

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The December 16, 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 Randy Miller at 6:14:38 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Jack Turner of the Peace Lutheran Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Randy Miller and Mayor Pro Tem Dave Noerr
Council Members Orchel Krier, Josh Bryant and Renee Hill
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

**1. PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE AMENDMENT
RELATING TO FIREWORKS STANDS**

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:23:20 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE IV OF THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO FIREWORKS STANDS for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.**

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING - PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE
AMENDMENT RELATING TO SIGNS**

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:26:03 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents.

- Planning Director Mark Staples stated there would be one minor change to page 15-5 Sub-section (a) where it states that signs that have alternating messages that change more than once every five (5) minutes that it will be changed to state five (5) seconds.

The Public Hearing was closed at [6:27:16 PM](#).

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE VI OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SIGN REGULATIONS for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.**

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING – HEARING ON DELINQUENT COMMERCIAL SEWER AND REFUSE ACCOUNTS

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:30:54 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents.

- City Attorney informed Council that items D, F, G, U and V were being removed as they were already paid in full.
- Diane Williams of 523 North Street, owner of Chris’s Signs spoke on the delinquent bill on her property and the placement of the lien as she stopped paying due to a dispute on another issue she had with the City. The Mayor advised her that that was a separate issue and had nothing to do with the delinquent bill being addressed on this item and suggested she contacts and meets with City Staff regarding that issue.
- Jack Leonard of 214 6th Street stated that he had no idea that his tenants had delinquent bills or even that the Ordinance existed allowing the placing of liens on his property for the bills until recently receiving notice from the City. He stated that he didn’t feel the Ordinance was fair to landowners and requested a copy of the Ordinance. He was also concerned about getting liens released from his property if placed.

The Public Hearing was closed at [6:56:58 PM](#).

- Miller stated that the City is just trying to collect the money owed per the Ordinance.
- Noerr stated that the City has been lax in the collection of such debt and will now be more aggressive in collection of the taxpayers’ dollars.
- Krier stated that this is not like other utility bills as the landowner is ultimately responsible.
- Bryant mentioned that it might be advantageous to ask on the business license application if the applicant is the property owner and if not to get the property owners information.

Motion:

Moved by Bryant, seconded by Noerr to confirm list of Delinquent Commercial Sewer and Refuse Accounts and approve resolutions titled:

A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE DELINQUENT COMMERCIAL SEWER AND REFUSE FOR 306 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN # 031-030-12-00-0	\$264.14
B. A RESOLUTION ...428 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN # 031-050-21	\$169.37
C. A RESOLUTION ...210 6TH ST. TAFT, APN # 031-070-01-00-0	\$313.89
D. A RESOLUTION ...210 6TH ST. TAFT, APN # 031-070-01-00-0	\$555.93
E. A RESOLUTION ...312 MAIN ST. TAFT, APN #031-020-18-00-5	\$265.62
F. A RESOLUTION ...622 MAIN ST. TAFT, APN # 031-200-09-00-0	\$154.82
G. A RESOLUTION ...1260 KERN ST. TAFT, APN # 032-160-26-00-	\$337.98

H. A RESOLUTION ...523 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN#031-060-02-00-0	\$424.49
I. A RESOLUTION ...714 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN # 031-220-17-00-0	\$396.16
J. A RESOLUTION ...100/102 4 TH ST. TAFT, APN # 031-020-16-00-9	\$1,221.41
K. A RESOLUTION ...600 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN #031-190-11-00-4	\$1,001.96
L. A RESOLUTION ...212 6 TH ST. TAFT, APN # 031-070-01-00-0	\$403.50
M. A RESOLUTION ...523 NORTH ST. TAFT, APN # 031-070-03-00-6	\$1,183.66
N. A RESOLUTION ...915 10 TH ST. TAFT, APN # 032-152-21-00-2	\$318.03
O. A RESOLUTION....506 /502 CENTER ST. TAFT,APN #031-070-10-00-6	\$151.65
P. A RESOLUTION ...1045 KERN ST. TAFT, APN # 032-520-24-00-4	\$57.61
Q. A RESOLUTION ...129 KERN ST. TAFT, APN # 031-450-06-00-5	\$3,176.16
R. A RESOLUTION ...201 KERN ST. TAFT, APN # 031-120-26-00-7	\$509.73
S. A RESOLUTION ...314 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN # 031-030-16-00-2	\$569.89
T. A RESOLUTION....530 SAN EMIDIO ST.TAFT,APN#031-050-11-00-3	\$84.35
U. A RESOLUTION.... 404 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN#031-050-11-00-3	\$281.32
V. A RESOLUTION....1010 6 TH ST. TAFT, APN#032-360-05-00-3	\$73.19
W. A RESOLUTION....524/510 FINLEY DR.TAFT, APN#032-020-35-00-1	\$1,191.64
X. A RESOLUTION...325 CENTER ST. TAFT, APN#031-020-02-008	\$148.03
Y. A RESOLUTION...101 CENTER ST. TAFT,APN#Uns. property	\$1,170.96
Z. A RESOLUTION...111 4 TH /401CENTER ST.TAFT,APN#031-040-12-00-3	\$169.81
AA.A RESOLUTION...417½CENTER ST.TAFT,APN#031-040-04-00-0	\$177.14
BB.A RESOLUTION....622 MAIN ST.TAFT, APN#031-200-09-00-0	\$136.94
CC.A RESOLUTION...205½ 10 TH ST/1100 CENTER ST.TAFT, APN# 032-310-31-00-0	\$621.79
DD.A RESOLUTION...623CENTER ST. TAFT, APN#031-200-02-00-0	\$1,191.64
EE.A RESOLUTION...1012 KERN ST.TAFT, APN#032-520-18-00-	\$1,664.29
FF.A RESOLUTION...333 S. 10 TH ST.TAFT, APN#032-494-09-00-1	\$67.04

with the exception of D, F, G, U and V

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

4. PROCLAMATION – ST. ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Councilmember Krier presented a proclamation to the Reverend Heather Mueller in recognition of the 80th Anniversary of the Cornerstone.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Taft Chamber of Commerce thanked the City Council and City Staff for a wonderful year of working together. Stated that many citizens had shown interest in seeing Christmas Parade and therefore it was being shown on local Channel 11 three times a day and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Hill

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stated she’d like to see more people wishing others a “Merry Christmas” to spread the word.

Council Member Bryant

- Mentioned attending Cruise Night and how successful they seem to be even in the colder weather.

Council Member Krier

- Stated he supported Police Departments even with everything going on in the news.
- Mentioned that Supervisor Couch was going to be sworn in as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors on January 5th and that he plans to attend and thought others should too.

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- Thanked the Chamber for all that they do.
- Said he's looking forward to next year with the completion of the Hotel, opening of Taco Bell and Oildorado.

Council Member Noerr

- Stated he found the trending "hands up" signal ironic that he has found that if you are polite to law enforcement they will be polite to you.
- Reminded everyone that the recent rain will bring weeds and eliminating them while young and green is easier than when they are full grown and dried.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Miller

- Mentioned the recently released Grand Jury Report, that is was a glowing report of Taft and gave kudos to City Administrators especially the City Manager.
- Shared that he has noticed people on Kern Street will just barge into the crosswalks at night and with it raining people need to be extra careful.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and that it's going to be a great new year as Taft is energized for the future with great projects for 2015.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Jones reported that at their last meeting they passed 2 ordinances to be forwarded to the City Council.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Director Mark Staples reported that the Annexation Ad Hoc Committee scheduled for December 17 is being rescheduled for January 8, 2015 at 4:00 pm.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

- Informed Council that the Annual State of the County Dinner was coming up January 28th.
- Thanked the Council for budgeting the money for the Staff Appreciation Dinner that funds raised helped funds for 26 kids to Shop with a Cop.
- Stated City Staff is still working on the cleanup of Sandy Creek.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

No Statement

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Miller requested that there be some sort of recognition at next Council Meeting for the Taft College Men's Soccer Team for making the State Finals. Bryant concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12- 18

- Item 15 removed by Miller and item 17 removed by Noerr.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar items 12, 13, 14, 16, and 18.

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

12. MINUTES
December 02, 2014 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS
Warrant# 12-05-2014 Check No.78792-78859 \$375,839.49

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

14. TREASURER’S REPORT

Recommendation - Motion to receive and file Treasurer’s Report dated November 19, 2014 for the Month of September 2014.

16. AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTSIDE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT FOR INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES

Recommendation – Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement with Westside Health Care District to provide medical services at the Taft MCCF in accordance with the contract between the City of Taft and CDCR.

18. POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF JANUARY 6, 2015 MEETING

Recommendation- Motion to approve the cancellation of the January 6, 2015 City Council Meeting due to lack of business.

15. USDA LOAN ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT WITH WALLACE GROUP

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Hill to Approve contract with Wallace Group for USDA loan administration for an amount not to exceed \$36,000 and allocate funds from waste water capital reserves as presented with provision that City Manager must acquire from Wallace Group certificates demonstrating that Wallace Group has and will maintain throughout their performance under the contract general liability insurance in the amount of no less than \$1 million per incident and \$3 million in the aggregate as well as workers compensation and automotive liability insurance in amounts no less than the state minimum requirement and with City of Taft named in each policy as an additional insured.

Miller stated he had this item pulled because after review of the contract he saw no insurance provisions. He gave direction that the required insurance must be added into the contract for approval.

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

17. RESIGNATION OF PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED WESTSIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to accept letters of resignation and direct City Clerk to start recruitment of these positions by publishing a Notice of Vacancy.

Noerr stated that he pulled this item as he had been approached by Roy Heimiller, who is interested in the Westside Recreation and Park Board position and was in attendance at the meeting due to being told by Noerr that the position was on the agenda that night. The necessary process for recruitment of the positions was explained.

Bryant encouraged those interested in the positions to get involved and apply.

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

19. REORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Airport Committee: Noerr and Krier with Bryant as Alternate
Finance Committee: Noerr and Miller with Bryant as Alternate
Personnel/Admin Committee: Krier and Hill with Bryant as Alternate
Public Works Committee: Miller and Hill with Bryant as Alternate
Safety Committee: Krier and Bryant with Noerr as Alternate
Traffic Committee: Hill
League of California Cities: Miller
Kern COG: Krier with Miller as Alternate
City Selection Committee: Miller
Valley-Wide Special City Selection Committee: Krier with Bryant as Alternate

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to reorganize committees as stated.

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

At [7:47:14 PM](#) the meeting was recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

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

- Council directed City Manager to explore settlement.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor