

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 5, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The May 5, 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 [6:01:59 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, followed by an invocation given by Rodney Wikoff of the West Hills Church of the Nazarene

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
Deputy City Clerk Darnell Rowe

1. PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE 2015 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) GRANT AND TO SOLICIT CITIZEN INPUT ON THE POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:16:13 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none the public hearing was closed

2. PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADDING CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO USE OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:18:08 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Hill to approve the City of Taft Ordinance, Title 2, Chapter 13, entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADDING CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO USE OF PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES** for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING –CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAFT REPLACING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 8 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE DISPLAY AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:21:20 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to approve the City of Taft Ordinance, Title 8, Chapter 11, entitled **ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAFT REPLACING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 8 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE DISPLAY AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA** for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

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

4. PROCLAMATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION WEEK

Council Member Krier presented the proclamation to Police Chief Ed Whiting and members of the Taft Police Department and Kern County Sherriff's Department.

5. PROCLAMATION – PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr presented the Proclamation.

6. STUDY SESSION – Transit Center site plan and elevations

Planning Director Mark Staples gave a presentation on the final design plans for the Transit Center.

Noerr really liked the way it blends with the Oilworker Monument and expressed how important the backdrop of the monument is.

Krier asked if the meeting room will be for staff only. Staples answered will be another sizeable meeting room in our town for staff and other agencies.

Miller asked how many people the meeting room will hold. Staples answered 60 people.

7. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Jordan with the Westside Ministers Association invited everyone to the West Side Recreation and Park District Gym for National day of prayer on May 7, 2015.

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone that this Saturday May 9th Vin Scully will be coming to the Westside Recreation and Park District at 11:30 am and that Les Clark has a wonderful agenda planned out. She also wanted to remind everyone that the Car Show is on May 30th and it is not too late to enter. Orrin shared that her, Mayor Miller and Planning Director Mark Staples were interviewed by KBAK channel 29 news for being the fastest growing city in the state of California and that it was a chance to talk about all the wonderful things going on in our town.

8. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Hill

- Stated that indigents are here in our City and citizens are asking her what the City is doing about it.

Council Member Bryant

- Shared that he will be addressing the issue of the indigents at this Thursday's Public Safety Committee meeting and that he is looking forward to finding a solution.
- Thanked Kathy Orrin from the Chamber of Commerce and Ron Orrin from the West Side Recreation and Park District Board for all the hard work they are doing to make our city better.

Council Member Krier

- Read "What Policemen are made of" by Paul Harvey.

Mayor Miller

- Shared that he is very appreciative of City Staff, gave kudos to the Public Works Department, Administration, Police Department and Finance Department for pulling

together and doing great things for the City of Taft and are trying hard to make sure it's a livable and safe community.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones wanted to point out that there are news articles stating that the MCCF inmate's families are moving here but that is not the case, we have not had any inmate family members move here and call it their home.

10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Whiting shared that last Wednesday they had an Emergency Preparedness field exercise and feels it was a very successful learning experience that will help as they move into the next steps of emergency preparedness.

11. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

12. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Council Member Hill requested an ordinance to ban vapor from being sold in our town, Council Member Noerr concurred.

Mayor Miller requested a meeting to address the growing number of homeless here and suggested coordinating this with the Chamber of Commerce, City Manager Jones and Police Chief Whiting.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 13 – 18

➤ Item 15 was removed by Hill.

Motion: Moved by Bryant seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar Items 13-18.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

13. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

14. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 042415	Check No. 79643-79645	\$543,727.85
Warrant# 042415	Check No. 79646-79725	\$ 48,813.86

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

16. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY R.C. BECKER AND SON, INC. FOR THE HILLARD ST. PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATH PROJECT – RPSTPLE – 5193 (033) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by R.C. Becker and Son, Inc. for the Hillard St. Pedestrian/Bike Path Project – RPSTPLE – 5193 (033) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

17. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY DOD CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL VARIOUS LOCATIONS PROJECT – SRTSLNI – 5193 (034) AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by DOD Construction for the Safe Routes to School Various Locations Project – SRTSLNI – 5193 (034) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

18. APPROVAL OF THE CITY’S SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) REVISION 1.0 FOR THE 2015 FIVE YEAR UPDATE

Recommendation – Adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING CITY’S SEWER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN (SSMP) REVISION 1.0 FOR THE 2015 FIVE YEAR UPDATE** and direct City staff to re-certify updated SSMP. (*Resolution No. 3682-15*)

15. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL MOU WITH TAFT CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Council Member Hill wanted to make sure it was read out loud for Citizens to hear.

Hill asked that since this is money from a grant, how long do we have funds to provide service for the schools. Jones answered services will be provided by the school resource officer until the city or the Taft City Schools decides they don’t want the services anymore.

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to authorize the City Manager and Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding Safe Routes to School with Taft City School District.

AYES: NOERR, KRIER, BRYANT, HILL, MILLER

PASSED: 5-0

At [7:26:39 PM](#) with all Council Members present 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

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

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

D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Sierra Club v. City of Taft and Taft City Council.

- The City Council discussed in closed session the items which were agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to city staff.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Darnell Rowe
Deputy City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor