

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 7, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The April 7, 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 [6:02:48 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Reverend Scott Pearson of the First Baptist 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. PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE 2015 ALLOCATION OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM**

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:05:50 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AND THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO FROM THE 2015 ALLOCATION OF THE STATE CDBG PROGRAM** (*Resolution No. 3680-15*)

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

**2. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING (APR) FOR 2014**

The City Council unanimously voted to accept the Annual Housing Element Progress Report for the 2014 calendar year.

**3. PROCLAMATION – HALL AMBULANCE DAY**

Mayor Miller presented the proclamation to Harvey Hall owner of Hall Ambulance.

**4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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

Council Member Noerr

- Specified that everyone needs to be aware of the mandated water rationing that is coming our way.
- Shared that there is legislation being worked on to try to solve Proposition 47 but there is no quick fix and reminded everyone to try not to be an easy victim.

Council Member Krier

- Shared that the Proposition 47 issue touches everyone and that he recently had an opportunity to speak with Supervisor Couch and Assembly Member Shannon Grove regarding this issue and that maybe Taft City Council can look in to a ballot initiative that would rescind the Proposition.
- Reminded everyone of the Car Show coming up in May and that the Chamber is now taking sign-ups.

Council Member Bryant

- Also wanted to hammer home that as long as Proposition 47 exists it is important that people don't make themselves easy victims.
- Stated that it is nice seeing the new homes finally going up on Hillard Street.
- Thanked everyone who came out for Cruise Night.

Mayor Miller

- Agreed with Council Member Krier that Proposition 47 needs to be rescinded.
- Reminded everyone to be their own neighborhood watch and call in when they see something that doesn't look right.
- Encouraged people to not post on social media their whereabouts as that can notify people when you are out of town and your house may be unattended.

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioner Bob Leikam reported that the Planning Commission approved three applications at their last meeting: 1) to construct a Verizon Wireless Tower at 800 Main Street, 2) to construct a 15,000 square foot industrial building at the southwest corner of Gardner Field Road and Commerce Way, and 3) to establish a nursery and garden center at 207 Center Street.

**7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones welcomed everyone back that had Spring Break and hoped everyone had a good Easter.

**8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Whiting shared that he had been in trainings the last two weeks, the first weeks training dealt with legislative updates and laws and last week's training, he attended along with the City's Assistant City Manager/Human Resources Director, and it was on disaster and emergency preparedness. He shared that the City is preparing for and will hold its own field exercise on April 29<sup>th</sup> for emergency/disaster preparedness.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

Council Member Krier requested a proclamation acknowledging the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Taft's Historic Fort. Mayor Miller concurred.

Council Member Krier requested a proclamation declaring West Side Law Enforcement Week in the month of May. Council Member Bryant concurred.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11 - 17**

**Motion:** Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items.

**AYES:** Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

**PASSED:** 5-0

**11. MINUTES**  
March 17, 2015 Regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**12. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 031315	Check No. 79436-79533	\$557,409.49
Warrant# 031315	Check No. 79534-79535	\$ 8,064.74
Warrant# 032715	Check No. 79536-79625	\$694,870.16
Warrant# 032715	Check No. 79636-79641	\$ 15,096.24
Warrant# 032715	Check No. 79642	\$ 39.27

**Recommendation** – Approve payment of the bills.

**13. TREASURERS REPORTS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to receive and file Treasurer’s Reports dated March 12, 2015 for the Month of November 2014 and March 24, 2015 for December 2014.

**14. ACCAPS REQUEST FOR SUPPORT LETTER**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve letter of support for City Law Enforcement Grants and authorize Mayor to sign the letter.

**15. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 4**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 5600004097 with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

**16. RIMS COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH OTHER POLICE DEPARTMENTS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the MOU and to allow the Police Chief to sign the MOU.

**17. PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DISASTER RELATED EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the purchase of two (2) Portable Air Conditioners, two (2) Portable on Demand Hot water Heaters from Coleman, one (1) Yeasu FT-897D Ham Radio, and one (1) Buddy Pole brand portable antenna system. Costs not to exceed \$3,500.00.

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**18. DONATION TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HELP COVER COST OF 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Council Member Krier stated he'd like to see the Council donate \$5,000 to the Chamber toward the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

Mayor Miller agreed that the celebration benefits the whole West Side and is not just exclusive to Taft.

Council Member Noerr shared that Taft has the most incredible venue for the fireworks show in the rails to trails and that the event is truly a celebration, not just fireworks, as there are different activities like music, food and vendor booths.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr to donate funding to the Taft Chamber of Commerce 2015 Fourth of July Fireworks Show Fund in the amount of \$5,000.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

At [6:46:13 PM](#) the meeting was recessed to Closed Session

**CLOSED SESSION**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Government Code Section 54956.9(A) – two (2) undisclosed cases

➤ Item was discussed and direction was given to Staff.

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER,**

Government Code 54957.6 – All units.

➤ Item was discussed and direction was given to Staff.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield  
City Clerk

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Randy Miller  
Mayor