

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
AUGUST 6, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The August 6, 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 [6:02:34 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by invocation given by Scott Pearson, First Baptist Church.

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. HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIEN ON ABATED PROPERTY

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop, to confirm Statement of Expense as submitted and approve resolution titled RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 516 St., Taft CA APN #031-470-01 (*Resolution No. 3551-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS [6:08:04 PM](#)

Jack Leonard, local businessman, inquired about the street sweeping schedule and if the new street sweeping charge was referred to in recent Public Hearing notices that were sent to property owners. He was assured that they were and was told that he could get a copy of the notices along with a street sweeping schedule from the City Clerk. Mr. Leonard stated that he felt his business was not getting appropriate service and was upset with the increased costs.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Miller:

- stated that there were a lot of positive things going on in Taft.
- Indicated that he was irritated about yard sale signs and reiterated that if a person puts them up, they have to take them down following their sale.
- Congratulated the Chamber for a successful Cruz Night on Center St.

Council Member Waldrop:

- Stated that he also was irritated about yard sale signs and that a lot of them end up in his parking lot.
- Indicated good participation on Cruz Night.

Council Member Krier:

- Addressed crime in the downtown area and stated that a lot of the businesses were being hit by the crime wave and stated that something had to be done as several of the businesses were closing due to the burglaries. Krier suggested that maybe an award plan such as a

“Secret Witness” be offered for arrest and conviction. Perhaps community members can come up with a plan.

Council Member Noerr:

- Stated that he had attended a movie at the Fox and Cruz Night and enjoyed both.
- Police personnel were working diligently to catch the perpetrators of increased crime due to AB 109.
- Talked about how city resources are taxed and pushed to the limits and good example is Detroit. He gave statistics re Detroit and compared to other cities and stated that the taxpayers are the ones that end up the losers from poor Government decisions.

Mayor Linder:

- Stated that he and City Manger Jones had met with State Senator Jean Fuller and that she had educated them about the bureaucracy in Sacramento.
- Recently paid \$60 in taxes and fees per person for air line tickets.
- Stated that he had assisted Fox Theater owner Kent Coke to put together a video to help raise funds for the Fox. The theater needs new digital equipment and is starting a fund raiser to raise \$40,000 by end of the year. Linder then showed a copy of the video to help kick start the fund raiser. Linder asked that staff look into what it would take to designate Fox as a historical building.
- Reported that he had observed CalTrans repaving Highway 33 just west of Taft and that the process of re-using the asphalt had been interesting to watch.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – There were none.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS [6:30:22 PM](#)

City Manager Jones:

- Stated that construction had begun on the bike path extension from Rails-to-Trails to A Street Park along Hillard St. and that staff was doing the grading to help save funds.
- Funds set aside for repaving Center Street from 4th to 6th Streets. In design phase.
- Asking for RSTP funds for repaving Church Street from Sunset to Lassen Streets.
- Safe Routs to School project funded for \$457,000 of CalTrans funds for around schools.
- Hotel still on track
- Colston’s housing project is still moving forward and he’s working through red tape.
- New City of Taft billboard on north bound I-5 near Castaic Lake letting people know that Taft is open for business.
- New tenants ready to move into Black Hills Court Industrial Park. Planning Department is busy.

Council Member Noerr thanked staff for working on getting internet service to the Black Hills Court Industrial complex.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Council Member Miller requested that a Public Works meeting be scheduled. Jones stated that one was in the works.

Council Member Krier requested that a Safety meeting be scheduled.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8 – 19 [6:36:25 PM](#)

Mayor Linder announced that Item 18 was being pulled from the agenda.
Council Member Waldrop requested that Item 8 be removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to approve consent calendar items 9- 17 and 19.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

8. MINUTES

➤ Removed by Waldrop.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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| Warrant # 070513 | Check No. 75701 | \$ 770.00 |
| Warrant # 071913A | Check No. 75702-75732 | \$ 171,637.85 |
| Warrant # 071913 | Check No. 75733-75782 | \$ 75,450.90 |
| Warrant # 072913 | Check No. 75783-75786 | \$ 1,296.00 |
| Warrant # 080213 | Check No. 75787-75837 | \$ 103,246.00 |
| Warrant # 080213A | Check No. 75838-75845 | \$ 62,846.23 |

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

10. SALE OF TWO (2) BMW POLICE MOTORCYCLES TO THE CITY OF TEHACHAPI POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to approve the sale of the two (2) BMW Police Motorcycles to the City of Tehachapi Police Department for \$3,000 each.

11. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF AN AIR CONDITIONING UNIT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to ratify purchase of Air Conditioning Unit for the Police Department in the amount of \$4,383.10.

12. REQUEST APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF CLASSIFIED POLICE INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the purchase of classified investigative equipment in the amount of \$3,296.25.

13. COUNTY OF KERN PILOT PROGRAM FOR SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

Recommendation – Motion to (1) discuss and give direction to staff; and (2) approve contribution of \$2,000 to *Critters Without Litters* for spay/neuter services.

14. LEGAL EXPENSE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 FOR CITY OF TAFT vs CDCR

Recommendation – Information only.

15. **ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY GRIFFITH COMPANY FOR THE 10TH STREET REHABILITATION FROM KERN ST. TO ASH ST. – STPL-5193 (031) AND TO RELEASE THE 10% RETENTION TO THE CONTRACTOR AFTER 30 DAYS.**

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by Griffith Company for the 10th Street Rehabilitation from Kern St. to Ash St. – STPL-5193 (031) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 10% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

16. **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE TAFT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT – SRTSLNI-5193 (034).**

Recommendation – Motion to accept the Construction Easement from the Taft City School District for the Safe Routes to school Project – SRTSLNI-5193 (034).

17. **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC) WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE & DEAL MAKING EXPO AS RELATED TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN**

Recommendation - Motion to approve attendance and booth rental, and associated costs at the 2013 ICSC Western Division Conference & Expo in San Diego, California

18. **CHANGE OF EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLANS**

➤ **Removed from agenda**

19. **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (RSTP) APPLICATION TO KERNCOG FOR THE REHABILITATION OF CHURCH ST. FROM PILGRIM ST. TO LASSEN AVE.**

Recommendation – Motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR RSTP FUNDING AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT and authorize the City Manager to sign said application. (*Resolution No. 3552-13*)

8. **MINUTES**

July 16, 2013 Regular

- Removed from Consent Calendar by Waldrop.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2013, as corrected to show that Council Member Waldrop was present.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

Recessed to Closed Session at [6:40:03 PM](#)

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANGER,
Government Code 54956.8 – APN #220-290-07.
- No reportable action.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANGER,
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
- No reportable action.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – 1 case.
- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM with no further business to conduct.

Louise Hudgens, CMC
City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor