

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The September 1, 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 6:08:39 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan Foursquare Lighthouse 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- BILLY NELSON

Council Member Bryant presented the proclamation.

2. PROCLAMATION- CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Mayor Miller presented the proclamation.

3. PRESENTATION – PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET

➤ This item was postponed to the September 15, 2015 meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

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5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenny Smith of 138 Kern Street addressed Council regarding opening an air soft course on property located at the airport. He stated that he just wanted to introduce himself and explain their plans for the project as they are starting the approval process through the Planning Commission.

Bob Jordan of the West Side Christian Ministerial Association shared that they will be sponsoring a Christian concert as a part of the kickoff of Oildorado and that there will be a community service held at the conclusion of Oildorado with Aaron Perlman serving as the guest speaker.

6. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Noerr stated that there is a lot of prep going on around the city in preparation for Oildorado and he expects it to be a great celebration reminding everyone they should plan to attend as Oildorado is a part of the heritage of Taft.

Council Member Bryant prompted everyone to shop Taft, there are a lot of great businesses located here and if they are not patronized they could be closed which would be a great loss to the city.

Council Member Krier reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked that there is crime going on out there as he had been a recent victim. He also shared that September 1st marks the 10 year anniversary of his ownership of the Tumbleweed Café.

Mayor Miller reminded people to call in suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, mentioned that Krier will be opening up a restaurant and saloon in the old mercantile building during Oildorado and shared that the City of Taft along with Jerry Helt will be sponsoring a Former Mayors Luncheon on October 17th as a part of Oildorado also sharing that there are 13 living former Mayors.

7. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Livingston reported that the Planning Commission approved a variance for a project at North and 3rd Streets.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

9. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Jones wanted to recognize the employees in the Public Works Department for all their efforts in taking on the additional projects recently helping to prepare for Oildorado including the Center Street Project to make sure the downtown is also completed and prepared for Oildorado. He also shared that he has volunteered to help with the Oilfield Skills Competition being held October 10th at the Petroleum Club.

10. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

11. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Krier requested a proclamation proclaiming October as Human Trafficking Month and Miller concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 12 - 15

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar Items 12-15.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

12. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

13. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 081415A	Check No.80578-80583	\$ 10,866.42
Warrant# 081415	Check No.80584-80694	\$ 393,104.92
Warrant# 081415	Check No.80695-80700	\$ 14,004.29

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

14. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF APRIL 2015 TO JUNE 2015.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the transient occupancy tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of April 2015 through June 2015.

15. ACCEPTING A DONATION OF TELEVISION, STAND AND DVD PLAYER FROM CHURCH FOR MCCF USE

Recommendation - Motion to adopt a resolution **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A TELEVISION, STAND AND DVD PLAYER (APPROXIMATE VALUE \$500) FOR USE AT THE CITY MODIFIED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (Resolution No. 3701-15)**

16. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - CONFIRM, SET MEETING, AND INVITE AT-LARGE MEMBERS

The Council voted unanimously to appoint Bryant and Hill to serve on the Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee and Miller to serve as the alternate. Direction was given to City Clerk to start publication for at-large members.

At 6:52:50 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 –410 Supply Row

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

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor