

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 15, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The October 15, 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 **6:06:54 PM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Krier , followed by invocation given by Heather Mueller, Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Dave Noerr – absent for regular meeting, present for Closed Session.

**1. PROCLAMATION – ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH**

Read by Council Member Miller. Proclamation will be mailed.

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:07:36 PM**

Lodema Hatch, announced that a “Fall into Gardening” event at the Taft Community Garden on Saturday, October 19, 2013. Mayor Linder will exhibit pumpkin carving.

Shannon Jones, Taft Chamber of Commerce, announced several upcoming community events.

Vickie Gregory, Personal Style, reported that the business owners on Center Street thanked the community for successful Cruz nights on Center Street. She also shared that she had a vision of a “Christmas Tree Lane” Center Street.

**3. TREASURER REPORT**

Ben Mangum, City Treasurer, gave a report for the month ended August 2013.

**4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION) 6:14:23 PM**

Council Member Waldrop indicated that there was a lot to do in Taft and announced upcoming events not already mentioned.

Council Member Krier announced a Rib-Eye Cookout dinner at Taft College and also the Oil Summit the following day.

Mayor Linder reported that he had attended the dedication for the Transition to Independent Living Learning Center at Taft College, and he wished the City of Shafter a Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**5. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 6:19:52 PM**

Renee Hill, Planning Commissioner, updated Council on the October 2 Planning Commission meeting: 1) Resignation of Shawn Sutherland, used time to discuss sign and zoning ordinances.

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – None.**

- 7. **CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS** – None.
- 8. **CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS** – None.
- 9. **FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS** [6:21:05 PM](#)

Krier asked if staff could explore the possibility of more Christmas decorations on Center Street. Jones explained that there was a power issue on some of the poles as well as that they were not directly across from each other. Miller suggested lights in the trees and Linder indicated that he liked the “Christmas Tree Lane” idea. Staff will look into issue.

Krier indicated that some potential business owners were finding the City’s fees too much and requested that staff reevaluate fee and permit rates. Planning Director will be instructed to reevaluate with Council’s concurrence.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 10 - 13**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 10, 11 and 13.

Ayes: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

- 10. **MINUTES**  
October 1, 2013 Regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

- 11. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant # 09-27-13	Check No. 76084-76147	\$ 211,527.95
Warrant # -----	Check No. 76148 – Void	0
Warrant # 10-07-13	Check No. 76149	\$ 27,883.00
Warrant # 10-11-13	Check No. 76150-76225	\$ 268,698.44

- 13. **NO PARKING ZONE ON HILLARD STREET AT RAILS TO TRAILS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to authorize staff to create a no parking zone on both sides of Hillard Street at Rails to Trails.

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- 12. **CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK STAPLES AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** [6:29:54 PM](#)
  - **Linder removed from Consent Calendar to introduce Mark Staples to the Community**

Moved by Krier, seconded by Waldrop, to confirm the appointment of Mark Staples as Director of Planning and Development Services

Ayes: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

**13. APPOINT MEMBER TO THE CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL AN UNSCHEDULED VACANCY**

Shannon Jones and Bob Jordan were asked to give a brief presentation as to why they would like to be a Planning Commissioner. Carolyn Jackson was not in attendance.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to appoint Shannon Jones to serve on the City of Taft Planning Commission for an unscheduled vacancy for the 4-year term ending June 30, 2017.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

The meeting recessed to closed session at [6:42:58 PM](#). As the Council Members were adjourning to Closed Session, Council Member Noerr arrived.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
- No action Taken.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR
- No action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT - [8:10 PM](#).**

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Louise Hudgens, CMC, City Clerk

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Paul Linder, Mayor