

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The September 17, 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 [6:03:20 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by invocation given by Cindy Brettschneider, United Methodist Church.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Randy Miller.

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzy Baker, Secretary for Unitythrift, talked about the “Paws in the Park” event to be held Saturday, October 19, 2013, in Taft Veterans Park. She requested that Council waive fees for the use of the park and explained some of the events that will be held that day. She also indicated that Fourth District Supervisor Couch and his staff will be distributing spay and neuter vouchers.

Kathy Orrin, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce, announced:

- Golf Tournament, October 26, at Buena Vista Golf Course
- Fishing Derby, November 16, at Buena Vista Lake, and will be registering participants at the gas station at the corner of Hwy. 119 and Enos Lane.
- Christmas Parade, Monday, December 2. Grand Marshall will be selected by the Chamber Board at their next meeting.
- Cruz Night will continue the first Friday night of every month throughout the year.
- Chamber will be closed for remainder of week as Chamber staff would be joining the City Manager and Enterprise Zone Manager at the ICSC Conference in San Diego.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Waldrop:

- Stressed that property owners should have someone watch out for their property in the event they would be away from home as there had been an increase in burglaries.
- Stressed safety while walking along the Rails-to-Trails and to be careful when crossing the roads.

Council Member Krier:

- Kudos to Unitythrift for the great work they do, rescuing animals and educating pet owners.
- California Legislature passing all kinds of bills.
- Explained that there are always consequences when the minimum wage goes up. It sounds good, but the reality is that the only one benefiting is other countries. Taxes go up, prices go up, and businesses can't hire as many people.

Council Member Noerr:

- Stated that California is the least business friendly state of all the 50 states. California puts so many restrictions on businesses that they are moving to other states.
- 93% of all jobs created in the U.S. last year were part-time.
- Police Department working hard to keep crime in check.
- Asked that a group of young people in the audience identify themselves as they appeared to be there for a class project. Madison Rubadeau stated that they were in Mrs. Cloud's ROP class and their assignment was to attend a meeting and write a paper on how meetings were conducted.

Mayor Linder:

- With the increase in home burglaries, he strongly suggested that people not use social media to announce things like going on vacation or out to dinner. Someone could pick up on that announcement and find the opportune time to burglarize homes. Announce after returning home that the vacation or dinner was great.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT [6:25:29 PM](#)

Renee Hill, Planning Commissioner:

- Approved Conditional Use Permit 2013-14 for a 65-foot tall monopine wireless communication facility near OT Cookhouse.
- Approved Conditional Use Permit 2013-18 to re-establish a used car dealership at 200 Center St.
- Approved Site Plan Review 2013-16 for 1,440 square foot Office Trailer at 1377 Kern St.
- Commissioners discussed the Downtown Commercial zoning and development standards.
- Chairman Orrin requested joint meeting with Council.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – There were none.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS [6:27:42 PM](#)

City Manager Jones:

- Announced that he would be out of the office for the remainder of the week at the ICSC Conference.
- Kern County Planning Department meeting at Veterans Hall on Wednesday evening to discuss standardizing Oil and Gas permitting. Mark Staples, Interim Planning Director, would represent City of Taft.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS - None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Linder requested staff to agendaize an item to add additional alternates to standing committees. Krier concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8 – 20 [6:30:44 PM](#)

Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr, to approve consent calendar items 8-20.

AYES: Krier, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

8. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant # 081613	Check No. 75927	\$ 11,151.87
Warrant # 083013	Check No. 75928 – 75994	\$ 269,498.13
Warrant # 083013A	Check No. 75995 – 76000	\$ 12,717.76
Warrant # 083013	Check No. 76001 - 76003	\$ 1,379.69
Warrant # 091313	Check No. 76003 - 76083	\$ 139,028.06

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

10. SECOND READING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS

Recommendation – Motion 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.** (*Ordinance No.801-13*)

11. RATIFY EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to ratify expenditures for office equipment for the Building Department in the amount of \$3,898.32.

12. THIRD ANNUAL “PAWS IN THE PARK” EVENT SPONSORED BY UNITYTHRIFT OUTREACH & RESCUE

Recommendation – Motion to waive fees for use of Veterans Park for the annual “Paws in the Park” event on October 19, 2013.

13. CITY INVESTMENT POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW

Recommendation – Motion to concur with the Finance Committee’s recommendation to adopt the policy with no changes.

14. UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (EDD) PAYOUTS

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the loan of \$6,300 from General Fund Reserves to the CCF for the payment of the 2013 2nd quarter EDD Benefits.

15. GRANT ADMINISTRATOR POSITION

Recommendation – Motion to reinstate the position of Grant Administrator on a part-time (Temporary) basis and authorize the position to be filled.

16. TITLE CHANGE OF ENTERPRISE ZONE MANAGER TO COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Recommendation – Motion to approve a title change and new specifications of Community and Business Development Coordinator effective January 1, 2014.

17. ASSOCIATE PLANNER POSITION

Recommendation – 1) Motion to establish the classification of Associate Planner and authorize staff to recruit and fill this position on a full-time basis; and

2) Motion to approve resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES. (*Part-Time Grant Administrator, Associate Planner and Enterprise Zone Manager*) (*Resolution No. 3556-13*)

18. AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM FUNDING AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM FUNDING AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT. (*Resolution No.3557-13*)

19. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT – SRTSLNI-5193 (034).

Recommendation – MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FROM THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT – SRTSLNI-5193 (034).

20. TAFT SUCCESSOR AGENCY – APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.

Recommendation – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE TAFT SUCCESSOR AGENCY ADOPTING FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014. (*Resolution No.3558-13*)

Recessed to closed session at [6:33:06 PM](#).

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54956.8 – 2 Properties (undisclosed locations)
 - No reportable Action.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
 - No reportable Action.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR
 - No reportable Action.

ADJOURNMENT - [8:25 PM](#)