

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The January 20, 2015, 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 [6:07:42 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Orchel Krier, followed by an invocation given by Rodney Wikoff of the West Hills Nazarene Church.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Dave Noerr was absent

1. **STUDY SESSION** – HdL’s new economic development consulting services
2. **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION – TAFT COLLEGE MEN’S SOCCER TEAM**
3. **CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

4. **COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)**

Council Member Bryant

- Shared that he attended training for new Council Members through the League of California Cities last week.
- Also he attended the American Sniper movie at the Fox Theater over the weekend and was pleased to see the Fox packed and thought it was an amazing movie.

Council Member Krier

- Hoped that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- Mentioned that tax time is coming up and people will see changes do to the new tax requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

Mayor Miller

- Shared that another new tax for 2015 will be the gas tax due to the Cap and Trade.
- Mentioned the loss of Dr. Washington to the Urgent Care was a big hit for Taft residents.
- Stated that we need to take care of our home and be nice to each other and be known as a nice city and nice City Council.

5. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mark Staples – Planning and Community Development Director

- Thanked Mayor Pro Tem Noerr and Mayor Miller for attending the first Annexation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting January 8th.
- Shared that the Planning Commission would start the review for the update of the Housing Element at their next meeting.

Ed Whiting – Police Chief

- Gave overview of Proposition 47.
- Shared that Sgt. Bielby was working on getting the citizen patrol back up and running.
- Warned citizens to secure items and keep them locked up.

Brent Moon – Kern County Fire Department - Battalion Chief

- Shared that a new law for 2015 now requires that smoke detectors no longer have replaceable batteries but now have a 10 year shelf life and then must be replaced.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones added to the Police Chief's comments reminding everyone to pay attention and take care of themselves, keep an eye out and look out for neighbors and neighborhood and to call in anything suspicious.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Krier requested a proclamation in February recognizing Safe Surrender Month. Miller concurred.

Bryant requested that Law Enforcement/Public Safety Officers be recognized at the first meeting of May. Miller concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 – 18

➤ Items 14, 15 and 17 removed by Bryant and item 18 removed by Miller.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 16.

AYES; Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller
PASSED: 4-0

9. MINUTES

December 16, 2014 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 12-19-2014	Check No.78860-78958	\$479,282.76
Warrant# 12-19-2014	Check No.78959	\$ 8,893.79
Warrant# 01-02-2015	Check No.78961-79034	\$447,352.86
Warrant# 01-06-2015	Check No.79035-79038	\$ 41,729.89

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. TREASURER'S REPORT

Recommendation - Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Report dated December 18, 2014 for the Month of October 2014.

12. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO FIREWORKS STANDS

Recommendation - Motion 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** (*Ordinance No. 806-15*)

13. SECOND READING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATING TO SIGNS

Recommendation – Motion 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** (*Ordinance No. 807-15*)

16. PLANNING DIRECTOR TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION'S 2015 NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, APRIL 18-21, 2015

Recommendation- Motion to approve travel for the Planning Director to attend the APA's 2015 National Planning Conference in Seattle, Washington, from April 18 to April 21, 2015.

14. MIG CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR TAFT TRANSIT CENTER

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to approve the agreement between the City of Taft and MIG, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

AYES; Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller
PASSED: 4-0

Bryant stated that he pulled this item to confirm that this agreement was for a grant funded project and therefore was not being paid by the taxpayers. City Manager confirmed that that this agreement would be paid through grant funds received from PTMISEA.

15. PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A LONG RANGE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Miller to approve the proposal from Hdl to develop the Long Range Property Management Plan and to authorize the Mayor to execute proposal.

AYES; Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller
PASSED: 4-0

Bryant stated he pulled this item to clarify that the City is required to develop the Long Range Property Management Plan do to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency. City Manager confirmed this and added that the city has a deadline to get this done.

17. DELINQUENT COMMERCIAL SEWER AND REFUSE ACCOUNTS

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Miller to approve removing the two properties from the lien process.

AYES; Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller
PASSED: 4-0

Bryant questioned how payment arrangements were being made on these delinquent accounts.

City Manager explained that payment arrangements must be made with the Finance Director and business owners must keep up current bills while making way on the delinquency and that signed agreements are required. If payment arrangements are not kept the accounts will be brought back to Council. He also stated that going forward property owners will be notified of delinquencies.

Miller also stated that business licenses can also be pulled as a remedy for delinquent accounts.

18. KERN STREET SEWER MAIN REPAIR CONTRACT AWARD

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to (1) award confirmed lowest bid to GM Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$49,096 for Kern Street sewer repair and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. (2) approve an agreement with Wallace Group in the amount of \$9,500 for engineering services for Kern Street sewer repair and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement contingent upon both agreements being amended to meet the City's insurance requirements.

AYES; Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller
PASSED: 4-0

Miller stated that he pulled this item because he did not see that the agreements for this contract met the City's insurance requirements and wanted to make sure that approval of the agreements was contingent upon the agreements being amended to meet insurance requirements.

At [7:47:27 PM](#) the meeting was recessed to Closed Session.

- At 7:47 Council Member Noerr arrived.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) undisclosed case.

- Discussed and direction was given to staff and City Attorney.

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

- Council directed City Manager to continue to explore settlement.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor