

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The March 17, 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 [6:02:56 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Heather Mueller of Saint Andrews Episcopal 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

- **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.**

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Hill to take this matter off the agenda and direct Staff to bring it back to the Council at a future date when it is ready for consideration.

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

2. STUDY SESSION – REVIEW DRAFT OF TRANSIT CENTER SITE PLAN AND ELEVATIONS

Planning Director Staples presented a PowerPoint presentation showing a draft site plan and elevations of the transit center.

3. PROCLAMATION – DMV DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH

Council Member Hill presented the Proclamation to Mr. Jenali Polk.

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Taft Chamber of Commerce

- Wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.
- Shared that she was thrilled to have attended the ribbon cutting of Scully Field earlier in the day.
- Reminded everyone that March 26th is the Taft College Art Gallery opening, that April 23rd will be the annual State of the City Luncheon and that they will also be celebrating Arbor Day that same day at the Community Garden.
- Mentioned that the Chamber car show is coming up and entry forms are available at the Chamber office.
- Stated that in response to the recent accessibility concerns/issues of business owners that the Chamber will be providing an Accessibility Consultant to talk with local business owners the first Wednesday in June at the Chamber Office.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Hill

- Attended her first Traffic Committee Meeting prepared to address pedestrian safety and was disappointed by the negativity received from the Caltrans Representative that serves on the committee and felt that all concerns brought up were shot down by him.
- Shared that California Highway Patrol Officer Knight that serves on the same committee was willing to go to schools and give pedestrian safety presentations.
- Asked Council to consider a proclamation for Pedestrian Safety Week.

Council Member Bryant

- Attended his first Public Safety Committee Meeting last week where they also discussed pedestrian safety.
- Reminded everyone of the Little League Parade and activities coming up this weekend and also about Cruise Night April 3rd.
- Asked City Staff to make sure code enforcement is being utilized to enforce the new sign ordinance.
- Commended West Side Recreation and Park Staff for all their hard work and the successful ribbon cutting at Scully Field.

Council Member Krier

- Thanked Council Members Hill and Bryant for serving on committees and attending the meetings.
- Wished everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day.
- Thanked the community for the support given the Council.

Council Member Noerr

- Attended the Finance Committee Meeting last week and the business plan put in place to pay off the debt incurred during the closing and reopening of the Modified Community Correctional Facility is working. Also said his hat is off to City Staff who has hung in there and worked hard over these last years helping toward the financial recovery of the City.
- Shared that ADA compliance is Federal Law and not a law made up by the City to make it hard on businesses wanting to open up. When building his business he had to comply with the ADA requirements also.

Mayor Miller

- Apologized for missing the ribbon cutting ceremony for Scully Field as he intended to attend but his calendar on his "smart" phone let him down.
- Welcomed Council Member Hill to the Traffic Committee and the difficulties of trying to work with Caltrans.
- Reminded everyone that it is officially weed season they need to do their weeding now to keep down fire hazards when the weeds dry and also that Rails to Trails is public property and that the public should be upset by the damage being done by vandals.
- Asked that citizens who place yard sale signs on poles around town to please make an effort to take signs down after their event.
- Shared that he was glad to see the 6th Street now has a crossing guard.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

There was none.

7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones shared that the Water Board has voted to impose further restrictions on water usage and that there is a meeting scheduled with the West Side Water District and he is expecting that water will become limited leading to brown lawns. He also mentioned that due to this expected development the future trail project will have no grass and just shade trees.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11 – 22

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar items.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

11. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 022715 Check No. 79351-79435 \$250,365.23

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

13. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT** (*Resolution No. 3674-15*)

14. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS AGREEMENT NO. 019 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 06-5193R; AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 019 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 06-5193R** (*Resolution No. 3675-15*); and allocate \$11,149 from capital reserves for Supply Row Street between 4th Street and 6th Street, Park and Ride project.

15. PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTS AGREEMENT NO. 018 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 06-5193R; AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 019 TO ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 06-5193R** (*Resolution No. 3676-15*); and allocate \$2,593 from capital reserves for Church Street from Lassen to Pilgrim road rehab project.

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

Recommendation – Motion to approve additional expenditures for a PM compliant hydraulic broom attachment in the amount of \$6,861.

17. REVISE SALARY RANGE OF STUDENT INTERN (FINANCE DEPARTMENT)

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 No. 3677-15*)

18. EXTRA HELP (TEMPORARY) MAINTENANCE AND JANITORIAL POSITIONS

Recommendation –

1. Motion to approve **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION COMPENSATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES** (*Resolution No. 3678-15*)
2. Motion to approve allocating two (2) Extra Help (Temporary) Janitorial/Maintenance Aide positions to Police/MCCF and four (4) Extra Help (Temporary) Maintenance Aide positions to the Public Works Department and adjusting the salary range.

19. REVISED SALARY RANGES FOR FLEET MANAGER AND MECHANIC CLASSIFICATIONS

Recommendation –

1. Motion to approve **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION COMPENSATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION RATES** (*Resolution No. 3679-15*)
2. Motion to approve the amended job specification for the Fleet Manager and adjust the salary range of the Fleet Manager and Mechanic classifications.

20. EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A DATA RECORDER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the emergency purchase of the Data Recorder for the Police Department.

21. APPROVE ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT FOR PROPERTY LEASE REGARDING APN 032-110-58 FOR EXTENSION OF LEASE UNTIL FEBRUARY 29, 2020

Recommendation – Motion to approve the addendum to the property lease agreement and authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

22. NATIONAL WALKING DAY

Recommendation – Motion to approve allowing available employees to participate in the walk on Rails to Trails as part of National Walking Day.

At [7:22:12 PM](#) the meeting was recessed to Closed Session

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(A) – one (1) undisclosed case

- Direction was given to City Staff and City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT- With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor