

**CITY OF TAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2014**

The October 22, 2014, regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, held in the City of Taft Council Chamber, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Chairman Ron Orrin at [6:05 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Leikam, and invocation was given by Chairman Orrin.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin and Vice Chairman Robert Thompson;
Commissioners Shannon Jones, Renée Hill and Bob Leikam.
Planning and Community Development Director Mark Staples;
City Attorney Jason Epperson, City Clerk Alina Megerdom.

I. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were none.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of minutes for the September 17, 2014, Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

Recommendation: Approve as submitted.

Motion: Motion by Thompson, second by Hill to approve the minutes for the September 17, 2014, Regular Planning Commission Meeting.

AYES: Hill, Jones, Leikam, Thompson, Orrin

PASSED: 5/0

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Conditional Use Permit 2014-16 – Proposal to acquire a Type 20 ABC License for the sale of beer and wine, for consumption off the premises, within an existing approximate 6,000 square foot building (La Villa Meat Market), on a 1.55 acre lot, within the Downtown Commercial (DC) Zone District located at 623 Center Street.

Recommendation: Adopt Resolution No. 2014-12 approving Conditional Use Permit 2014-16

Director Staples presented the Staff Report on Conditional Use Permit 2014-16.

Orrin; Renewal period for the permit...

Staples: [6:12:42 PM](#)

Jones: [6:13 PM](#)

They can sell as much as they want...[6:15:49 PM](#)

Staples: The market is a full service marker...[6:18:30 PM](#) In the text...

Staples: asked the commissioners that the condition as is ...

Attorney: [6:21:54 PM](#) What constitutes the substantial change...

[6:22:54 PM](#) Jones...

Attorney: In his opinion...

Orrin opened the public hearing...

Applicant: Brandon Rubio, nephew from the owner of the store.

Orrin explained to Mr. Rubio what the primary sales would be.

Rubio stated the main purpose of the store is to sell meat. It's a meat market and alcohol sales would be an extra addition.

Staples stated that the Commission is approving the Meat Market to acquire alcohol license from ABC to sell alcohol at the market..

Motion by Thompson, seconded Jones..

YES: Hill, Jones, Leikam, Thompson, Orrin

PASSED: 5/0

IV. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW

1. Emergency Shelters, Transitional and Supportive Housing – Review of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to permit by right emergency shelters, transitional housing, and supportive housing, consistent with state Housing Element law and SB 2. [6:30 PM](#)

Recommendation: Continue item to the next regular Planning Commission meeting in November.

Staples asked to continue the item to the next regular meeting in November.

Motion: Jones, 2nd Thompson,

All Commissioners concurred to continue to next months

2. Residential Rooftop Solar Energy System Expedited Permitting – Review of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to create an expedited, streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar energy systems, consistent with state Assembly Bill 2188. [6:31 PM](#)

Recommendation: Review and provide direction to staff; and continue item to the next regular Planning Commission meeting in November.

V. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Project Updates – Center Street Businesses, Best Western Hotel, Taco Bell, Sandy Creek Estates, and Freedom Homes. [6:39 PM](#)

Staples: Center Street... Ice Cream shop, Eye Candy moving into... Blackgold looking to expand.. Last night at the Council Meeting they approved the Concert on Center Street...

Jones: They came to Chamber first... for us to be able to assist them... getting event permit... worked with them on drafting the letter... Only \$5 for admission.

Freedom Homes is about to submit their...[6:42 PM](#)

New Business: He did not provide the full package but has made a list...

Orrin stated his concerns with the ice cream and food trucks, outside vendors who come in for a service.

Jones asked if the Chamber could add a two page documents introducing the Chamber ...

Staples stated that no, ...[6:51 PM](#)

Staples asked if it looks good, is it a step towards the right direction...

Hill asked why the City does not ask for Liability Insurance...[6:56:31 PM](#)

Orrin: Refuse

Staples: The recent .. created a minimum base... Even if there is a lengthy ... They do have the option to defer it to the tenants...

VI. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – There were none.

VII. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Hill: Colors of buildings. Lovely orange building on 6th building on Special Effects.. Staples has been talking to them and they are changing the color.

Hill: Anything can be done for bad paint jobs? For example the building between Joes' Restaurant on Kern Street.

Staples: in a future Planning Report he can bring back the Zoning Ordinance on Chapter II (Design review section).

Jones stated that neither Mr. Orrin or herself are able to attend the December meeting. Wanted to know if they can move the date. [7:08:34 PM](#)

Staples stated that it can be moved to the 3rd of December.

Motion: Jones, 2nd Thompson... to move the December 17 date to December 3rd.

All Commissioners concurred.

Passed 5/0

Orrin: The lady across the street with the Gerfete has been cleaned off.

Orrin: Look into the fence ordinance. Attorney : [7:12 PM](#) it is a Code Enforcement issue.

Staples stated that ... are in the .. Code...Attorney asked Staples to give him the addresses for the hording issues.

Orrin: Asked if Hill can get the Commissioners to ride a car in the Christmas Parade.

Identification of Representative to the City Council.

Commissioner Hill stated she would attend the Council Meeting and report on Planning Commission meeting updates on Tuesday, November 4, 2014.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Leikam, seconded by Thompson and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [7:17PM](#).

Alina Megerdom, City Clerk

Ron Orrin, Chair