

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 18, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The August 18, 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 6:01:33 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Heather Mueller of St. Andrews Episcopal 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. PROCLAMATION - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH**

Council Member Hill presented the proclamation to Julie Graves Superintendent of Taft City Schools.

- At 6:10:19 PM the meeting was recessed to accommodate holding the meetings of the Taft Public Improvement Corporation and the Taft Public Financing Authority. At 6:23:33 PM the meeting was reconvened.

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jose Rodriguez of 420 Finley Drive shared with the Council that he is working as a volunteer through NASA, is involved with the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Program at the local schools and showed one of his telescopes he has for his program.

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

Council Member Noerr stated that he had attended a meeting Monday night regarding the Oil and Gas Local Permitting Environmental Impact Report (EIR), thought it was very informative and well attended.

Council Member Krier sent thoughts and prayers to Ron Orrin for a speedy recovery and reminded everyone to be cautious of the children now that kids are back in school.

Council Member Bryant gave Kudos to Macayla Wells for her performance at the Junior Olympics Track and Field competition and thanked all the teachers heading back to schools for all the hard work they do to give the children the best education they can.

Council Member Hill reminded everyone to protect children by exercising pedestrian safety especially now that school is back in session and encouraged parents to be good examples for the children.

Mayor Miller concurred with Hill that pedestrian safety needed to be foremost on drivers minds right now especially along Kern Street and shared that he too attended the EIR workshop and thought it was well attended and had lots of great input. He also sent his condolences to the family of and wanted to recognize the passing of, Stephen Burnham, a local postman, friend, Veteran and member of the American Legion Post.

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Planning Director Staples shared that he attended Monday nights EIR meeting held in Taft and the turnout at the local meeting rivaled that of the Bakersfield meeting that was previously held and which he also attended and stated that he expected to bring a report on the EIR to Council

at their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September. He also informed every one of the upcoming workshops that were being planned as a part of the Housing Element update.

**5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones thanked Kern County Raceway Park for sponsoring City of Taft Employee Night and shared that Taft Police Department's Steve Schmick brought home a win for the City.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8 - 15**

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar Items 8-15.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

**8. MINUTES**

August 4, 2015 Regular

August 4, 2015 Special

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 073115A	Check No. 80458-80484	\$ 57,111.52
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Warrant# 073115	Check No. 80485-80577	\$ 306,609.16
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**Recommendation** – Approve payment of the bills.

**10. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Reports dated August 7, 2015 for the Month of June 2015.

**11. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (RSTP) APPLICATION TO KERN COG FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 6TH ST. FROM MAIN ST. TO SUPPLY ROW ST.**

**Recommendation** - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION WITH KERN COG FOR REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (RSTP) FUNDING FOR THE 6TH ST. REHABILITATION FROM MAIN ST. TO SUPPLY ROW ST (*Resolution No. 3698-15*)

**12. KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (EDC) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Recommendation** - Motion to approve and appropriate \$5,000 from General Fund for Kern EDC annual membership investment.

13. **AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) APPLICATION TO KERN COG FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 12 BUS SHELTERS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY.**

**Recommendation** - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled a **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE AND EXECUTE AN APPLICATION WITH KERN COG FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 12 BUS SHELTERS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY (Resolution No. 3699-15)**

14. **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.

15. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE**

**Recommendation** - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT URGING THE STATE TO PROVIDE NEW SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR STATE AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE (Resolution No. 3700-15)**

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16. **TAFT ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP SUMMARY REPORT**

Bryant thanked Staples and the folks that came out to the workshop, thought there really great feedback with a lot of potential and hoped the City could follow through with some of it.

Hill asked when they would be discussing this more and be able to move forward with some of the ideas. Miller agreed and asked what they could do now.

Staples answered that he would be looking to the Council for their direction on this and stated that maybe they should narrow down the items and find an area like signage and start there.

Miller shared that although everything on the list is important that they all take money, and Hill agreed, stating that she thought they should prioritize the topics and create a plan.

Jones suggested a future agenda item to form an ad hoc committee to work on this.

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Bryant to direct staff to bring back an agenda item to form an ad hoc committee to work with the data generated from the Economic Development Workshop.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

At 6:59:02 PM the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER,  
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – City of Taft vs. CDCR.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Sierra Club v. City of Taft and Taft City Council.
- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER  
Government Code Section 54956.8 – 400 Hillard Street and 410 Supply Row.
- E. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code Section 54957 – City Manager
  - The City Council discussed in closed session each of the items agendaized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff and attorney. Regarding Item 'D' discussed in closed session, a one year lease on the real property known as 400 Hillard Street was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield  
City Clerk

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Randy Miller  
Mayor