

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The December 2, 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 **6:01:33 PM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan of the Four Square Light House Church.

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

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone who participated in Monday night's Christmas Parade and announced that Friday there would be pictures with Santa from 6-8 at Westside Furniture sponsored by the Chamber.
- Sandy Koenig from the local Salvation Army thanked the community for their participation in the annual food drive and challenged Council Members and citizens to ring the bell or write checks for the annual bell ringing fund raiser.

2. SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND CERTIFICATES

Council Member Krier presented a commendation to the Taft Rotary Club honoring their 90th anniversary. The award was accepted by Rotary Club President John Dodson.

Council Member Noerr presented a commendation to Ron Waldrop recognizing his years of service on the city council.

Council Member Miller presented a commendation to Paul Linder recognizing his years of service on the city council.

3. MINUTES

November 4, 2014 Regular
November 18, 2014 Regular

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop to approve as submitted.

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

4. RESOLUTION DECLARING NOVEMBER 4, 2014, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to adopt a resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, DECLARING THE RESULT AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS PROVIDED BY LAW** (*Resolution No.3637-14*).

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

5. OATH ADMINISTERED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND SELECTION OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO TEM

1. City Clerk administered Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Joshua Bryant, Renee Hill and Randy Miller.
2. Mayor selected.

Nominations were opened for the appointment of Mayor.

Krier nominated to appoint Council Member Miller, with no other nominations a roll call vote was held.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0 to appoint Miller to the position of Mayor.

3. Mayor Pro Tem selected.

Nominations were open for the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Hill nominated to appoint Council Member Noerr and Krier nominated Council Member Krier.

City Clerk polled each Council Member for their choice. The vote was as follows:

Council Member Noerr:	Bryant, Hill, Noerr, Miller
Council Member Krier:	Krier

- At this time Council Member Krier changed his vote to Noerr appointing Noerr Mayor Pro Tem by a 5-0 vote.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Hill

- Thanked the voters, stated she regretted to see so few voters participated and said she was honored to be there.

Council Member Bryant

- Stated he was honored to be elected and thanked the voters and his family.

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr

- Welcomed the new Council Members.

Council Member Krier

- Welcomed new Council Members.

Mayor Miller

- Thanked Council Members for appointing him Mayor.
- Hopes he makes the citizens proud.
- Stated there are good things coming for Taft including next year's Oildorado.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Jones stated that both the items on the agenda were discussed and continued to their next meeting for public hearings.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Mr. Jones welcomed the new Council Members and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

Mr. Epperson stated that he would miss the two departing Council Members and looks forward to working with the new Council Members.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Noerr requested an ordinance be brought to Council to address eliminating the selling of synthetic drugs similar to what the City of Tulare has recently passed as an agenda item. Miller concurred.

Miller requested a commendation to recognize the Taft College Soccer Team for making it to the championships this weekend. Bryant concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 – 23

- Item 13 was removed by Hill
- Items 15, 16, 22 and 23 were removed by Bryant
- Item 20 was removed by Miller.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar items 12, 14, 17, 18, 19 and 21.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 11-13-2014	Check No. 78683	\$ 9,327.37
Warrant# 11-21-2014	Check No. 78684-78790	\$577,639.27
Warrant# 11-21-2014	Check No. 78791	\$ 20.87

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

14. REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND PRASAYUS COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DRAINAGE FACILITY AT APN 032-152-12

Recommendation - Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter providing for a reimbursement agreement between the City of Taft and Prasayus Commercial Construction for the installation of a Drainage Facility at APN 032-152-12.

17. PURCHASE OF RIMS COLLABORATIVE SOFTWARE AND A HARDWARE SERVER FOR THE TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation – Motion to approve the purchase of the RIMS Collaborative Software and the Software Server for the Police Department.

18. 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 City of Taft Police Department, the CDCR and the Kern County District Attorney’s Office and approving execution by Chief Ed Whiting.

19. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 2014.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of July 2014 through September 2014.

21. EJCDC ENGINEERING AGREEMENT TASKS 3 & 4 WITH WALLACE GROUP FOR USDA LOAN FOR WWTP

Recommendation – Approve EJCDC Engineering Agreement for Tasks 3 & 4 with Wallace Group and submit to USDA.

13. TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to move the Treasurer’s Report to next regularly scheduled meeting.

Hill stated that she did not get the agenda until late and since the Treasurers Report is such a large document she didn’t have time to fully review and bringing it back on the next agenda would allow that time.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

15. APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AT THE TAFT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to approve, renew, and sign the contract with the Taft City School District for a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Bryant questioned if there was already an agreement in place with Taft College as there were only two agreements on the agenda for Taft City Schools and Taft High School. He was informed that there is already an agreement in place with the College.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

16. RENEWAL OF THE MOU WITH THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL FOR A FULL TIME PAID SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to approve and sign the MOU with the Taft Union High School for a full time paid School Resource Officer (SRO).

No discussion as Bryant's question was answered in discussion of Item 15.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

20. ANNEXATION AD HOC COMMITTEE – SCHEDULE

Mr. Jones stated that this item is to allow the council to set a date and time for the Ad Hoc Committee. Staff recommends the week of December 16th.

Planning Director Staples shared a reminder that the committee members from the Council are Noerr and Miller and also serving on the committee are Planning Commissioners Orrin and Thompson and one representative from the company formerly known as Occidental Petroleum.

Noerr and Miller concurred that Wednesday December 17th at 4:00 pm worked for both of them.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to set the first meeting date of the Annexation Ad Hoc Committee for Wednesday December 17th at 4:00 pm.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

22. ADDITION OF ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER POSITION

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to approve **ADDING ONE (1) POLICE OFFICER POSITION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES** (*Resolution No. 3638-14*)

Bryant asked for clarification if this position was a backfill position to cover the additional SRO officer and received confirmation that it was.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

23. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER POSITIONS

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill 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. 3639-14*)

No discussion as Bryant's question was answered in discussion of Item 22.

AYES: Bryant, Hill, Krier, Noerr, Miller
PASSED: 5-0

CLOSED SESSION

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

➤ It was announced that the closed session item was being cancelled

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct it was moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to adjourn the meeting at [7:00:22 PM](#).

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor