

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The November 4, 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 Councilmember Miller, followed by an invocation given by Scott Pearson of the First Baptist Church.

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

1. COMMENDATION

Ms. Debra Elliott was recognized upon her retirement from the city.

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce reported on last weekend's Golf Tournament and reminded everyone of the upcoming Fishing Derby, Christmas Parade and Sit and Sip.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Krier

- Spoke about last Saturday's Pumpkin Carving Contest and thank Girl Scouts for judging
- Thanked those running for office and those that vote
- Encouraged attendance at upcoming Fishing Derby

Council Member Noerr

- Encouraged everyone to participate and vote

Council Member Miller

- Spoke about how important the election is and encouraged everyone to vote
- Talked about the demolition of the old hospital and trying to keep health care local

Mayor Linder

- Talked about the Pumpkin Carving Contest competition
- Spoke about Water District Issues regarding water meter replacement

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Renee Hill reported on their October 22, 2014 meeting where they approved Conditional Use Permit 2014-16 for La Villa Market and discussed proposed Zoning Ordinance updates regarding Emergency Shelters and the streamlining of solar permits.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Planning Director, Mark Staples provided handouts and update regarding proposed cell tower at 8th and Main
- City Clerk Megerdom spoke about the election, visiting polling places and wished all candidates good luck.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Congratulated Debra Elliott on retirement.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Council Member Krier requested that an item be placed on an agenda naming October Petroleum Appreciation Month.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 - 21

➤ Items 16-20 were removed by Linder

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Miller, to approve items 9-4 and 21.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

9. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 10-24-2014 Check No. 78516-78607 \$564,525.17

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

**11. RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT FILERS
PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974**

Recommendation - Motion to accept and file the 2014 Local Agency Biennial Notice and adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DESIGNATING CERTAIN POSITIONS REQUIRING FILING OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT OF 1974, AND REPEALING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 3174-10 (Resolution 3634-14)**

12. DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Recommendation - Motion to appropriate \$22,524 out of capital reserves to complete downtown improvement projects.

13. WALLACE GROUP TASK ORDER SSMP AUDIT

Recommendation – Motion to approve a contract with Wallace Group in the amount of \$11,700 for the Sewer System Management Plan audit and allocate funds from capital reserves.

14. PUBLIC WORKS & CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE POSITIONS

Recommendation- 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 3635-14)

15. APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH CDCR AND THE KERN COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR PRISON PROSECUTION CASES

Recommendation – Motion to approve the MOU between the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Taft Modified Community Correctional Facility and Kern County District Attorney and authorize City Manager and Chief of Police to execute agreement.

21. CONTRACTS WITH WALLACE GROUP AND DOWNEY BRAND

Recommendation – Motion to approve contract amendments with Wallace Group and Downey Brand not to exceed \$10,000 respectively, and allocate \$20,000 from sewer reserves for expenses associated with March 2013 sewer spill and subsequent Notice of Violation.

16. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND SEIU

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Taft and the SEIU.

17. APPROVAL OF AMENDED MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISORY/CONFIDENTIAL COMPENSATION PLAN

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Addendum to the Management/Supervisory/Confidential Compensation Plan.

18. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND THE TAFT POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Police Management Group.

19. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND THE TAFT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Police Officers Association.

20. APPROVAL OF AMENDED DEPARTMENT HEADS BENEFIT AND COMPENSATION PLAN

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Addendum to the Department Heads Benefits Compensation Plan Supplemental Pay to Current Employees not covered under an MOU or Compensation Plan.

Motion: Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Miller to approve items 16-20.

Linder wanted to recognize employees who through bargaining graciously accepted a one-time \$1,000 stipend for all employees even though some bargaining units could have gotten more and stated that he appreciated employee patience.

Miller stated this was the best that they could do now that the city's back in the prison business that hopefully things will continue to get better but still have to keep in mind that they still only have a 30 day contract.

Council Member Waldrop stated hopefully things will keep improving so that they can do more and thanked employees for all that they do.

Council Member Krier wanted to thank employees for all that they do and their patience.

Council Member Noerr concurred with the other council statements.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) undisclosed case.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER, Government

Code 54957.6 – All units.

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR.

ADJOURNMENT- With no further business to conduct, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at **7:25 PM**.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Paul Linder
Mayor