

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The November 19, 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 [6:06:14 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Miller, followed by invocation given by Rodney Wikoff, West Hills Nazarene Church.

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Dave Noerr.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING – HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTY**

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

Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop , to confirm Statement of Expense as submitted and approve resolutions titled:

- A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 300 COMMERCE WAY, TAFT, CA, APN# 220-250-14 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$830.00**
- B. RESOLUTION . . . . . 105 NORTH ST., TAFT, CA, APN #031-440-16 . . . . . \$480.11**
- C. RESOLUTION . . . . . 219 WOODROW ST., TAFT, CA, APN #031-310-06 . . . . . \$955.11**
- D. RESOLUTION . . . . . 322 WOODROW ST., TAFT, CA, APN #031-390-14 . . . . . \$985.57**
- E. RESOLUTION . . . . . 407 6<sup>TH</sup> ST., TAFT, CA, APN #032-136-10 . . . . . \$700.57**
- F. RESOLUTION . . . . . 716 NORTH ST., TAFT, CA, APN #031-230-16 . . . . . \$825.11**
- G. RESOLUTION . . . . . 200 BLOCK WOODROW ST., APN #031-310-07. . . . . \$475.11**  
*(Resolutions Nos. 3566-13 through 3572-13)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Speaking on behalf of Kay Sullivan, the City Clerk announced a “Community Brunch” for Thanksgiving Day at the Veterans Building from 10 AM – 12 noon. The brunch is for anyone that would be alone and/or homeless. Volunteers and donations welcome.

Kathy Orrin, Taft Chamber of Commerce Executive Director made several announcements: Taft Midway Lab featured the following day at Sit n Sip, the all Service Club luncheon to raise donations for Thanksgiving baskets by the Taft Resource Center, ribbon cutting at 3:00 at Popeye’s. She also encouraged participation in the Christmas Parade on the first Monday in December and stated that it starts at 6:00 PM.

**3. TREASURER REPORT – None.**

**4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)**

Council Member Krier reported that it had been a busy week and that the Chamber Fishing Derby had been a success. Reported he had witnessed a local bike club fund raiser for the Toys for Taft sponsored by the Lions Club. The Toy give-away is scheduled on November 29 at the Moose Lodge from 6-10 PM. Announced a December 5 dinner at the Fort.

Council Member Miller stated that he would like to see the community come up with something special to recognize Veterans on Veterans Day. Flags are placed around town and there is a ceremony at the cemetery, but would like to have a parade or other special event. He reported that he, along with Mayor Linder, had painted a wrought iron fence at Alpha House for the Veterans Day "Project Restore" and requested that Rodney Wikoff explain the project.

Mr. Wikoff explained that the Westside Ministerial Association had started a project called "Project Restore" to help individuals with repairs on their homes. This year there were 70 volunteers and 5 properties were cleaned, painted, or had repairs on them. A handicap ramp was installed at one location.

Council Member Waldrop stated that he understood that there would be several Veterans attending the next Cruz Night. He announced that sign-ups for Toys for Taft would start on December 9 from 9-5 PM at his shop on Kern Street.

Mayor Linder reported that the West Side Parks and Recreation District Craft Fair had been a success, that he was pleased to have participated in "Project Restore", and that the Kiwanis had placed flags around town on Veterans Day. Linder also stated that anyone wanting the County of Kern to re-assess their property did not have to hire someone to do the work for them as it could be done on-line for free.

**5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones reported that Kern County Fire Department personnel would be having a fund raiser for the "Make a Wish Foundation" on November 22. Also, the City received a two (2) year spay-neuter grant through Petsmart.

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Planning Commissioner Renee Hill reported on the November 6 Commission meeting; 1) Shannon Jones had been sworn in to replace out going Commissioner Sutherland; 2) Hill was appointed to take Sutherland's place on the Traffic Committee; 3) Conditional Use Permit (CUP) had been granted to Sean Ray for a mini-golf course on Kern Street; 4) CUP granted to GPS, Inc. to amend previous CUP on a 50 acre mining and reclamation area; 5) a zoning ordinance amendment was continued to the December meeting; and 6) Hadley Pittman, a Microeconomics student at Taft College, gave a presentation on the Economic Development Challenges in Taft. Hill recommended that the Council invite Pittman to give her presentation at a future Council meeting.

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

**8. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

City Attorney Ebersole announced that the day was the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

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

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 10 – 15 [6:35:20 PM](#)**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 10-15.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

**10. MINUTES**

November 5, 2013 Regular  
Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant No. 11-08-13                      Check # 76301 - 76369                      \$ 281,452.89  
Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

**12. STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2013 CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING STREET CLOSURES FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE ON DECEMBER 2, 2013. (*Resolution No. 3573-13*)

**13. REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION UNDER THE ENERGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS. (*Resolution No. 3574-13*)

**14. REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT NEW ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PURCHASE GRANT PROGRAM**

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT PUBLIC BENEFIT GRANTS PROGRAM UNDER THE NEW ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE PURCHASE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS (*Resolution No. 3575-13*)

**15. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2013 TO SEPTEMBER 2013**

Recommendation – Motion to approve THE 25% ALLOCATION OF THE TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2013 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2013.

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Recessed to Closed session at [6:36:36 PM](#)

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54956.8 – one (1) undisclosed location.
  - No reportable action.
  
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9 – City of Taft vs. CDCR
  - No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Linder adjourned the meeting at [7:40 PM](#)

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Louise Hudgens, CMC  
City Clerk

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Paul Linder, Mayor