

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The December 3, 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 [6:01:48 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Miller, followed by invocation given by Bob Jordan, Bakersfield Homeless Mission.

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. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Jones, Event Coordinator for Taft Chamber of Commerce, reported to Council: No Sit N Sip on Wednesday, December 4; 1st Friday Cruz night on December 6; Saturday is Breakfast with Santa at the REC; Fort Dinner following Thursday; Free Photos with Santa on Monday, December 9, at West Side Furniture; shop local; thanked everyone that participated in Christmas Parade; City Employee Appreciation Dinner on Friday, December 13; and Saturday the 14th is the Soroptimist home tour and luncheon.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Krier remarked that he noticed that the State legislators had given themselves a 5% pay raise and commented that the Christmas Parade was excellent.

Council Member Miller reminded everyone to drive safe especially after dark and on Kern Street specifically.

Mayor Linder remarked that he had read that California was the worse run state in the Union.

Each of the Council Members remarked that they had enjoyed riding in the Christmas Parade and thanked Council Member Waldrop and the Lions Club for their participation in getting the parade participants lined up.

3. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones stated that he had enjoyed the parade and that he thought it was well attended. He praised the Public Works crews who had worked hard setting up the parade route and their clean-up afterwards.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Teresa Binkley, Finance Director, shared information that Auditors chosen to conduct the Transient Occupancy Tax Audit had mailed letters to the hotel and motel owners in Taft and they would start their audits on January 8, 2014.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS – None.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7 - 18

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 7-18.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

7. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant No. 11-18-13	Check No. 76370-76371	\$ 525.66
Warrant No. 11-22-13	Check No. 76372-76456	\$267,218.27

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

➤ Item 9 removed from consent calendar

10. GREATER TAFT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (GTEDA) REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR COMPLETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY

Recommendation – (1) Motion to receive and file “Economic Development Strategy, August 2013” report; and (2) Motion to authorize payment to Greater Taft Economic Development Authority in the amount of \$10,000 for the City’s share of cost for the economic development study performed by Fresno State University.

11. CITY ADMINISTRATION PURCHASE POLICY

Recommendation – Motion to approve the revised City Administration Purchase Policy 212

12. PURCHASE OF NEW SERVER TO HOST LASER FICHE

Recommendation – Motion to approve the purchase and to appropriate funds from capital reserves in the amount of \$2,065.00

13. TAFT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CLOSE-OUT AUDIT REPORT

Recommendation – Motion to receive and file the Final Report – Taft Community Correctional Facility Close-Out Report.

14. CLOSURE OF THE SUCCESSOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CHECKING ACCOUNT

Recommendation – Motion to approve the closure of the Successor Redevelopment Agency checking account.

15. AGREEMENT WITH GOVTELLER FOR CREDIT CARD SOFTWARE

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with GovTeller for merchant credit card services.

➤ Item 16 removed from consent calendar

17. AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR CHLORINATION/DECHLORINATION PROJECT AT FEDERAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a construction contract with Brough Construction and issue a Notice to Proceed.

18. 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

9. PETSMART CHARITIES GRANT

➤ Removed from consent calendar at the request of Waldrop.

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to accept the PetSmart Charities Grant and approve the execution of the Grant Agreement and any and all other documents pertinent to the grant, by the City Manager.

Waldrop stated that he had been approached by members of Unity Thrift to see if they could help with this grant. Waldrop reported that they had over 2,000 dogs spayed and neutered, and that they could help the City save money by using vouchers and wanted to know what the City's plan actually was.

Jones explained that the plan was to use local services and that there was a mobile Spay/Neuter service. The City's idea was that that a pet owner could have a voucher if the dog was licensed. Jones stated that Unity Thrift could help especially with educating the public. Jones pointed out that since dogs don't follow property lines, the grant would cover dogs in both the city and county areas.

Waldrop indicated that Unity Thrift had volunteered to transport animals to Bakersfield at no charge; however, mileage is covered in the grant and terms of the grant would have to be followed.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

16. VINTAGE PRODUCTION AGREEMENT FOR EXTRACTION OF MINERALS

➤ Noerr removed this item from consent calendar as his business is contracted with Vintage Production.

- City Attorney Ebersole explained that as the item was included on the consent calendar, that he did not have to remove the item but could have voted yes on the consent calendar and abstain from this particular item. As Noerr had pulled the item, it was now open for discussion and Noerr would need to leave the room, which he did.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to authorize Mayor to sign coordination and release agreement with Vintage Production.

Ayes: Krier, Miller, Waldrop, Linder

- Council Member Noerr was called to return to the Council Chamber.

Mayor Linder announced that City Clerk Hudgens had submitted her notice of retirement as the City's Municipal Records Administrator and resignation effective December 31, 2013, as City Clerk. Each of the Council Members had nice things to say about Mrs. Hudgens and presented her with a beautiful plant.

- Mayor Linder recessed the meeting to closed session at [6:35:54 PM](#)

CLOSED SESSION

- A. 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
 - No reportable action.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9 – for consultation with its attorney(s) regarding existing litigation.
City of Taft vs. CDCR
 - Called a special meeting for Thursday at 5:30 PM for approval of a contract with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
 - Place item on agenda to approve contract for Contractor Professional Services.

ADJOURNMENT - [8:25 PM](#)

Louise Hudgens, CMC
City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor