TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2014

REGULAR MEETING **6:00 P.M.**

The July 1, 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 Paul Linder at 6:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ron Waldrop, followed by invocation given by Jack Turner, Peace Lutheran Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Linder and Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier.
Council Members Randy Miller, Dave Noerr and Ron Waldrop.
City Manager Craig Jones; City Attorney Jason Epperson;
City Clerk Alina Megerdom.

1. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT REFUSE CHARGES AND STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

The Public Hearing (PH) was opened at 6:07 PM to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Noerr, to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.** *(Resolution No.3607-14)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop, to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE.** *(Resolution No.3608-14)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

2. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SEWER CHARGES AND STANDBY SEWER CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

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

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Waldrop, to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** *(Resolution No.3609-14)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

Motion: Moved by Miller, Seconded by Waldrop, to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** *(Resolution No.3610-14)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

3. PUBLIC HEARING - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

The Public Hearing (PH) was opened at 6:12 PM to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to approve resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT SETTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1.** *(Resolution No.3611-14)*

AYES: Krier, Noerr, Waldrop
NOES: Miller
ABSTAIN: Linder
PASSED: 3/1

4. PRESENTATION – Community Showcase Video Program 6:19 PM

Video presentation by Amy Curran, Marketing Executive for CGI Communication, Inc. for program for Mayors.TV.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS 6:46 PM

Chuck Chauvin, Dean of Academics and Athletics at Taft High School, stated:

- He would like to discuss the property on 400 Hillard. He recently submitted a proposal to the City to rent the property. He wanted to put a name with the face and make himself available to the Council for any questions they may have. His oldest son will be a freshman at Taft College and his youngest son will be a freshman in Taft High School. He is not only looking to be working in the City but also wanting to have his children attend the schools in Taft.

  Linder welcomed Mr. Chauvin to the community and stated that the item in scheduled for a closed session and will be discussed later that night.

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

- 4th of July celebration will be on 4th of July on Rails to Trails. First band will begin at 6:00 PM; vendors will start setting up at 4:00 PM and an American Legion Patriotic Guard ride prior to the beginning of the festivities around 9:00 PM.
- Thanked the council and the staff for the hard work in getting the Hotel groundbreaking done.
- A music video was produced in downtown Taft a week ago. Another filming on July 11th for four days. They are looking for ATV's and Motor Homes. Please call the Chamber for more information.

- Thanked City staff for the work they did on cleaning-up one of the older buildings and getting it ready for the production company. They were blown away on how nicely that was done for them. Taft is not only open for business but is open to the movie business.

Todd Lederer stated his concerns:

- Presented a photo on his tablet of Sandy Creek, and asked to consider the location for the Taft community clean-up located behind the apartments on 412 4th Street, across the Sandy Creek bridge.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Waldrop

- He participated in the groundbreaking of the Hotel and was very proud to be there. Hopes everything happens as they are hoping it will.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier

- He also participated in the groundbreaking of the Hotel and was glad to be able to participate. He hopes the hotel will bring more business to Taft.
- 4th of July, a lot of businesses donated to make the fireworks a grand event. Invited the public to attend and enjoy.

Council Member Noerr:

- Sorry to miss the groundbreaking of the Hotel. He looks forward to seeing it.
- 4th of July, looking forward to seeing the fireworks. It is the most wonderful place to watch it and there is a difference between looking at them laterally from several hundred yards and having them explode directly over your head. He looks forward to seeing everyone there.
- Mr. Colston will be able to begin building homes in the City of Taft.

Council Member Miller:

- Congressman Kevin McCarthy visited The Oilfield Wiffle Ball Park on June 29th. He played wiffle ball with the kids and it was a great day.
- He also attended the groundbreaking of the Hotel and now he feels better that they shoveled dirt. This will complement the other hotels and competition is not bad.
- If you have an American flag, go out there and fly it. It's good to see the American flag everywhere. Let's fly the flags for the 4th of July.
- He confirmed that he will run again for City Council for the next term.

Mayor Linder

- He spoke to the investors of the Best Western Hotel, asked them what brought them towards Taft. They like to work with small cities; the only thing they regret is not bringing the Taco Bell to Taft themselves.
- Taft Kiwanis Club will be out on Friday, July 4th placing over 55 flags throughout downtown area and private residences. If you would like to support Kiwanis Club and want them to post the flags, please contact the Kiwanis Club.
- He was interviewed by Bakersfield Life Magazine and took the interviewer to the Oil Workers Monument. He was very impressed and took pictures of the monument.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT 7:11 PM

Planning Commissioner Rene Hill reported on the June 18 Commission meeting; 1) discussed and continued Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2014-06 in regards to sign

standards for businesses within the City; 2) Site Plan 2014-08, the new Taco Bell was passed. The only concerns they had was the entrances in and the exits out. It's an extremely busy road; 3) Planning Director, Mark Staples gave an update on future projects, including Best Western Hotel, Blackgold Court, Westside Health and other retail stores and restaurants that are currently in the recruitment stage; 4) Mr. Staples briefed the Commissioners on the National APA Conference, define small town.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Whiting:

- He stated the he and his family will also be enjoying the July 4th festivities in Taft.
- Informed the Council that on July 5th, the Police Department will be racing again at the Kern County Speedway for the 9/11 series. There will also be fireworks. He encouraged everyone to come out to the speedway and support them.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

- Thanked Debra Elliot for her work on the groundbreaking of the Hotel.
- He met with Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mr. Bob Colston and his engineer recently and went over the permit and go over the timelines on when they can start the housing project and also to qualify his biologist that he is using for the project. The meeting went very well and it looks like Mr. Colston might be able to start the housing project in three weeks.
- Contractor for the Hotel contacted the City and they do have an approved set of Grading Plans will start doing dirt work by next week.
- Sandy Creek: It is considered water of the State. The City is not allowed to go in there and remove items unless it's a health and safety issue. The City has sought out a permit to do a proper clean-up of Sandy Creek. Currently the staff is working on a permit with Department of Fish and Wildlife to do a proper clean-up. He met with Supervisor Couch recently and spoke to him on doing a clean-up day. It will start on 10th Street and move forward to Highway 119. The city has retained services from a licensed Biologist; he has completed his survey of the area. The Biologist has to be present to help remove non-native trees, etc. The plan is to work with the high school students to clean that out sometime in mid-October when it's not as hot.
- Oilworker Monument Committee met last week; they are running out of real-estate of the bricks and plaques. They will be hiring a contractor to build a wall and make room for more bricks. The goal is to get it built before the next Oilderado. Staff recommends using funds from the reserve fund with Councils approval for this project.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – There were none.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS – There were none.

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- Item number 16 was removed from Consent Calendar at the request of Council Member Waldrop.

<u>CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 – 15 and 17- 20</u>

<u>Motion:</u> Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Noerr, to approve consent calendar items 12-15 and 17-20.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

12. MINUTES
June 17, 2014 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

- Mayor Linder and Council Member Miller abstained due to being absent at the meeting

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#	6/20/2014	Check No.77662-77748	$ 390,615.76
Warrant#	6/20/2014	Check No.77749-77751	$ 3,561.14

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

14. SECOND READING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO FENCES AND WALLS

Recommendation – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Zoning Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTERS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 11 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO FENCES AND WALLS** *(Ordinance No. 805-14)*

15. UPDATED KERN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Recommendation - Motion to approve a resolution entitled A **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING THE UPDATED KERN MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN** *(Resolution No.3612-14)*

17. APPROVAL OF EXPENSE TO DEMOLISH BURNT STRUCTURE AT 708 2ND STREET

Recommendation - Motion to approve payment of $6,000 to NSM Recycling Inc. for the demolition of burnt structure at 708 2nd Street.

18. APPROVAL TO RENEW THE MOU WITH THE TAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT FOR POLICE SERVICES

Recommendation - Motion to approve the MOU with the Taft Community College District.

19. JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR MUNICIPAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR AND CITY CLERK

Recommendation – Motion to approve and adopt the job descriptions for the Municipal Records Administrator and the City Clerk.

20. 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION ON RAILS TO TRAILS SPONSORED BY TAFT CHAMBER

Recommendation – Motion to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, AUTHORIZING A STREET CLOSURE AND USE OF RAILS TO TRAILS FOR THE 2014 4th OF JULY RAILS TO TRAILS CELEBRATION** *(Resolution No.3614-14)*

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16. APPLICATION TO THE FTA SECTION 5309 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM 7:29:06 PM

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Miller to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5309 BUS AND BUS FACILITIES PROGRAM AUTHORIZED BY THE SAFE, ACCOUNTABLE, FLEXIBLE, EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS (SAFETEA–LU), PUBLIC LAW 109–59 WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** *(Resolution No.3613-14)*

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
PASSED: 5/0

Waldrop asked if there was transportation to IKEA and the business district at Tejon Ranch.

Jones stated that the City applied for funding for transportation of workers to the business locations by IKEA, Caterpillar and the industrial park but was denied the funding.

The regular meeting was recessed to closed session at 7:33:14 PM **.**

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54956.8 – 400 Hillard Street, Taft, CA

- No reportable action.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government Code 54957.6 – All units.

- No reportable action.

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

- No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct, Mayor Linder adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Alina Megerdom, City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor