

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

The September 3, 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 6:05 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ron Waldrop and the invocation given by Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director, Taft Chamber of Commerce.

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 Ebersol; and
Deputy City Clerk Debra Elliott

1. PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS

The PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. There were none.

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to approve and amend the City of Taft Zoning Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTERS 5 AND 12 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS** *for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.*

Council Member Noerr stated that the City of Taft is in need of recreational vehicle parks and that this is a good place for one to be located. Krier, Miller, Waldrop and Linder concurred.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE COUNCIL FROM ADDRESSING ANY ISSUE NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. COUNCIL MAY RECEIVE COMMENT AND SET THE MATTER FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES.

There were none.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Noerr reminded everyone of the importance, capability and responsibility to extract hydrocarbons and the development of clean energy within the United States and locally.

Council Member Krier reported on attending the Labor Day Barbeque at St. Mary's Church. Krier also brought to everyone's attention to the high number of pedestrian deaths in Kern County and the recent tragedies that took place over the holiday weekend. He reminded everyone to be aware of their surrounding and to not be distracted while crossing streets.

Council Member Waldrop announced that the flag at the Veteran's Hall had been replaced and would now be monitored by security cameras. Waldrop also reminded everyone to drive defensively to avoid accidents like those that occurred over the weekend.

Council Member Miller asked drivers to be vigilant while driving when school is dismissed and to watch for children crossing streets as they are not always paying attention to vehicles. Miller also voiced his opposition regarding legislation to ban rifles with "bullet buttons".

Mayor Linder reiterated thoughts to the families that were affected by the tragic accidents over the weekend and wished them healing and recovery. Linder also reported that Mr. Frank Wilson passed away last week and had been a lifetime resident of Taft. His family owned and operated Wilson's Van & Storage many years ago.

4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – There were none.

5. **CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

Mr. Jones reported that he attended the Independent Oil Producers Association meeting last Friday. A presentation was given by the Kern County Director of Planning & Development regarding an amendment going before the Board of Supervisors to simplify the permitting process for new exploration of wells. A local scoping meeting will be held at the Taft Veteran's Hall on September 18, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. to receive comments on this amendment. Kern County asked that the meeting be attended by any elected officials from the City of Taft that are available to speak. Mayor Linder asked that Council Members Miller, Noerr and Waldrop attend if possible, as well as a staff representative.

6. **CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS** – There were none.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS** – There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8 - 13

➤ Council Member Noerr removed Item No. 9 from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to approve Items 8 and 10-13 on the Consent Calendar.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder,

8. **MINUTES**

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. **APPROVE PURCHASE OF SPECTROPHOTOMETER FOR FEDERAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Recommendation – Motion to approve purchase of Spectrophotometer for the Federal Waste Water Treatment Plant.

11. CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to approve contract extension with MIG Hogle-Ireland for Interim Director of Planning and Development Services through December 31, 2013.

12. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JANUARY 2013 TO MARCH 2013

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of January 2013 through March 2013.

13. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF APRIL 2013 TO JUNE 2013

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of April 2013 through June 2013.

9. RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HYDROGEN ENERGY CALIFORNIA (HECA) PROJECT IN WESTERN KERN COUNTY

Council Member Noerr indicated that he would like to read the resolution brought before Council. Mayor Linder agreed.

Council Member Noerr stated that he felt it was important that the People understand what this resolution is for and that it is very important to the local economy and to the People of the Westside and to the City of Taft.

Council Member Noerr read the resolution and introduced Mr. Ed Western, representative from HECA.

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ENDORSING THE HYDROGEN ENERGY CALIFORNIA (HECA) PROJECT IN WESTERN KERN COUNTY.**
Resolution No. 3555-13

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

14. PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM RFP FOR TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AUDIT

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to authorize Mayor to execute an Agreement with Tax Compliance Services

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

➤ The regular meeting was recessed to Closed Session at 6:37 P.M.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code
Section 54956.9 (a)

- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at
8:07 P.M.

Debra L. Elliott, Deputy City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor