

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JULY 2, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The July 2, 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 [6:12:31 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Waldrop, followed by a moment of silence honoring 19 Firefighters who lost their lives in an Arizona wildfire.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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

Moved by Krier, seconded by Miller, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. (*Resolution No. 3546-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

2. PUBLIC HEARING – ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT STANDBY SEWER CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE. (*Resolution No. 3547-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

3. PUBLIC HEARING – LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 [6:17:53 PM](#)

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT SETTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1. (*Resolution No. 3548-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

4. PUBLIC HEARING – SKATE PARK ORDINANCE PROHIBITING BICYCLES

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 an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE TAFT SKATE PARK, *for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION [6:32:03 PM](#)

Certificate of Appreciation given to outgoing Planning Commissioner Curtis Walchock.

6. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Orrin, Executive Director Taft Chamber of Commerce:

- Thanked all the contributors who made the Fourth of July celebration possible.

David Couch, Kern County Fourt District Supervisor:

- Explained a proposed program “Critters without Litters” to help alleviate over population of dogs and cats and asked that the City of Taft be a partner in the program.
- Looking for people to serve on the Heritage Commission.
- Continuing to work on tearing down condemned buildings.

7. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION) [6:45:44 PM](#)

Waldrop:

- stated he was glad to have Kern County dignitaries present and that he bragged on them all the time.

Krier:

- Encouraged kids to use the improved hockey park at Ford City Park.
- Reported that Pizza Hut opened.
- Commented that local citizens were lucky that 4th of July celebrations were still allowed in the City of Taft and that everyone needs to reflect what the celebration is all about.

Noerr:

- Voiced appreciation for 4th of July Fireworks and why we should be able to celebrate, and invited Supervisor Couch and his staff to the show.
- Reported that bricks can still be purchased for oil worker monument.
- Stated that people on the Westside still have access to government.

Miller:

- Voiced appreciation to Supervisor Couch for working with CalTrans for signage leading into Taft on Highway 119.
- Welcomed Pizza Hut back.
- Encouraged everyone to fly their flags for 4th of July.

Linder:

- Wished everyone a safe and sane 4th of July and cautioned that the Fire Department will be on alert.
- Kiwanis placing flags around town.
- Commended the Westside Recreation District for the improvements to the A St. Park basketball court.
- Taft College is getting ready to invite Governor to their Oil Summit. Would like to hold on the Councils letter of invitation and coordinate with the College to make it a joint effort to invite the Governor.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS 7:00:32 PM

City Manager Jones introduced Battalion Chief Pendergrass, with the Kern County Fire Department. Pendergrass stated that he covers the B Shift and that Battalion Chief Moon covers the A Shift.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS 7:01:58 PM

Jones:

- Groundbreaking for the Best Western Hotel postponed to coordinate a new date.
- Thanked everyone for their Independence Day donations.
- Reported that the City of Taft had received a check for \$1 mil. for the Center Street Transit Center and thanked for their help in securing the funds for Taft.
- Reported several projects in progress.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Linder requested that the spay/neuter program be agendized as soon as the Supervisors offices provides supporting information. Miller concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 - 18

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to approve consent calendar items 12-18.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

12. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Cash Disbursements Warrant # 062113 Check No. 75564-75631 \$ 207,720.10

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

14. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.2-12 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE ESTABLISHING REFUSE AND STREET SWEEPING RATES FOR CITY CUSTOMERS

Recommendation – Motion to adopt an ordinance entitled 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. (*Ordinance No. 798-13*)

15. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.3-6 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE ESTABLISHING SEWER RATES FOR CITY RESIDENCES, BUSINESSES, AND INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

Recommendation – Motion to adopt an ordinance entitled 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. (*Ordinance No. 799-13*)

16. SALE OF FIREARMS TO A FIREARMS DEALER

Recommendation – Motion to approve the sale of firearms seized as evidence to Proforce Law Enforcement Sales Inc. for store credit for use by the Police Department.

17. UNITED WAY SPONSORED “BORN LEARNING TRAIL” ON RAILS TO TRAILS

Recommendation – Motion to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE UNITED WAY OF BAKERSFIELD TO IMPLEMENT “BORN LEARNING TRAIL” ON RAILS TO TRAILS. (*Resolution No. 3549-13*)

18. 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION ON RAILS TO TRAILS SPONSORED BY TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Recommendation – Motion to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, AUTHORIZING A STREET CLOSURE AND USE OF RAILS TO TRAILS FOR THE 2013 4TH OF JULY RAILS TO TRAILS CELEBRATION. (*Resolution No. 3550-13*)

The meeting recessed to closed session at [7:10:02 PM](#).

CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL, REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code 54956.9 (a) – CITY OF TAFT v. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS and REHABILITATION.

- No reportable action.

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

- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Louise Hudgens, CMC
City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor