

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The July 20, 2016 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 Orrin at [6:03:35 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Thompson, followed by an invocation given by Heather Muller of Saint Andrews Episcopal Church.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin, Commissioners Bob Leikam, Jerry Livingston and Robert Thompson
Planning and Community Development Director Mark Staples
City Attorney Jason Epperson and Recording Secretary Brenda Johns

ABSENT: Vice Chair Shannon Jones

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

June 22, 2016 Regular

Item tabled for next regular meeting due to insufficient quorum of attendees for said item.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2016-15

Planning Director Staples presented his staff report and recommendation.

Thompson inquired as to whether Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) enforced a limit on alcohol licenses issued per year.

Staples clarified it was a total number of alcohol license approved per area not per year.

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:22:34 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion:

Moved by Thompson seconded by Leikam to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2016-15 TO PERMIT THE ACQUISITION OF A TYPE 41 ABC LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES, WITHIN A UNIT OF AN EXISTING COMMERCIAL BUILDING (LAS FOGATAS RESTAURANT), LOCATED ON A 3.78 ACRE LOT IN THE PILOT PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER, WITHIN THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) ZONE DISTRICT LOCATED AT 407 FINLEY DRIVE. (Resolution 2016-11).**

AYES: Orrin, Leikam, Livingston, Thompson
NOES: None
PASSED: 4-0

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-17

Director Staples presented informational item proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment of Section 6.11.390 of the Zoning Ordinance relating to the Water Efficient Landscape Requirements.

Orrin disagreed with the Water Efficient Landscape Requirements.

Livingston asked if the requirements applied solely to new development.

Staples stated the requirements only applied to new development.

Livingston asked if the City currently required landscaping permits.

Staples stated the City did not require landscaping permits.

Livingston asked if auditing would be done by the water district.

Staples responded he would further research the guidelines.

5. PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-18.

Director Staples presented informational item proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment of Chapter 15 of the Zoning Ordinance relating to Sign Regulations.

Leikam asked if the referenced sign ordinance covered hand held signs.

Staples stated it did not.

Livingston asked if the referenced sign ordinance defined interactive signs.

Staples stated there were definitions for interactive signs and noted the referenced ordinance had set sign limitations.

Livingston noted the prohibited signs and sign locations within the referenced Nevada Code Ordinances are well thought out.

6. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Staples shared he attended the Westside Healthcare District's need analysis meeting and they are moving forward with the new facilities.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

Epperson stated he would provide the Commission with a code enforcement report next meeting.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Orrin thanked City staff for the removal of abandoned cars on Center Street. He would like there to be a business license practice for thrift stores requiring them to have liability insurance for used baby products.

9. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Leikam was selected to be the representative to the City Council on August 2, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Thompson seconded by Livingston and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [7:20:24 PM](#).

Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary

Ron Orrin, Chairman