

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2020**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The January 21, 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 Dave Noerr at [5:59:04 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Whiting, followed by an invocation given by Greg Haslow.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr, Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier
Council Members Jeff Eveland and Ed Whiting
City Manager Craig Jones and City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

ABSENT: Council Member Bryant

1. STUDY SESSION - RICHARD CHAPMAN - KERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Larry Stieber addressed the Council regarding an abatement invoice that he received.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Mayor Pro Tem Krier acknowledged the recreation district and Taft College for their efforts to offer programs that train and retain local talent.

Mayor Noerr spoke on the large turnout of support at the Kern County Supervisors meeting held to hear from stakeholders in the oil industry.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner, Jerry Livingston, reported that at their last meeting the Commission heard two items, both revolving around the Capital Rivers Grocery Outlet Project. Both items were unanimously approved.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones thanked Richard Chapman for his attendance and presentation.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Mayor Pro Tem Krier requested a resolution from Council to provide to the Governor, Legislators and Supervisors, to show Taft's support of the oil industry. Noerr concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-12

➤ Noerr abstained from Item 9

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 9 – 12.

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

9. MINUTES

January 7, 2020 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 011020	Check No. 91816-91873	\$403,502.75
Warrant# 011020	Check No. 91874-91876	\$ 21,315.51

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. PLANNING DIRECTOR TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, APRIL 25-28, 2020

Recommendation – Motion to approve travel expenses for the Planning Director to attend the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in Houston, Texas, from April 25 to 28, 2020, with approved expenses up to \$1,385.00.

12. ACCEPT BID AND AWARD AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,995 TO HOUSLEY DEMOLITION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION AT 308 CHURCH STREET

Recommendation – Motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$10,995 from Housley Demolition Company, Inc. and approve entering in to an agreement for same.

At [6:56:15 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

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

B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units

➤ The City Council discussed in closed session those items agendaized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff and negotiators.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor