

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The October 4, 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 [5:59:39 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Scott Pearson of 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
Deputy City Clerk Darnell Porter

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce:

- Shared she had attended the Town Hall meeting held by Shannon Grove and appreciated her coming
- Thanked everyone who participated and attended the Chamber car show last weekend
- Reminded everyone about Sit n Sip Wednesday morning at 9am

Lodema Hatch of the Taft Community Garden informed everyone about the upcoming Fall into Gardening event on October 29th.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant spoke about the public safety meeting, encouraged citizens to get involved, and submit application for the citizen volunteer program.

Council Member Krier encouraged everyone to attend the Taft Community Garden Fall into Gardening event on October 29th.

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr shared that he had attended the Chamber Car Show over the weekend and thanked the Chamber for the wonderful event.

Mayor Miller mentioned that he once participated in the Taft Police Department Citizen Volunteer Program and stated that it was a very fulfilling and fabulous program.

3. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Livingston reported that at the last Planning Commission meeting they reviewed and recommended approval by the City Council of an update to the Municipal Service review for the City of Taft.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones gave an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant stating that it is 80 percent complete and it will include a new R.V. and commercial dump area.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8- 12

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar items 8 -12.

➤ Miller abstained from the vote for Item 8.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

PASSED: 5-0

8. MINUTES

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#091416	Check No. 83485	\$ 65.00
Warrant#092316	Check No. 83486-83591	\$432,586.65
Warrant#092316	Check No. 83592-83593	\$ 40,757.54

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

10. TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF CITY OF TAFT TRANSIT SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to receive and file the Triennial Performance Audit of City of Taft Transit Services for FY 2013 – FY 2015.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF RAILS TO TRAILS PHASE IV PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by R.C. Becker and Son, Inc. for the Rails to Trails Phase IV – RPSTPLE – 5193 (036) 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.

12. FINAL PHASE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RADIAN DESIGN GROUP, INC. FOR TAFT TRANSIT CENTER

Recommendation – Motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement for the final phase and additional compensation with Radian Design Group, Inc. for Construction Administration Services, additional staff time and overtime due to an expedited project schedule for the Taft Transit Center in an amount not to exceed \$68,805.00.

13. RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 53

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr stated that he supports proposition 53 but does not support the League's stance on it.

Council Member Bryant shared information that he researched on proposition 53.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DECLARING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 53 - REVENUE BONDS; STATEWIDE VOTER APPROVAL** (*Resolution No. 3790-16*)

AYES: Bryant, Miller
NOES: Noerr, Krier, Hill
FAILED: 2-3

14. RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 54

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr stated that he supports the League's stance on Proposition 54.

Council Member Bryant stated that it is a step in the right direction and they have his full support.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 54 - THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016** (*Resolution No. 3789-16*)

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

At [6:46:29 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 - 201 Supply Row.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) - one (2) potential cases
- 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 agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff and negotiator.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meetings were adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Darnell Porter
Deputy City Clerk

Randy Miller
Mayor