Orrin, Planning Commissioner – gave report of June 5 Planning Commission meeting.

**11. DEPARTMENT REPORTS [7:45:28 PM](#)**

City Manager Jones introduced Mark Staples, Interim Planning Director, who is associated with Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. Mr. Stapes stated that he had worked at a number of cities during their transition period between Planning Directors. He indicated that Pizza Hut should be opening within a week or two.

**12. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones reported that escrow for the construction to begin on the new hotel had closed the previous Friday and ground breaking scheduled for July 9 at 10:00 a.m. Geary Coats will be bringing the shovels. Coats will also bring site plan to build an RV Park at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Supply Row, using the old Trading Post as a club house. Jones gave report of various meetings he had.

**13. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS - none.**

**14. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS [7:53:27 PM](#)**

Miller – requested recognition for Curtis Walchock's service on the Planning Commission. Linder concured.

Krier – requested letter to invite Governor to attend Council meeting. Linder Concured.

Letter should invite him to visit California's richest oilfield and Carrizo Plain, and Council will make themselves available when Governor is available.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 15 - 22**

- Linder announced that page 7 of the Engineer's Report for Landscape District No. 1, Item No. 19, was being replaced with another page 7 that had the complete listing of parcels.
- Linder announced that Item No. 21 was being removed from the consent calendar and would not be returning on a future agenda.

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 15 -20 and 22.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Linder

**15. MINUTES**

June 4, 2013 Regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**16. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Cash Disbursements    Warrant # 060713    Check No. 75515-75562    \$ 312,299.30

**Recommendation** – Approve payment of bills.

**17. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt an ordinance titled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADDING A CHAPTER TO THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR CODE VIOLATIONS** (*Ordinance No. 797-13*)

**18. RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY BUDGET BASED ON THE 2012-2013 LEVEL OF APPROPRIATIONS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY BUDGET BASED ON THE 2012-2013 LEVEL OF APPROPRIATIONS.** (*Resolution No. 3544-13*)

**19. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Recommendation** – Motion to 1) receive 2013-2014 Engineer's Report for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1; and

2) adopt a resolution titled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE IMPROVEMENTS AND FEES FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 2, 2013.** (*Resolution No. 3545-13*)

**20. CONTRACT FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve contract with MIG Hogle-Ireland for GIS Services through September 30, 2013.

**21. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT URBAN COUNTY ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM WITH KERN COUNTY**

➤ Item removed at request of staff

**Recommendation** – Motion to (1) approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT TO COOPERATE WITH THE COUNTY OF KERN**; and  
(2) authorize the Mayor to execute a Cooperation Agreement for Community Development.

**22. PURCHASE OF CITIZEN RIMS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Recommendation** – Information only.

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The regular meeting recessed to closed session at [7:58:47 PM](#)

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

ACTION TAKEN – No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT – [8:45 PM](#)**

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Louise Hudgens, CMC  
City Clerk

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Paul Linder, Mayor