

TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
MAY 6, 2014

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The May 6, 2014, 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 [6:03:54 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ron Waldrop, followed by invocation given by Scott Pearson, First Baptist Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Linder, Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier.
Council Members Ron Waldrop and Dave Noerr (Arrived at [6:32 PM](#)).
City Manager Craig Jones; City Attorney Jason Epperson;
City Clerk Alina Megerdom.

ABSENT: Council Member Randy Miller

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

The Public Hearing (PH) was opened at [6:05 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Moved by Krier, seconded by Waldrop, to confirm Statement of Expense as submitted and approved resolutions entitled:

A. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 308 CHURCH ST., TAFT, CA, APN# 032-291-06 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 820.57;
(Resolution No. 3592-14)

B. RESOLUTION 122 E. KERN ST., TAFT, CA, APN #032-072-01 \$1,720.11;
(Resolution No. 3593-14)

RESOLUTION 329 PINE DRIVE, TAFT, CA, APN #031-310-06 \$ 820.11;
(Resolution No. 3594-14)

AYES: Krier, Linder, Waldrop

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2014 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) GRANT AND TO SOLICIT CITIZEN INPUT ON THE POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION

The Public Hearing (PH) was opened at [6:09 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

For information only, no action by Council required.

3. PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO A VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

The Public Hearing (PH) was opened at [6:10 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Krier, to approve and amend the City of Taft Zoning Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTER 4.3 OF TITLE 3 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE AND CHAPTERS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 11 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO A VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION ORDINANCE for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.**

YES: Krier, Linder, Waldrop

4. PUBLIC MEETING - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING (APR) FOR 2013

The Public Meeting (PM) was opened at [6:18 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PM was closed.

Action: Open and close public comments period and directed staff to file.

5. LOTTERY DRAWING FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS STANDS 4TH OF JULY

A lottery drawing was held to award four Safe and Sane Firework Stands and one alternate for July 4th fireworks celebrations. The results were as follows:

1. Revival Worship Center - UPC
2. Taft Sportsmen's Club and Junior Pheasant Club
3. Taft Lions Club
4. Taft Midway-Sunset Lions Club

Alternate – Taft Midway-Sunset Lions Foundation

6. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS [6:26:03 PM](#)

John McGomery, 910 4th Street:

- Stated his concerned with the dumpster diving behind his property. The Condominium is located on 4th and Calvin. The tenants constantly have to clean a mess that is left behind by the dumpster diver and his dog. It's a very unsanitary situation and Mr. McGomery is asking Council Members could look into it. Mayor Linder stated that the Council will refer it to staff and suggested Mr. McGomery to call the Police if he witnesses it again.

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Taft Chamber of Commerce:

- Thanked the Community for their support on Friday, May 2nd for the Funding of the Fireworks event. They received over \$2,500 in donations from the citizens driving by.

- Thanked those sponsors who have come forward to support the 4th of July Fireworks Show.
 - Greater Taft Economic Development Authority met on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at West Kern Water District. There were two handouts that were given to Council and were entered into record.
 1. Tour of Taft #1 Report
 2. Goals & Objectives: City of Taft Economic Development Strategy
 - Taft Chamber of Commerce Car Show will be May 31, 2014.
 - Dr. Orrin asked the City Clerk if she would place a 4th of July poster at City Hall.
- Council Member Noerr arrived at [6:32 PM](#).

7. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Waldrop - None

Mayor Pro Tem Krier

- He stated that he was happy to learn that the right to pray prior the Council Meeting was passed by the Supreme Court.

Council Member Noerr

- Apologized for being late to the meeting.
- He was sorry to miss out on the fireworks drawing but he will find out where they are and will stop by each stand and buy a little from everyone.
- He is looking forward to the 4th of July Fireworks. It will be a marvelous event and encourages everyone to be a part of it and enjoy it.

Mayor Linder

- Stated that it is sad to see the only and last new car dealership is closing. It will be converted to a used car lot. If the citizens of Taft don't use the merchants in Taft and not shop in Taft, the stores will fade away.
- Thanked the City Staff for their fantastic job of converting an asphalt breezeway to a beautiful green spot at 5th Street Plaza.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT [6:42:42 PM](#)

Planning Commissioner Rene Hill reported on the April 16th meeting of the Taft Planning Commission.

- Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2014-02 was discussed and approved for Council consideration.
- Planning Director, Mark Staples in his report recognized May 2014 as Building Safety Month.
- The Commission discussed California Main Street Alliance Conference which was attended by Director Staples, Chairman Orrin and herself; Dr. Orrin and Commissioner Jones in the capacity of the Chamber also attended. New ideas and possible future solutions were discussed.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS 6:45:51 PM

Mark Staples, Planning and Community Development Director:

- Thanked the Council for allowing him to attend The American Planning Association National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The Conference was from April 26-30, 2014. Did a lot of networking and attended a lot of sessions. He will share the information he gained and the experiences he had there in his department report.
- He presented a short clip of a Visualization Project that the City of Taft worked on with Kern COG in 2011.

10. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS 6:44:28 PM

- Thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done for 5th Street Plaza.
- Public Works Appreciation week is May 18-24. There will be a recognition Certificate for the Council to sign for the Public Works Staff.

11. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS - None

12. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

- Mayor Pro Tem Krier requested a proclamation for Motorcycle Awareness Month for May 2014. Mayor Linder explained that all information will need to be provided to staff by the organization in order for the proclamation to be prepared. Council Members Concurred. Item will be placed on the May 20th agenda.
- Mayor Linder requested a proclamation for Petroleum Industry Appreciation Month for May 2014. Council Members concurred. Item will be placed on the May 20th agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 13 - 24

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop to approve Consent Calendar items 13-24.

AYES: Noerr, Waldrop, Krier, Linder

13. MINUTES

- March 18, 2014 Regular – Corrected – Waldrop abstained.
- April 8, 2014 Special – was removed from Consent Calendar due to lack of quorum. Council Members Noerr and Krier were absent at the April 8th meeting.
- April 15, 2014 Regular - Mayor Linder abstained.

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

14. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#	4-11-2014	Check No. 77187-77279	\$390,464.69
Warrant#	4-25-2014	Check No. 77280-77358	\$174,629.93
Warrant#	4-25-2014	Check No. 77359-77371	\$ 63,017.76
Warrant#	4-29-2014	Check No. 77372	\$ 70,113.00

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

15. TREASURER’S REPORT

Recommendation - Motion to receive and file Treasurer’s Report dated April 22, 2014 for the Month of March 2014.

16. PROCLAMATION MAY 2014 BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

17. AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE

Recommendation - Motion to approve the agreement and have the Police Chief sign the document.

18. TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW

Recommendation - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2014 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW**
(Resolution No. 3595-14)

19. WAIVING OF FEES TO THE TAFT DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2014 CAR SHOW

Recommendation -Motion to approve waiving of fees to the Taft District Chamber of Commerce for 2014 car show fees in accordance with the M.O.U. dated December 18, 2013.

20. SOLIDS REMOVAL AT THE TAFT MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recommendation - Motion to approve expenditures not to exceed \$80,416 out of WWTP Capital Reserves for solids removal at the Taft Municipal Waste Water Treatment Facility.

21. PURCHASE AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT/INSTALLATION FOR FEDERAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recommendation - Motion to approve expenditure of \$57,645 for the purchase and installation of automation equipment at the Federal Waste Water Treatment Facility.

22. AGREEMENT WITH MOORE & ASSOCIATES TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE TITLE VI PLAN

Recommendation - Motion to approve the Mayor to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Moore & Associates to develop a comprehensive Title VI Plan.

23. 2014-2015 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation - Motion to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR 2014-2015.** (*Resolution No. 3596-14*)

24. NOTICE OF COMPLETION (TMCCF FACILITY MODIFICATIONS)

Recommendation - Motion to approve and file the Notice of Completion for (TMCCF Facility Modifications).

➤ Mayor Linder recessed the meeting to closed session at [6:58:16 PM](#).

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR.

➤ No reportable action.

B. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CITY MANAGER, Government Code
54956.8 – (410 Supply Row; undisclosed locations).

➤ No reportable action.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) undisclosed case.

➤ No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct, Mayor Linder adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Alina Megerdom, City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor