

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 3, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The March 3, 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 [6:01:36 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan of the Four Square Light House Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Randy Miller, 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. NOTICE CONTINUANCE OF PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-13: EMERGENCY SHELTERS, TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Continuance of the Public Hearing began at [6:03:41 PM](#)

- **The public hearing on this matter which was previously scheduled to be heard at this time is being continued to the next City Council meeting to be held on March 17, 2015, at the regular location and time for said City Council meeting.**

2. PROCLAMATION – KIWANIS CLUB OF TAFT

Mayor Miller presented the Proclamation to Kiwanis Lieutenant Governor Greg Mudge and Club President Rodney Wikoff.

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of Club Live from Lincoln Jr. High gave presentation on Tot Lot Law and their program “No Butts Left Behind”.

Dr. Kathy Orrin from the Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone that the Sit N’ Sip tomorrow will be held at Paik’s Restaurant and will also serve as the Unmet Needs Hearing for Taft Transit.

Eric Cooper President of the West Side Health Care District introduced their current board members and newly hired Executive Director Gerald Starr.

Ray Hatch of 209 E. Warren St. shared that he and his wife are starting a Vegetarian Support Group in Taft as they both have become vegetarians and they will be holding their first meeting on March 17th at 7 PM at the West Side Health Care District Office.

4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Noerr shared that he attended a Republican fundraiser in Bakersfield and was able to visit with dignitaries including Governor Rick Perry, Shannon Grove, Kevin McCarthy, Jean Fuller and David Couch.

Council Member Krier reminded community members that next Thursday is the Safety Committee Meeting.

Council Member Hill reminded citizens to observe surroundings that there continue to be more thefts in downtown and people must be proactive.

Mayor Miller encouraged attendance at the upcoming Unmet Transit Needs meeting as it is important that the City meet their 10 percent fair share box ratio or funding for the transit could be pulled. He also stated that in regards to people kicking in doors to steal, people steal to sell, and maybe if no one buys what would be considered questionable items it might deter the thieves from such activity.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Livingston reported that the Planning Commission reviewed three Conditional Use Permit Applications at their last meeting and two of those were passed through pretty easily, a City project out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Bank of America ATM kiosk. An application for a proposed 92 foot tall wireless monopine antenna to be located in the downtown spurred much discussion and was continued asking that the applicant bring back additional information.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Whiting reported that the new police cars have arrived and are fully equipped and that he will have one of them available outside for Council Members to be able to see after the meeting.

7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones stated that KernCOG through a grant will be funding a Transit Development Plan and encouraged everyone to attend the Unmet Transit Needs Meeting the next day whether they are riders or not, they are taxpayers, and their money goes to pay for these types services.

8. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 - 18

- Item 17 was removed by Noerr

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar Items 9-16 and 18.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

9. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 021315	Check No. 79233-79345	\$727,203.92
Warrant# 021315	Check No. 79346-79350	\$ 18,422.52

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. SECOND READING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-14: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM DESIGN, EXPEDITED PERMIT PROCESSING, AND FEES

Recommendation - Motion to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE VI OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM DESIGN, EXPEDITED PERMIT PROCESSING, AND FEES (*Ordinance 809-15*)

12. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER 2014 TO DECEMBER 2014

Recommendation - Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of October 2014 through December 2014.

13. AWARD BID TO LOWEST BIDDER FOR PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE

Recommendation –

1. Motion to name Quinn CAT as the lowest responsive bidder in the amount of **\$114,790** and approve the purchase of one CAT Backhoe.
2. Motion to approve additional equipment purchases at **\$13,242**.

14. PAWS IN THE PARK FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Recommendation – Motion to waive park reservation fees for the annual Paws in the Park event.

15. DONATION OF ROAD GRINDINGS

Recommendation – Motion to approve donation unused road grindings to the Taft Petroleum Club.

16. ASSIGN CLASSIFICATION OF CORRECTIONAL LIEUTENANT (ADMINISTRATIVE) TO THE TAFT POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP (TPMG)

Recommendation – Motion to approve assigning the classification of Correctional Lieutenant (Administrative) to the Taft Police Management Group (TPMG).

18. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING BANK CARD SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING BANK CARD SERVICES (*Resolution 3673-15*)

17. SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT – CHRISTIAN SERVICE EVENT HELD BY IGLESIA DE JESUCRISTO CANAAN ON THE CORNER OF 6TH ST AND MAIN ST AT THE RAILS TO TRAILS STAGE ON MARCH 7TH, 2015

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT, AUTHORIZING EDGAR GIL OF IGLESIA DE JESUCRISTO CANAAN TO HOLD A CHRISTIAN SERVICE EVENT ON CITY PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF SIXTH STREET AND MAIN ST AT THE RAILS TO TRAILS STAGE ON MARCH 7TH, 2015 and require staff to obtain a complete fully executed hold harmless agreement in both English and Spanish (*Resolution 3672-15*)

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

Noerr stated that in looking over the City's Hold Harmless Agreement there is no organization listed, making the document worthless, and he believes that these documents are necessary to protect the City and citizens from possible liability and in talking to City Manager and City Attorney found that they concurred. He was also concerned that all correspondence received from the applicant, Mr. Gil, was in Spanish and that since the City's agreement was in English that the applicant may be entering into a contract with the City that he does not understand. He asked that the motion be amended to state that the hold harmless agreement should be complete and fully executed in both English and Spanish to properly safeguard the City and Mr. Gil.

Bryant asked if there would be a cost to translate the form and City Manager replied that yes there would but that the city had a number of forms that will probably need translation in very near future to help the city to meet the needs of the growing Hispanic community.

Miller mentioned that he noticed that the address on the application was not in the City of Taft and Planning Director Staples indicated that in the project assistance team meeting held with Mr. Gil he was able to ascertain that the church is actually out of the Los Angeles area and they are expecting attendees from Taft, Bakersfield and the Los Angeles area.

At [6:59:12 PM](#) the meeting was recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER Government Code Section 54956.8 – 531 Supply Row

➤ Direction was given to City Staff.

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER Government Code 54957.6 – All units.

➤ Direction was given to City Staff.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor