

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The June 17, 2015, regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, held in the City of Taft Council Chamber, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Chairman Orrin at [6:05:54 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jones. Invocation was given by Heather Muller of St. Andrews Church.

PRESENT: Chairman Orrin, Vice Chairman Thompson, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Leikam, Commissioner Livingston, Planning and Community Development Director Mark Staples, City Attorney Jason Epperson and Recording Secretary Brenda Johns.

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

May 20, 2015 Regular

Motion: Moved by Jones, seconded by Thompson to approve Minutes as submitted.

AYES: Jones, Leikam, Livingston, Thompson, Orrin

PASSED: 5-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING – VARIANCE NO. 2015-08

Director Staples recommended a motion to postpone the public hearing for Variance No. 2015-08 to the regular scheduled meeting in July, per the request of the applicant.

Motion: Moved by Thompson, seconded by Jones to approve postponing Public Hearing - Variance No. 2015-08.

AYES: Jones, Leikam, Livingston, Thompson, Orrin

PASSED: 5-0

4. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01 – HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2015-2023

Director Staples presented the staff report and recommendation.

Commissioner Livingston inquired as to whether the Housing Element table would be updated.

Director Staples replied there will be updates so that zoning code matches the General Plan.

Chairman Orrin noted the Housing Element only affects land within city limits, but the overall

scope could include some county areas.

Director Staples stated he is looking to address the issue with the Annexation Committee and inquire as to how it should be addressed within the Housing Element. Staples also noted if annexation occurs the City would use the counties Housing Element as a reference.

Director Staples also mentioned he will be attending a Housing Element workshop next Wednesday in Madera and will meet with the California Coalition for Rural Housing after the workshop to see how they can assist with free technical assistance.

5. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Staples shared that Freedom Homes will be pulling permits for the last seven lots and they will be building out the rest of the homes. Staples also reminded everyone that the next Planning Commission meeting will be on July 22nd, 2015 and that the joint meeting for the Economic Development Workshop will be held on Thursday, July 9th at 5:15pm at the Fort.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

No Statement

7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Jones announced the following:

- The Taft Fireworks Show will be on Friday July 3, 2015; there will be a DJ, live band, vendors and a fireworks show between 9pm - 9:30pm.
- The City of Taft signs on highway 33 have been wrapped with Oildarado signs.
- Taft College will be hosting the Petroleum Summit around the same time as Oildarado and she hopes it will also help generate business.

8. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Livingston was appointed as the representative to report to the City Council at their next meeting July 7, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Jones, seconded by Thompson and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [6:39:32 PM](#).

Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary

Ron Orrin, Chairman