

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The October 7, 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 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Miller, followed by a moment of silence for our veterans and service men and women.

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;
Deputy City Clerk Debra Elliott

1. CITY OF TAFT AND WEST SIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW UPDATE

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:05 PM to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TAFT AND WEST SIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR KERN COUNTY LAFCO** (*Resolution No. 3628-14*)

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – WESTSIDE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Mayor Linder presented an award on behalf of the Council to the West Side Health Care District for outstanding performance and achievements in correctional healthcare at the Taft Modified Community Correctional Facility. The award was accepted by Eric Cooper, Donna Warnock and Robyn Melton.

3. PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2014 ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

Council Member Miller presented a proclamation on behalf of the Council to Kern COG proclaiming October 2014, as Energy Awareness Month.

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Cindy Brettschneider, Director of the Taft United Methodist Preschool and Pastor of the Taft United Methodist Church, located at 630 North Street presented electronic photos to the Council regarding issues related to trash and waste being left in the alley. Mayor Linder directed Staff to contact Ms. Brettschneider to discuss further.
- Lodema Hatch with the Taft Community Garden invited everyone to attend the “Fall into Gardening” event being held October 25th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Children will receive free pumpkins while supplies last and can participate in several activities including pumpkin carving with the Taft City Council Members.

- Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce reported on her attendance, along with City Staff, at the ICSC Conference in San Diego. Reminded everyone to attend Oktoberfest, October 16-19; West Kern Oil Museum Boomtown Days to be held October 25th; Annual Chamber Golf Tournament, November 1st; Trout Derby, November 15th; December 1st will be the Christmas Parade with the theme being “It’s a Roughneck Christmas”.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

- Council Member Waldrop announced that he had submitted his nomination papers as a write-in candidate for the November election, and had received notification that he had submitted a sufficient number of signatures for his nomination.
- Mayor Pro Tem Krier invited everyone to participate in the many events going on in Taft over the next few months, including the Rib Eye Cookout at Taft College on November 16th, where all veterans and their families will receive a free meal.
- Council Member Noerr thanked our service men and women for their service to our Country; commented on CalPERS retirement system.
- Council Member Miller shared his recent attendance at a Navy Combat Craft Crewman Convention where he was reunited with several of his comrades he had not seen in 50 years; accompanied a World War II Veteran on an Honor Flight where they visited the monuments in Washington D.C.
- Mayor Linder announced a recruitment for Oildorado volunteers to be held at the Oil Museum on October 9th, where they will be looking for suggestions, sponsorships and assistance over the next year for the 2015 Oildorado celebration; announced Ms. Elliott’s upcoming retirement and thanked her for her service to the City of Taft.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Renee Hill reported on the activities of the September 17, 2014, Taft Planning Commission Meeting.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Mr. Jones announced that the Rails to Trails extension to A Street Park will begin shortly; extension from 2nd Street to Highway 119 is expected to be out to bid soon as well; ICSC Conference was successful and it was nice to have retailers searching out Taft due to new construction and projects taking place in the City; acknowledged the successful audits recently performed at the CCF and thanked all those involved for their work that contributed to the success of the audits.

9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11 – 18

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Miller, to approve consent calendar items 11-18.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

11. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#	9-12-2014	Check No. 78318-78322	\$ 90,888.13
Warrant#	9-26-2014	Check No. 78323-78410	\$551,175.82
Warrant#	9-26-2014	Check No. 78411	\$ 46,886.13

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

13. TREASURER’S REPORT

Recommendation - Motion to receive and file Treasurer’s Report dated September 15, 2014 for the Month of July 2014.

14. ARAMARK FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #2

Recommendation - Motion to approve the Food Service Agreement Amendment #2 between the City of Taft and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC, and to authorize the Mayor to execute Amendment #2.

15. DRY RV CAMPING ON RAILS TO TRAILS FOR OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY TAFT CHAMBER

Recommendation – Motion to approve request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce to use the dirt lot east of the Oilworker Monument for dry RV camping.

16. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Recommendation-

1. Authorize the classification of Administrative Assistant Assigned to the City Manager-Confidential and set the salary range at 45.9 (\$1,963.66 - \$2,386.85 Bi-weekly / \$51,055.26 - \$62,057.99 Annually)
2. Delete the classification of Community and Business Development Coordinator salary range 49.9 (\$2,169.91-\$2,637.54 Bi-weekly/ \$56,417.75-\$68,576.13 Annually)

3. Motion to approve **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES**
(Resolution No. 3626-14)

17. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – OKTOBERFEST CARNIVAL BY SCHOEPPNER SHOWS AT SUPPLY ROW AND 6TH STREET, OCTOBER 14TH – 20TH, 2014

Recommendation - Motion to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, AUTHORIZING SCHOEPPNER SHOWS TO OPERATE AN OKTOBERFEST CARNIVAL ON CITY PROPERTY AT 6TH STREET AND SUPPLY ROW FROM OCTOBER 14TH TO 20TH, 2014** (Resolution No. 3627-14)

18. PURCHASE OF (2) POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to appropriate \$80,000.00 from Capitol Reserves for the purchase and equipping of (2) Police Vehicles.

Council recessed to Closed Session at 6:53 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) undisclosed case.
 - Direction given to Staff.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER,
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
 - Direction given to Staff.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR.
 - Direction given to Staff.
- D. CONFERENCE REGARDING PERSONNEL ACTION
Government Code Section 54957.1(5) – Police Officer
 - Direction given to Staff.

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Debra L. Elliott
Deputy City Clerk

Paul Linder
Mayor