

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The December 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 [6:00:23 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Hill, followed by an invocation given by Scott Pearson of the First Baptist 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. PUBLIC HEARING - GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 2015-01: HOUSING ELEMENT 2015-2023

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:13:05 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to adopt a resolution that reads, "**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01, HOUSING ELEMENT 2015-2023.**" (*Resolution No. 3731-15*)

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

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr to adopt a resolution that reads, "**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01 APPROVING THE HOUSING ELEMENT 2015-2023.**" (*Resolution No. 3732-15*)

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

2. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WEST SIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT BOARD

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to reappoint current West Side Recreation and Park District Board Members Roy Heimiller and John Swearingin to serve another term on the board with a new term ending date of December 31, 2019.

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

3. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WEST SIDE MOSQUITO AND VECTOR CONTROL BOARD

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Noerr to reappoint current West Side Mosquito and Vector Control District Board Member Roy House to serve another term on the board with a new term ending December 31, 2019.

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

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Hill complimented the Soroptimist Club on their Annual Christmas Luncheon and Fashion Show stating that it was a huge success and she was humbled by the amount of work and charity.

Bryant shared that he truly enjoyed attending the City's Employee Appreciation Dinner, thanked Planning Director Staples for all his hard work on the Housing Element, stated that he really appreciates the gentlemen reappointed to serve on boards tonight and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Noerr stated he was amazed at how quickly city staff cleaned up the downtown after the Christmas Parade, mentioned that Taftian Blake Sellman has recently joined the Navy and encouraged everyone to write letters to be delivered to those serving in the military that won't make it home for the holidays.

Krier mentioned that we are in sad times with events like the San Bernardino and Planned Parenthood shootings and encouraged people to be aware and protect their families and also wished everyone a blessed Christmas.

Miller encouraged everyone to be charitable this season, shared that he believed the City had the best employees working under the solid leadership of the City Manager who has lead the City through some tough times, acknowledged Brent Moon of the Kern County Fire Department on his promotion and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Leikam reported that at their last meeting they approved forwarding the Housing Element to the City Council for approval and also discussed several issues they would like to address in 2016 to include food trucks, yard sales and fencing design requirements.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Jones thanked Staples and staff for all their hard work on the Housing Element update, announced that the Oildorado Executive Board and West Side Cemetery District were nominated by the City of Taft and would be receiving awards of merit from Kern Council of Governments. He also thanked Belinda Cole for her hard work in preparing the nominations.

9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

City Attorney Epperson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11 – 19

➤ Item 17 was removed by Miller

Motion: Moved by Hill, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar Items 11 through 16, 18 and 19.

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

11. MINUTES
December 1, 2015 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS
Warrant# 120415 Check No. 81429-81501 \$ 311,626.67
Warrant# 120415 Check No. 81502-81504 \$ 2,224.07

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

13. APPROVE PURCHASE OF SIX ELECTRONIC CONTROL DEVICES (TASERS) FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT USE

Recommendation - Motion to approve the purchase of six (6) Electronic Control Devices (Tasers) from Proforce Law Enforcement Inc. at a cost of \$9,208.64.

14. POSSIBLE CANCELLATION OF JANUARY 5, 2016 MEETING

Recommendation – Motion to approve the cancellation of the January 5, 2016 City Council Meeting if there is a lack of business.

15. CONSENT TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF TAFT IN THE CMFA PACE PROGRAM – ADOPTION OF CORRECT RESOLUTION

Recommendation – Motion to confirm and approve a resolution entitled a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY; CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY IN THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY PACE PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS** and Authorize the Mayor to execute all documents. *(Resolution No. 3733-15)*

16. APPROVAL OF SIGNATURE CARD REQUIRED FOR CDBG GRANT 15-CDBG-10564

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CARD FOR REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR CDBG GRANT NUMBER 15-CDBG-10564.** *(Resolution No. 3734-15)*

18. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TAFT CORRECTIONAL SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION/COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 9110

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES.** (*Resolution No. 3735-15*)

19. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TAFT CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION/COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, LOCAL 9110.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES.** (*Resolution No. 3736-15*)

17. ACCEPTANCE OF CENTER STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT WORK

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to accept the completed work by Cen-Cal Construction for the Center Street – Rehabilitation Project, from 4th St. to 6th St. – STPL – 5193 (035) and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

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

Miller stated that he pulled this item because he had concerns with tiles that were broken in front of the Fox Theater during the course of this project that have still not been repaired. Jones responded informing Council that the Contractor is supposed to be working with the owner of the theater on this issue.

20. EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND PRASAYUS COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DRAINAGE FACILITY AT 1121 KERN STREET APN 032-152-12

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to extend the time of the reimbursement agreement between the City of Taft and Prasayus Commercial Construction for the installation of a drainage facility at 1121 Kern Street (APN 032-160-47, -48, and-49) by six months making the new expiration date June 23, 2016. Providing that all plans are submitted to the City for the drainage improvements by the original expiration date of December 23, 2015.

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

Rick Jhaj of Prasayus Commercial Construction addressed the Council explaining some of the issues they have had with getting their engineered plans for the project in order to submit to the City for approval.

Mayor Miller and the Council Members questioned Mr. Jhaj about the amount of time that has passed and the drainage project not being started, the upcoming expiration of the current agreement and would they be able to perform if the agreement was extended.

At [7:50:26 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – two (2) potential cases
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Sierra Club v. City of Taft and Taft City Council.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft.
 - The City Council discussed in closed session those items agendaized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT- With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor