

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION  
MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The November 18, 2015 Regular 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 Ron Orrin at [6:05:38 PM](#) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Orrin and the invocation was given by Greg Haslow of the Calvary Temple.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin, 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**

October 21, 2015 Meeting

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

AYES: Jones, Livingston, Leikam, Thompson

ABSTAIN: Orrin

PASSED: 4-0

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

Planning Director Staples presented the staff report and recommendation.

Orrin and Livingston requested a hard copy of the Housing Element.

Livingston stated he looked forward to reviewing the final draft.

Staples noted the Housing Element would be available on the City's website for anyone who would like to review the document.

**4. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Staples presented conceptual site floor plans for the Taft Transit Center (copies were submitted to the Recording Secretary for the permanent file). Staples noted further comments in regards to parking are welcomed and will be presented to City Council at their December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Staples stated the grant received was for 1.4 million and the building is approximately 2200 square feet. Staples also reported Tract Map 7227 was approved to final by City Council at the November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

Epperson wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Orrin stated:

- He would like for there to be a development standard for the down town area.
- He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Asked everyone to be mindful of our national leadership and noted there are a lot of citizens from Taft who are serving in the military.

Jones announced:

- The Trout Derby is this weekend.
- Invited the City Council, Planning Commission, and the City Manager to participate in this year's Christmas parade which will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Announced that November 28th is small business day; she thanked Staples for donating items to the Chamber for shop small business day.

#### **7. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Commissioner Livingston was selected to be the representative to the City Council on December 1, 2015.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Jones seconded by Livingston and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [6:47:22 PM](#).

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Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary

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Ron Orrin, Chairman