

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The January 7, 2020, 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 Pro Tem Orchel Krier at [6:00:47 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Ed Whiting, followed by an invocation given by Dr. Kathy Orrin.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier  
Council Members Josh Bryant, Jeff Eveland and Ed Whiting  
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson  
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

ABSENT: Mayor Dave Noerr

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON COST AND PLACEMENT OF A LIEN ON AN ABATED PROPERTY**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:04:27 PM](#). Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Eveland, seconded by Bryant to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 303 SUNSET LANE, TAFT, CA, APN# 032-372-14-6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,113.52. (Resolution No. 3998-20)**

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting,  
PASSED: 4-0

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director, Taft Chamber of Commerce, complimented the City on the chamber renovations, thanked the Council for their continued monetary support through the TOT sharing and gave an update on upcoming Chamber events.

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

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a happy new year with many blessings.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier spoke regarding some of his concerns related to local crime and fires.

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief of Police, Damon McMinn, reported on the Police Department statistics and Code Enforcement activities for the month of December.

**5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones welcomed everyone back after the New Year and shared that there is currently work being done to update the ordinance relating to alleys and these updates should be coming to Council soon for review.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

\*\*\*\*\*

**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-11**

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 8 – 11.

**AYES:** Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting,  
**PASSED:** 4-0

**8. MINUTES**  
December 17, 2019 regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

|                     |                       |               |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Warrant# 12/13/2019 | Check No. 91616-91705 | \$ 336,878.95 |
| Warrant# 122719     | Check No. 91706-91769 | \$ 245,175.10 |
| Warrant# 122719     | Check No. 91770-91815 | \$ 152,005.18 |

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

**10. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF APRIL THROUGH JUNE 2019 AND JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the transient occupancy tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of April through June 2019 and July through September 2019.

**11. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT OF TITLE 5 OF THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve an ordinance amendment entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT, AN AMENDMENT OF TITLE 5 OF THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADOPT THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, ENERGY, GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND FIRE CODES, WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, EDITS AND CORRECTIONS. (Ordinance No. 834-20)**

\*\*\*\*\*

➤ Closed session was cancelled.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – two (2) potential cases

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at [6:23:44 PM](#).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Noerr  
Mayor