

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The November 15, 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 [6:01:02 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Dave Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Antonio Figueroa of Victors in Christ Church.

PRESENT: Mayor 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. PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2016-21: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:06:45 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Seeing none the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Noerr, seconded by Bryant to approve an ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING 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** for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.

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

Statements were made by each Council Member regarding this ordinance being a requirement in the Settlement Agreement reached with the Sierra Club and stemming from their law suit against the City.

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

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

Council Member Hill thanked City of Taft Public Works for the quick cleanup after the Christmas Parade, reminded everyone of the upcoming Soroptimist Christmas event and shared information on local veterinarian Dr. Ross.

Council Member Bryant also gave kudos to Public Works Crew for cleanup, recognized the Chamber for their hard work planning the Christmas Parade and expressed his excitement at attending the Taft Police Departments Citizen Volunteer training and the upcoming graduation.

Council Member Krier mentioned what a great city Taft is, reminded everyone to be careful with Christmas trees and cautioned people to be aware when driving Kern Street after dark.

Mayor Pro Tem Noerr shared what a wonderful event the Christmas Parade was and also thanked everyone involved with the quick cleanup of the downtown afterward.

Mayor Miller shared that due to the lack of certification of the election results in time for the agenda posting for this meeting he would be Mayor for two more weeks, congratulated the Chamber for the successful Christmas Parade and Bill Black for being named Grand Marshal of the Parade.

**4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioner Livingston reported that the Commission is currently reviewing two zoning ordinances for amendment; they are holding a special meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> and cancelling their regularly scheduled December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There was none.

**6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

There was none.

**7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There was none.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

Council Member Hill requested a proclamation honoring Dr. Ross and his longstanding service to the Taft area. Mayor Miller concurred.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9- 18**

➤ Noerr pulled items 16 and 18

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to approve consent calendar items 9-15 and 17.

**AYES:** Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller

**PASSED:** 5-0

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**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 11/18/2016      Check No. 83877-83971      \$354,027.07

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

**11. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of July 2016 through September 2016.

**12. REQUEST TO CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT WITH EXXON MOBIL TO TORRANCE VALLEY PIPELINE COMPANY LLC.**

**Recommendation** – Motion to consent to assignment of Agreement dated October 28, 1992 (RW

4240- A) (APN: 220-050-57) from Exxon Mobil to Torrance Valley Pipeline Company LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute.

**13. SHIRTS FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS ASSIGNED THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO PUBLIC WORKS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve additional appropriation in the amount of \$750 in budget line item 10433-09500 for shirts for temporary employees and workers assigned through community partnerships.

**14. PUBLIC WORKS STAFFING CHANGES TO ELIMINATE MAINTENANCE WORKER CLASSIFICATION AND ADD ONE (1) EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION**

**Recommendation** –

1. Motion to approve the addition of one (1) Equipment Operator and deleting the classification of Maintenance Worker
2. Adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO ADD ONE (1) EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION, DELETE THE MAINTENANCE WORKER POSITION AND ESTABLISH CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES.**

**15. AWARD OF CONTRACT TO PACIFIC ADVANCE ENGINEERING, INC. (PACE) TO COMPLETE PROJECT WORK AS DEFINED AS THE CITY OF TAFT SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM (SCADA) PROJECT**

**Recommendation** – Authorize a Contract with PACE in the amount of **\$74,963** from the WWTP reserves. In addition, authorize the expenditure if needed of up to **\$7,496** in contingency funds for the project also from reserves.

**17. TAFT MODIFIED COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY (MCCF) MEDICAL UNIT STAFFING**

**Recommendation** –

1. Motion to approve the addition of one (1) Licensed Vocational Nurse/ Dental Assistant and deleting the classification of Correctional Health Care Assistant.
2. Adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN TO ADD ONE (1) LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE/DENTAL ASSISTANT, DELETE THE CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT POSITION AND ESTABLISH CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES.**

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**16. REPORT ON CALPERS CONTRIBUTION RATE FROM CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER**

Noerr stated that he pulled this item as he had placed it on the agenda in order to be able to share the information with the Council and citizens.

No action necessary as it was informational only.

**18. ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID, AWARD THE PROJECT, AND TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT WITH BLACK/HALL CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE TAFT TRANSIT CENTER**

- Mayor Miller recused himself from hearing this item, stating that he currently has a professional relationship with Black/Hall Construction.

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Hill to accept the lowest responsible bid, award the project, and to execute a construction agreement with Black/Hall Construction Inc. for the Taft Transit Center.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller  
ABSTAIN: Miller  
PASSED: 4-0

**Motion:** Moved by Hill, seconded by Bryant to direct the City Manager to schedule \$340,000 for the 2017/18 budget year to cover the final payoff amount for the construction of the Taft Transit Center.

AYES: Noerr, Krier, Bryant, Hill, Miller  
ABSTAIN: Miller  
PASSED: 4-0

Noerr shared that a great length of discussion, thought and planning that went in to getting this project to the venue that it will be for Taft. He specified that he pulled the item to also be transparent about the budget, stating that the City's portion of the project that is not grant funded is not being financed in any way but the City is using funds that they have saved to enhance the community with this project.

Hill stated she is very excited for the project and to have been a part of the planning.

Bryant mentioned that this will be a beautiful venue that will enhance and be of support of our downtown area.

Krier acknowledged and gave credit to City Manager Jones for his hard work and determination in working with Kern COG to get funding for the project.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at [7:11:48 PM](#).

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Mayor