TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2015

REGULAR MEETING **6:00 P.M.**

The June 2, 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 Pro Tem Dave Noerr at 6:01:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, followed by an invocation given by Michael Chairmonte of the Lighthouse Foursquare Church.

PRESENT: 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

ABSENT: Mayor Randy Miller

1. STUDY SESSION – STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES INC.

Meredith Noble and Donna Carpenter from Stantec Consulting Services presented a PowerPoint presentation

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Chamber of Commerce wanted let everyone know that the car show was very successful and thanked everyone who participated. She also stated that they plan to have another car show during Oildorado.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Krier
- Spoke about the Senate passing a new bill regarding the increase of minimum wage.

Council Member Bryant
- Gave kudos to Kathy Orrin and Shannon Jones from the Chamber of Commerce for the Car Show they put on this last weekend.
- Thanked Bob Jordan and his board for the Memorial Day Celebration and stated that it was breathtaking.
- Commended the Taft High School softball team for pulling off their third straight Valley Championship.

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr
- Thanked everyone who was a part of the Memorial Day Celebration at the Westside Cemetery.
- Shared that the American flag is a beautiful flag and every day is a great day to display it.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Chairman Orrin reported that the Planning Commission discussed changes to the zoning ordinances regarding Hooka lounges and tobacco products.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones shared that Barry Foster with HDL attended the ICSC event that was held in Las Vegas, he had a few meetings while there and reported that there has been requests for information on land uses and land availability. He is out there working for us and has completed a void analysis to continue the search for needed businesses in Taft.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Council Member Hill requested a workshop for tourism, land use, signage and façade programs. Mayor Pro Tem Noerr concurred.

Council Member Bryant requested a commendation for the Taft Union High School Softball Team on their third straight Valley Championship. Krier concurred.

****

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 – 13

Motion: Moved by Krier seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar Items 9-13.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Hill, Noerr
ABSENT: Miller
PASSED: 4-0

9. MINUTES
May 19, 2015 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 052215	Check No. 79927-80006	$ 352,443.29
Warrant# 052215	Check No. 80007-80009	$ 112,684.93
Warrant# 051115	Check No. 80010	$ 132.18

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP): PURCHASE TRANSIT PASSES AND TICKETS FOR PROMOTION, TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES

Recommendation – Motion to adopt resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP): PURCHASE TRANSIT PASSES AND TICKETS FOR PROMOTION, TO INCREASE RIDERSHIP AND REDUCE GREENHOUSE GASES.** *(Resolution 3685-15)*

12. TASK ORDER BSK GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES AT FEDERAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recommendation – Motion to authorize a Task Order with BSK for an amount not to exceed $8,800 to complete geotechnical investigation of the FWWTP.

13. OPERATIONS AGREEMENT WITH KERN SANITATION AUTHORITY

Recommendation – Motion to approve an agreement with Kern Sanitation Authority for the operation of wastewater treatment facilities.

****

At 6:55:25 PM with all Council Members present the meeting was recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

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

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

C. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CITY MANAGER,
Government Code 54956.8 – 400 Hillard Street, Taft, CA

- The City Council discussed in closed session the items agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to Staff and Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Darnell Rowe
Deputy City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor