

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The October 19, 2016 regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, held in the City of Taft Council Chamber at 209 E. Kern Street, Taft CA 93268, was opened by Chairman Orrin at 6:05:40 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jerry Livingston. An invocation was given by Bob Jordan of the Lighthouse Foursquare Church.

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

ABSENT: Leikam

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Jordan, representative for the West Side Christian Ministers Association (WSCMA) and for the Kern County Elections Department:

- Informed everyone the WSCMA will hold a Christmas Community Service on December 18th, 4pm at Taft Union High School.
- Reminded everyone October 20th would be the last day to submit a vote by mail ballot, and encouraged all to vote.

2. MINUTES

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

AYES: Jones, Livingston, Thompson, Orrin
PASSED: 4-0
ABSENT: Leikam

3. PUBLIC HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-21

Planning Director Staples presented his staff report and recommendation to amend Zoning Ordinance No. 2016-21 an Amendment of Section 6-12-24 of Title 6 of the Taft Municipal Code.

Livingston clarified the proposed amendment required installation of one Electrical Vehicle Charge stations (EVC) for every four new fuel pumps installed.

Staples stated correct.

Orrin asked how many EVC stations City Hall currently had and if there was a fee to use the station.

Staples noted City Hall had one charging station and currently there was no fee.

Jones asked if an existing service station replaced fuel pumps or expanded, would they be required to provide EVC stations.

Staples stated yes, they would be required to provide one EVC station for every four new pumps replaced or installed.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:07:58 PM to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion:

Moved by Thompson seconded by Jones to adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2016-21, AN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6-12-24 OF TITLE 6 OF THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF EV CHARGING STATIONS AT NEW SERVICE STATIONS.**(Resolution No. 2016-14)

AYES:	Jones, Thompson,
NOES	Livingston, Orrin
FAILS:	2-2
ABSENT	Leikam

4. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Staples announced:

- The bid package for the Taft Transit Center will be announced in papers on Friday. The bids will be due the Tuesday before Thanksgiving at 2p.m.
- The Taft Transit Center Groundbreaking will be held November 9, 2016 at 10:30 A.M.
- Staples gave information regarding Proposition 53 and Proposition 54.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

No Statement.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Jones announced:

- Next Monday the Chamber along with Kern Green will hold an energy presentation at the Taft Best Western.

- The annual Trout Derby November 19th.
- The Christmas parade theme will be Christmas in Candyland.
- Rails to Trails Ribbon Cutting will be October 26th.
- Yogolicious's grand opening will be October 29th.
- Taft Transit Center Groundbreaking will be November 9th @10:30 a.m.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Livingston volunteered to be the representative to the City Council on November 1, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Livingston seconded by Thompson and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 6:41:00 PM


Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary


Ron Orrin, Chairman