

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
JOINT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
APRIL 19, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The April 19, 2016, 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 [6:09:19 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan of the Lighthouse Foursquare 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. LOTTERY DRAWING FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORK STANDS 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, 2016**

A lottery drawing was held to award four Safe and Sane Firework Stands and one alternate for July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks celebrations. The results were as follows:

1. Taft Longhorns Travel Baseball Club
2. Taft Midway- Sunset Lions Foundation
3. United Pentecostal Church of Taft
4. Independent Order of ODD Fellows

Alternate – Taft Sportsmen’s Club

**2. PROCLAMATION – CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

Council Member Bryant presented the proclamation to Doris Sons of the Department of Human Services.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2016-01: GARAGE OR YARD SALES**

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:20:27 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the Public Hearing was closed.

Krier asked if this amendment addressed signs relating to these sales and Staples stated that it did.

Bryant asked if this was comparable to what other local city’s require and asked if we have required permits for sales in the past. Staples said that it is comparable and that no, permits were not required in the past.

Hill mentioned that she had concerns about these changes, thought monitoring required do to the changes was being underestimated, is afraid this will be a PR nightmare, is concerned about how it could affect Unity Thrift in their fundraising efforts and stated that she believes the code needs to be fine-tuned but not over-governed.

Noerr stated that this ordinance already existed and that the changes are needed to add ability to enforce.

Miller commented that Staples and the Planning Commission have already done their work reviewing the code and believes that this is needed to try to stop those people who use yards sales as a business.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-01, AN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTERS 1 AND 12 OF TITLE 6 OF THE TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO GARAGE OR YARD SALES** for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Miller  
NOES: Hill  
PASSED: 4-1

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2016-02: FENCES AND WALLS

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:39:12 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the Public Hearing was closed.

Bryant asked if there was anything new or of concern in this amendment and Staples replied that this amendment was basically to add to the enforcement section.

Hill asked what would happen if someone cannot afford to replace their fence and Jones stated that there is no requirement that someone must have a fence.

Noerr mentioned that this is an existing ordinance being updated. Over the years fences around town have been constructed out of all kinds of oilfield scrap materials and this update is needed to add specifics and guidance to what are proper fencing materials.

Miller stated that this update is not to penalize people but to add consistency to what is allowed and put teeth in enforcement.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Noerr to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-02, AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6.11.90 OF TITLE 6 OF THE TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO FENCES AND WALLS** for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

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

#### 5. STUDY SESSION - CITY WIDE SIGN PROGRAM

Planning Director Staples presented a PowerPoint presentation on new sign designs being considered and shared results from a survey conducted on the sign ideas. Input was received from Kathy Orrin, Maggie Blackwell and Mark Fitzsimmons. Council gave direction to staff to move forward with holding a contest soliciting design ideas from citizens.

**6. STUDY SESSION – CITY CLERK, ELECTED VS. APPOINTED**

City Attorney Epperson presented information relating to the position of the City Clerk and the differences between an elected versus appointed. Council gave direction to move forward with a ballot measure for the November election that will change the current elected position to an appointed position.

**7. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Kathy Orrin of the Taft Chamber of Commerce shared that the City's display for Kern County's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash was a group effort and was extremely successful. She thanked all that helped and also thanked the Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police for their participation in the State of the City luncheon.

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

Council Member Krier mentioned there have been a lot of things happening in Taft the last couple of weeks and encouraged people to attend the upcoming Arbor Day program, the ARC barbeque and Sit n Sip.

Council Member Bryant shared that he loves Taft and the Westside and is honored to serve the citizens here.

Council Member Hill stated that she has had people in town staying at the hotel recently complimenting the cleanliness of our City to her.

Mayor Miller thanked the Bakersfield Symphony for their visit to Taft and the wonderful performance on Sunday.

**9. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

There was none.

**10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Planning Director Staples mentioned that he had volunteered to help with Taft's display at Kern County's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration stating it was a great display and a great day.

**11. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones shared that the Coffee with a Cop program is slowly picking up in attendance and that they are looking to bring design ideas for the transit facility to Council soon.

**12. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

City Attorney Epperson reported that the litigation that the City has been in with the California Department of Corrections (CDCR) over the prior closing of the City's Community Correctional Facility has been settled and a settlement agreement has been executed.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There was none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 14 - 17**

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar items.  
AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller  
PASSED: 5-0

**14. MINUTES**  
April 5, 2016 Regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**15. PAYMENT OF BILLS**  
Warrant#040816                      Check No.82296-82381              \$328,910.82  
Warrant#040816                      Check No.82382-82384              \$ 3,462.49

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

**16. HEALTH CARE SCREENING AND VACCINES FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY EMPLOYEES**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve \$5000 to be added to the Correctional Facility Budget 10051-02500 for required health screenings and vaccines for Correctional Facility Employees.

**17. THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF A TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 & 2014-2015**

**Recommendation** –

1. Motion to adopt resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF A TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.** (*Resolution No. 3758-16*)
2. Motion to adopt resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING THE EXECUTION AND FILING OF A TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT ACT ARTICLE 8 CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015.** (*Resolution No. 3759-16*)

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**18. DONATION TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HELP COVER COST OF 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Krier mentioned that he thought that the fireworks show is a great tradition, something positive to offer the community and he thought that the city should match last year's donation amount of \$2,500.

Noerr agreed and stated he thought Taft had the most incredible venue for the fireworks show.

Miller concurred reminding everyone that there is quite a cost in providing this show encouraging everyone who could to donate to the show fund.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr to donate \$2,500 to Taft Chamber of Commerce 2016 Fourth of July Fireworks Show Fund.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

At [8:11:33 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Case Number S-1500-CV-281650

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meetings were adjourned at 8:42 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield  
City Clerk

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Randy Miller  
Mayor