

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The September 15, 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 6:02:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, 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. PRESENTATION - PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET**

Finance Director Binkley gave presentation.

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

**Motion:** Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING THE CITY OF TAFT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. (Resolution No. 3702-15)**

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

**3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Blair Knox of California Independent Oil Association (CIPA) addressed the council sharing information on the upcoming Kern Energy Festival and requested a proclamation acknowledging the event.

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

Council Member Hill shared that there is a group of volunteers that will be planting flowers in the beds in the downtown area on September 26<sup>th</sup> and invited anyone who could to participate.

Council Member Bryant extended his sympathies to the family of Margo Arnold and thanked City Staff and the Oildorado Board for all their hard work preparing for Oildorado.

Council Member Krier stated that there is a lot of activity going on around town with the hotel and 5<sup>th</sup> Street Plaza almost complete.

Council Member Noerr expressed his condolences to the Margo Arnold family and mentioned the recent day of remembrance in honor of the victims of 9/11.

Mayor Miller shared his mourning at the passing of Margo Arnold whom he considered to be an icon of the community. He also acknowledged 9/11 and how it brought the country together and encouraged everyone to still fly American flags to show patriotism. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Former Mayor's Luncheon being held during Oildorado.

**5. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioner Livingston reported that at their last meeting Commissioners Leikam and Livingston were appointed to serve on the Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee with Commissioner Jones serving as an alternate. Planning Director Staples also gave a report on the update of the Housing Element.

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Grant Administrator Mayfield shared that the City was successful in their application to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and has been awarded \$948,167 for an infill sidewalk project.

**7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones reported that the City had representatives heading to the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Conference in San Diego this week and that they are anticipating good things as they have already had phone calls from companies confirming their attendance and asking to meet with them.

**8. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

Miller requested a proclamation acknowledging the upcoming Kern County Energy Festival. Noerr concurred.

Krier requested a proclamation declaring October as Oil Appreciation Month. Miller concurred.

Miller requested a proclamation for Oildorado Inc. for all the hard work going in to the planning of the upcoming Oildorado celebration. Krier concurred.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 10 - 14**

➤ Item 12 was removed by Bryant.

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar Items 10-11, 13 and 14.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

**10. MINUTES**

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**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 082815	Check No.80701-80795	\$ 680,954.35
Warrant# 082815A	Check No.80796-80806	\$ 10,249.96

**Recommendation** - Approve payment of the bills.

**13. STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2015 OILDORADO GRAND PARADE**

**Recommendation** - Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2015 OILDORADO GRAND PARADE.** (*Resolution No. 3703-15*)

**14. STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2015 OILDORADO CELEBRATION**

**Recommendation** -

1. Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING STREET CLOSURES FOR THE 2015 OILDORADO CELEBRATION.** (*Resolution No. 3704-15*)
2. Allow for the use of City of Taft property
3. Waive all fees associated with the events.

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**12. CITY OF TAFT CREWS TO INSTALL AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS ON CHURCH STREET**

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to appropriate \$50,000 from capital reserves for construction of ADA curb ramps on Church Street.

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

Bryant asked where on Church Street the project is located and what the timeframe was. Jones responded that the scope of work was from Rainier Avenue to Sunset Lane and it would be completed prior to summer of 2016.

At 7:13:19 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.

- The City Council discussed in closed session the item agendaed for closed session discussion and direction was given to the labor negotiator.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield  
City Clerk

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Randy Miller  
Mayor