

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

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The July 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 [6:02:21 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, followed by an invocation given by Scott Pearson of the First Baptist Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Randy Miller and 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 - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT REFUSE CHARGES AND STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:05:27 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3690-15*)

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

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3691-15*)

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SEWER CHARGES AND STANDBY SEWER CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:07:28 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3692-15*)

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

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3693-15*)

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

3. PUBLIC HEARING - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:10:02 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Mayor Miller asked if the \$86 fee actually covers the cost of the landscape maintenance and City Manager Jones informed him that it does not, however, it is a Proposition 218 matter that requires voter approval to adjust those rates and that when taken to the voters it was voted down.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT SETTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1** (*Resolution No. 3694-15*)

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill

NOES: Miller

PASSED: 4-1

4. STUDY SESSION - TAFT TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Jose Perez of Moore and Associates gave presentation on the Taft Transit Development Plan.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Jordan of the West Side Christian Ministerial Association shared that plans are underway for the concert they are sponsoring during Oildorado and also on July 26th they will be holding a Barbecue at the First Baptist Church.

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Taft Chamber of Commerce thanked everyone for their support of the fireworks show and complimented the City Council, Planning Commission and City Staff for all the hard work being put in to the July 9th Economic Development Workshop being held at the Historic Fort and encouraged the public to attend.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Hill stated that she has people coming to her asking about volunteering and wanted to propose that a volunteer board be formed.

Council Member Bryant thanked all the volunteers and supporters of the fireworks show, wished the Little League All-star Teams luck in their games and encouraged everyone to attend Thursday night's workshop.

Council Member Krier thanked the Chamber and community for support of the fireworks show, shared that he went to the League of California Cities Annual Conference in Monterey attending various workshops.

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr shared that he had a great time at the fireworks show and that Assembly Women Shannon Grove also attended as a guest of the City. He thanked everyone for their hard work in planning and cleaning up after the show.

Mayor Miller shared that the fireworks show was fabulous and gave kudos to all those involved in the planning. Stated that he attended the Greater Taft Economic Development Association (GTEDA) meeting with a presentation by Kern Economic Development Corporation and also attended the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Livingston reported that the variance set to be heard was continued, the Housing Element Update was discussed along with the upcoming Economic Development Workshop. He also reminded everyone that this month's Planning Commission Meeting will be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones reminded everyone of the Joint Special Meeting/Economic Development Workshop scheduled for Thursday July 9th, stating it should be interactive, educational and fun. He also shared that the construction going on behind Kmart is actually development of an oilfield supply company.

9. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Miller requested that an evaluation of the City Manager be placed on closed session for a future meeting. Krier concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12- 27

➤ Item 25 was removed by Bryant.

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar Items 12-24 and 26 and 27.

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

12. MINUTES
June 16, 2015 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 061115	Check No.80093-80095	\$ 8,514.21
Warrant# 061915	Check No.80096-80204	\$ 537,817.47
Warrant# 061915	Check No.80205-80206	\$ 2,743.73
Warrant# 062315	Check No.80207	\$ 331.00

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

14. TREASURERS REPORTS

Recommendation – Motion to receive and file Treasurer’s Reports dated June 10, 2015 for the Month of March 2015 and June 17, 2015 for April 2015.

15. SECOND READING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2014-13: EMERGENCY SHELTERS, TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Recommendation – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTERS 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, AND 12 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO EMERGENCY SHELTERS, TRANSITIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.** (*Ordinance No. 812-15*)

16. SECOND READING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2015-06: PROHIBITING HOOKAH LOUNGES

Recommendation – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTERS 1, 5, AND 6 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO HOOKAH LOUNGES.** (*Ordinance No. 813-15*)

17. SECOND READING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2015-07: PRIVATE SMOKING LOUNGES AND SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Recommendation – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTERS 1, 5, 6, AND 12 OF THE CITY OF TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO PRIVATE SMOKING LOUNGES AND THE SALES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS.** (*Ordinance 812-14*)

18. BSK PROPOSAL FOR SOIL SAMPLING- TAFT TRANSIT CENTER SITE

Recommendation – Motion to authorize a Task Order with BSK for an amount not to exceed \$8,885 to complete additional soil borings and testing of area 18.

19. PURCHASE FURNITURE, TOOLS, AND SUPPLIES FROM SEVERN TRENT SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the purchase of furniture, tools and supplies for the municipal and federal wastewater treatment plants from Severn Trent Services in the amount of \$6,100 to be allocated from wastewater treatment plant capital reserves.

20. AGREEMENT WITH SPYGLASS GROUP TO PERFORM TELECOMMUNICATION INVOICE AUDIT

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Spyglass Group to perform telecommunication invoice audit.

21. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JANUARY 2015 TO MARCH 2015.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of January 2015 through March 2015.

22. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STANTEC

Recommendation – Motion to approve a professional services agreement with Stantec to provide grant research/ grant writing services and appropriate \$12,500 from Capital Reserves for the purposes of funding the Needs Assessment.

23. CITY OF TAFT MAYOR'S LUNCHEON DURING OILDORADO

Recommendation – Motion to approve and appropriate \$1,200 from General Fund to host a Mayor's Luncheon during 2015 Oildorado.

24. RECRUITMENT OF PHYSICIAN FOR TAFT MODIFIED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (MCCF)

Recommendation – Motion to approve costs associated with the recruitment and placement of a Physician (M.D. or D.O.) as required by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for MCCF operations.

26. AGREEMENT WITH STRADLING YOCCA CARLSON & RAUTH FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement with Stradling Yocca Carlson & Rauth.

27. PURCHASE ACTUARIAL REPORTS FOR FY 2014/2015

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Finance Director to purchase the Actuarial Reports for FY 2014/2015.

25. 2015 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to adopt the attached Transit Development Plan and implement the recommendations presented within the Preferred Service Alternative section of the Plan.

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

Council Member Bryant asked about Dial-a-ride eligibility and City Manager Jones stated that yes there is criteria for proof of senior citizen or disability status to use services. Bryant asked about fair box recovery versus fixed route as the fixed route costs seem to be lower and Jose from Moore and Associates provided insight as to although it appears to have lower cost, due to the hesitancy of citizens to use the fixed route service on a regular basis, it is still less cost effective.

Mayor Miller mentioned that the city is doing everything it can by offering both services and reminded everyone that services like these must be used or they could be lost.

At [7:25:13 PM](#) with all Council Members present the meeting was recessed to Closed Session.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Sierra Club v. City of Taft and Taft City Council.

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

C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.

D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 – 410 Supply Row

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

- The Council discussed in closed session those items agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff, negotiators and attorney.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor