

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 1, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The October 1, 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 [6:04:48 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Waldrop, followed by invocation given by Rodney Wycoff, West Hills Nazarene Church.

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

**1. PROCLAMATIONS**

- A. RIDESHARE WEEK** – Read by Council Member Noerr.
- B. RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY** – Read by Council Member Miller

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kathy Orrin, Taft Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, announced several upcoming events: Cruz Night, Paws in the Park, Casino Night with Midway-Sunset Lions Club, Chamber Golf Tournament, Taft Lions Club Haunted House, Trout Derby and Christmas Parade on December 2.

Edward Herrera, local businessman, extended an invitation to a October 12 craft fair at the West Side Recreation and Parks District put on by local Oaxaca. Oaxaca representative Zenon Silva spoke in Spanish about the upcoming event and expressed gratitude for being accepted into the community.

**3. TREASURER REPORT**

Ben Mangum, City Treasurer, gave a brief update on the city's finances as of July 31, 2013. Mangum stated that he would be explaining the various funds and what they can be used. He explained that the Transit Fund was strictly for transit use. The City is reimbursed by the state for some of the transit service provided by the city, as well as gas tax monies and fare box. The funds cannot be intermingled and/or used with other funds.

**4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION) [6:22:28 PM](#)**

Council Member Miller – 1) Federal Government supposedly shut down although several of the government agencies still operating. Congress will continue to receive their pay checks while other government employees will not; and 2) negative comments regarding the Affordable Care Act”.

Council Member Noerr – Echoed Miller's statements and added that Public Officials have lost sight of fact they serve the public and not themselves.

Council Member Krier – 1) Announced upcoming events and fundraisers: Alpha House cinnamon roll tickets and the Taft College rib-eye Cookout (there will be special recognition to the Dental Hygiene program) and the Taft High School Oil Summit on October 18; and 2) reported that he had attended the League of California Cities conference in Sacramento.

Mayor Linder – Reported that he had also attended the League of California Cities conference and that some of the things they talked about, Taft had already done. A big topic was PERS. Linder stated that he felt that the League Conference was really tailored toward larger cities.

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

6. **CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones – reported 1) that hotel plans were in the works and the developer was working on signage that corporate requires; and 2) had a meeting with Bob Colston and he is still working on housing projects. Colston is getting ready to build houses in Ford City although he would have preferred working within the city limits.

7. **CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS** – None.

8. **FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS** – None.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 - 13**

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Noerr , to approve consent calendar items 9-12.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

ABSTAIN: Miller (abstain on Item 12 as he was requesting Class of 1963 Class Member. Yes on remainder of consent calendar items.

9. **MINUTES**

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**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

10. **AWARD ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECTS TO HELT ENGINEERING**

**Recommendation** – Motion to award contract to Helt Engineering for State and Federal Aid Transportation Projects.

11. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO WRITE OFF A BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN MADE TO WESTSIDE TECHNOLOGY, RADIO SHACK.**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE WRITING OFF A BUSINESS ASSISTANCE (TARP) LOAN TO WESTSIDE TECHNOLOGY, RADIO SHACK OF TAFT. (Resolution No. 3559-13)

12. **RV PARKING FOR 1963 TUHS CLASS REUNION ON RAILS TO TRAILS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve RV Parking for 1963 TUHS class reunion on Rails to Trails on October 11-12, 2012.

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,505.94 UNDER PROP 1B FUNDING, CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,505.94 FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, FUNDING UNDER PROPOSITION 1B, PROVIDED BY CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA TRANSIT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (CTSGP) (*Resolution No. 3560-13*)

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**14. RATIFY APPROVAL OF CCF CONTRACT, AS AMENDED, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES [6:36:37 PM](#)**

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop , to approve amended contract and authorize signing of a contract between the City of Taft and County of Los Angeles for housing of Low-Level Inmates in the Taft Community Correctional Facility.

City Manager Jones explained that the only amendments were dates and signature requirements as there had been personnel changes since Council approved the contract in August 2012.

Each of the Council Members voiced pleasure that they were able to contract with the County of Los Angeles and that the City would be able to put people back to work at the CCF. The state had also contacted the City about reopening the facility for state inmates; however, the better of the two contract choices was with Los Angeles County. Council Members thanked City staff for all their hard work in getting specifics worked out.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

**15. ESTABLISH JOB CLASSIFICATIONS AND COMPENSATION FOR THE RE-OPENING OF THE TAFT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY [6:49:23 PM](#)**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES. (*Resolution No. 3561-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

**16. CONSIDER CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS AND ADDING ALTERNATES**

The City Attorney advised that committee members would have to be cognizant of avoiding what could be Brown Act violations as a quorum of the City Council could be involved with decision making at the committee level. Staff was advised to bring back a policy that would set guidelines for avoiding any impropriety by adding a second alternate to each of the committees.

Mayor Linder recessed the meeting to Closed Session at [7:02:55 PM](#).

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER,  
Government Code 54956.8 – 130 Loma Vista Ave., Taft, CA
- 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 – 8:10 PM.**

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Louise Hudgens, City Clerk

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Paul Linder, Mayor