

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2015**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The September 2, 2015 Special 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 [6:05:23 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Ron Orrin and invocation was led by Bob Jordan of the Foursquare Lighthouse Church.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin and Vice Chair Shannon Jones;  
Commissioners Bob Leikam, Jerry Livingston and Robert Thompson.  
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**

August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting

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

AYES: Jones, Livingston, Orrin

ABSTAINED: Leikam, Thompson

PASSED: 3-2

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

Planning Director Staples presented the staff report and recommendation.

Jones asked how long the Housing Element Update 2015-2023 survey would be available for the community.

Staples stated the survey would be available until mid-September, he also hopes to have the edited Housing Element Update 2015-2023 document ready for review at that time.

Orrin stated it is nice to know that the communities concerns are being addressed with the survey.

**4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – SELECT MEMBERS**

The Commission voted unanimously to select Leikam and Livingston to sit on the newly formed Economic Development Committee with Jones as an alternate.

**5. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Staples announced he attended a kick off meeting for the Small Cities Bike Master Plan lead by Kern County Government of Councils; the cities that are included for the Smart Growth Grant are Taft, Shafter, Arvin and Ridgecrest. A community meeting for Taft is scheduled September 30, 2015 at 6pm it will be held at the Westside Recreation Park District meeting room the public is invited to attend and provide their input. Staples also wished everyone to have a good Labor Day weekend and noted the next Planning Commission meeting would be October 21, 2015.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Jones shared the Civic luncheon is in 38 days tickets are \$30 dollars and can be purchased at the Chamber.

Orrin encourages the Community to show kindness to the Police Department he states even with low coverage they do a good job, please show them appreciation.

**8. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Commissioner Livingston was selected to be the representative to the City Council on September 15, 2015.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Jones, seconded by Leikam and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [6:39:22 PM](#).