

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The November 16, 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 6:12:40 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Leikam. An invocation was given by Bob Jordan of the Lighthouse Foursquare Church.

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

ABSENT: Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Thompson

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

October 19, 2016 Regular

Minutes were tabled to the next committee meeting due to insufficient quorum of attendees for said item.

3. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - HOME OCCUPATION PERMITS

Planning Director Staples presented his staff report and recommendation.

Livingston noted currently an individual can cultivate marijuana plants in their home for personal use; he asked if there were any regulations prohibiting production of marijuana for sales from a home occupation.

Staples noted the current proposition covers the personal use of marijuana, but does not have provisions related to retail, dispensary, production or manufacturing. The State has until 1/20/18 to get those provisions lined out. As of right now, no one can apply for a dispensary or production permit of any kind.

Orrin asked if the current ordinance needed to be supplemented in order to include provisions for recreational use.

Livingston asked could somebody grow more than six plants in their home for sales outside of the home.

Staples and Epperson stated the City would first need to affirmatively pass an ordinance and the State would need to have a review process in place similar to ABC licensing, currently the state is working on a review process, nothing is in place yet, the State has until 1/20/2018 to implement provisions.

4. ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - DRIVE-THROUGH BUSINESSES

Planning Director Staples presented his staff report and recommendation.

Orrin, Livingston and Leikam all agree a Conditional Use Permit should be required for any drive thru business to accommodate for stacking of six vehicles in the drive thru.

Leikam asked if current drive thru businesses would need to conform.

Staples stated any current drive thru would fall under legal non-conforming but future drive thru's would need to comply with the revised zoning ordinance.

5. DISCUSSION ON CONSIDERATION OF CANCELLING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER AND SCHEDULING A SPECIAL MEETING

Commissioner Orrin, Thompson and Livingston agreed unanimously to cancel the regular scheduled meeting of the Taft Planning Commission for December 21, 2016 and hold a Special Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday December 7, 2016 at 5pm.

Motion: Moved by Livingston seconded by Leikam hold a Special Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday December 7, 2016 at 5pm.

AYES: Orrin, Leikam, Livingston

PASSED: 3-0

ABSENT: Jones, Thompson

6. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Planning Director Staples shared:

- There was a great turn out for Taft Transit Center Groundbreaking.
- The pre-bid meeting for the Taft Transit Center was on November the 10th.
- There will be street improvements of 6th street.
- Application submission deadline for the City of Taft Building Official position ends this week, interviews will be in December.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

City Attorney Jason Epperson reviewed the monthly code enforcement report with the Commission.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Livingston thanked City staff for all their hard work and time invested into the 2016 Veterans Day Event.

9. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Livingston volunteered to be the representative to the City Council on December 06, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Thompson seconded by Leikam and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10:01 PM


Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary


Ron Orrin, Chairman