

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The November 5, 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 **6:01:28 PM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr , followed by invocation given by Jim Stigall, Community Christian Fellowship.

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

1. PUBLIC HEARING –CONTRACT WITH NSM INCORPORATED FOR DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 134 KERN STREET AND PLACEMENT OF LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY 6:04:01 PM

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

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop, to approve a resolution titled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NSM INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR DEMOLITION AND ABATEMENT OF 134 KERN ST., Taft, CA, AND PLACEMENT OF LIEN ON SAID PROPERTY (*Resolution No. 3562-13*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce:

- Thanked community for support for the annual golf tournament which raised \$12,000
- Announced upcoming events – Trout Fishing Derby, November 16, Christmas Parade on December 6, Soroptimist luncheon and House tours on December 7, All Service Club luncheon on November 20 to raise funds and collect foods for Thanksgiving baskets
- Requested participated in the Chamber’s Postcard contest

Sandy Popejoy, Buena Vista Mobile Home Park Association President:

Gave a history of the mobile home park which has about 100-125 spaces. Explained that majority of residents are senior citizens on fixed incomes. Owner has raised prices again, this time 7.9% compared to residents Social Security raises of about 1.5% for 2014. Owner has not made any noticeable improvements to the Park in a number of years and park is deteriorating. Park owner does not respond to residents request to talk about residents concerns and answer questions. Asked for Council’s support in resolution of residents concerns.

Popejoy was requested to get a signed letter by Park residents and then Council would direct staff to draft a letter to Park owner in Carson City. Noerr pointed out that if there are hazard issues in the Park then Code Enforcement can issue citations.

- Linder recessed the meeting from 6:35:10 PM - 6:38:51 PM to allow large group of Mobile Home Park Residents to leave if they wished.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Waldrop suggested to the public to wear something other than black when crossing streets, specifically Kern Street.

Council Member Krier reported that he had participated in a Safety Fair at the Recreation Center that was sponsored by Occidental of Elk Hills and the Red Cross. Upon completion of the safety class everyone received a “goodie” bag and then shared the items in the bag. He encouraged everyone to participate in the next one.

Council Member Noerr complimented staff for keeping Rails to Trails and the Oil Worker Monument clean and orderly. He visited the OWM recently and reported that the area around the main monument was all filled in with bricks.

Mayor Linder read an invitation to the 80th Birthday celebration of the Taft Camera Club to be held at the West Kern Oil Museum

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS [6:47:33 PM](#)

Police Chief Ed Whiting reported he had attended a report management training conference in South Lake Tahoe and had learned that the Police Department was not using its software to its maximum potential, and that he and Administrative Assistant Chris Carpenter had learned a lot of the nuts and bolts of the software. He reported that he had also traveled to Sacramento two (2) times and while there was invited to meet the new FBI Director James Comey who surprised him with an award. Whiting explained that Taft has an excellent working relationship with the FBI.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS [6:54:58 PM](#)

City Manager Craig Jones reported several Public Works Projects going out to bid soon – Bike path on Hillard, Safe Routes to School, and trimming trees on Center Street next month.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Miller requested to bring back a discussion item regarding concerns in the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. All concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8 – 11, 13, 14, 15 [6:56:49 PM](#)

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 8-11, and 13-15.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop
ABSTAIN: Noerr (abstain from Minutes, YES on remaining items)
Linder (abstain from Item 15)

8. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant No. 10-11-13	Check # 76226-76230	\$ 6,945.60
Warrant No. 10-11-13	Check # 76231	\$ 343.00
Warrant No. 10-25-13	Check # 76232-76300	\$ 100,556.36

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

10. PERMISSION FOR TWO (2) POLICE PERSONNEL TO TRAVEL TO PRESCOTT, AZ FOR ONE (1) NIGHT

Recommendation – Motion to approve travel for two (2) Police Personnel to Prescott, ARIZONA to deliver firearms.

11. PERMISSION FOR SGT. SHAD SWANSON TO TRAVEL TO SPARKS, NEVADA FOR A CALIFORNIA NARCOTICS OFFICERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND TRAINING (CNOA)

Recommendation – Motion to approve travel for Sgt. Swanson to the CNOA Conference in Sparks, Nevada on November 23-26, 2013.

13. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE MOU AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BAKERSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT. (*Resolution No. 3564-13*)

14. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 016-N AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. STPLE-5193(035)

Recommendation - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Taft Approving and Authorizing the execution of STATE OF CALIFORNIA MASTER AGREEMENT NO. STPLE-5193(035) ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL-AID PROJECTS and PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT No. 016 and Authorize City Manager to sign said agreements. (*Resolution No. 3565-13*)

15. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY BLACK/HALL CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE CMAQ BUS SHELTERS – CML – 5193 (032) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION WITH THE KERN COUNTY RECORDER. STAFF FURTHER RECOMMENDS THE RELEASE OF THE 5% RETENTION TO THE CONTRACTOR AFTER 30 DAYS PENDING CLAIMS OR LIENS FILED DURING THIS PERIOD.

Recommendation - Motion to accept the completed work by Black/Hall Construction, Inc., for the CMAQ Bus Shelters – CML – 5193 (032) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

12. RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ADD TAFT AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE CITY OF TAFT PARTICIPATION IN THE CALIFORNIA HERO (HOME ENERGY RENOVATION OPPORTUNITY) PROGRAM WHICH WILL ENABLE PROPERTY OWNERS TO FINANCE PERMANENTLY FIXED RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES. (Res. No. 3563-13)

- Removed from Consent Calendar at the request of Mayor Linder

Mark Rogers from Renovate America, explained how the HERO program allows property owners to save both energy and money and that the program is based on the property and not the owners credit scores. He mentioned various cities and counties that have passed similar resolutions.

Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr, to Motion to adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY'S JURISDICTION IN THE CALIFORNIA HERO PROGRAM TO FINANCE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT RELATED THERETO.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

16. GRANT ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH ACQUISITION PARTNERS

- Removed from Consent Calendar at the request of Mayor Linder

Sarah Higginbotham, Acquisition Partners, stated that Acquisition Partners had been working for Taft since 2011, both writing and administering grants. She indicated that funds are starting to loosen up a little with the State but that they are now looking more toward Foundation Grants. They have been watching the trends and it looks like 2014 will be a better year for obtaining funds for Taft. She mentioned that there is one with the Air Pollution Control Board that they are working on and there would probably be more money for housing grants next year.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to approve an agreement with Acquisition Partners in an amount \$3,000 per month plus reasonable expenses to perform grant writing services, for the term of one (1) calendar year commencing January 1, 2014.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

17. SUCCESSOR AGENCY–DUE DILIGENCE REVIEW OF THE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING FUND AND THE DUE DILIGENCE REVIEW OF THE OTHER FUNDS FOR THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY [7:10:52 PM](#)

This was an information only item only. No action required.

Moved by Noerr, Seconded by Waldrop and approved unanimously to recess to Closed Session at [7:14:40 PM](#)

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER,
Government Code 54956.8 - undisclosed locations
- No reportable action.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code
Section 54956.9 – for consultation with its attorney(s) regarding existing litigation. Sierra
Club v. City of Taft and Taft City Council, Kern County Superior Court Case No. S-1500-V-
271090.
- No reportable action.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER,
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
- No reportable action.
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code
Section 54956.9 – City of Taft vs. CDCR
- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:15 PM

Louise Hudgens, CMC
City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor