

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The February 18, 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 [6:00:25 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan.

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

Council recessed to closed session at [6:02:39 PM](#) for the following:

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential case

The Council returned to open session at [6:17:13 PM](#).

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTIES**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:18:37 PM](#).

Larry Steiber, owner of 313 Kern Street, addressed the Council regarding issue with cost since no abatement had to be performed on his property.

The public hearing was closed at [6:21:13 PM](#).

Mayor Noerr explained to Mr. Steiber that the costs being charged were for the time spent on the process, there were no charges for actual abatement included in his cost amount.

Motion: Moved by Eveland, seconded by Whiting to adopt resolutions entitled:

- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 313 KERN STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-100-07-6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$406.80 (Resolution No. 4003-20)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 105 NORTH STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-440-16-7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$568.80 (Resolution No. 4004-20)**

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (LEAP) GRANTS PROGRAM**

Planning Director, Mark Staples, gave an informational presentation on the LEAP Program.

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:46:59 PM](#) seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Direction was given to staff to move forward to pursue grant funding.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING – APPEAL OF PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF SITE PLAN REVIEW NO. 2019-21**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:50:12 PM](#).

Shaune Arnold, of Finney Arnold LLP, read a statement supporting the appeal of the approval of site plan review no. 2019-21 by the Planning Commission.

Bobbie Moore, UFCW 8 District Union Representative, read a prepared statement supporting the appeal of the Planning Commission approval.

Mayor Noerr stated that the Council had just today received a 25 – 30 page supplemental document regarding this appeal, Since the Council has not had a chance to review this document, he requested that the item be continued and public hearing remain open for public comment.

The public hearing was continued to next meeting.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Whiting to continue this item and keep the public hearing open.

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

**4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce, shared about upcoming events.

Shari Rightmer from Shar-On and Labors of the Harvest, shared with the Council what her groups are doing in the community.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Krier talked about the upcoming activities in Taft including the Fort Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser.

Mayor Noerr stated he enjoys attending local activities, including the spaghetti dinner, and catching up with our hometown folks.

**6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioner, Jerry Livingston, reported that the Commission reviewed over two ordinance amendments and that everything being discussed is informational as of yet.

**7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There were none.

**8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 11-16**

**Motion:** Moved by Krier, seconded by Eveland to approve consent calendar items 11-16.

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

**11. MINUTES**

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**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**12. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 013120	Check No. 91981-91986	\$ 39,765.01
Warrant# 012420	Check No. 91987	\$ 1,225.00
Warrant# 020320	Check No. 91988	\$ 833.78
Warrant# 020720	Check No. 91989-92052	\$ 263,473.67
Warrant# 020720	Check No. 92053-92058	\$ 7,735.55

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

**13. ACCEPT BID AND AWARD AGREEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,150 TO NSM RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION AT 157 CENTER STREET**

**Recommendation** – Motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$7,150 from NSM Recycling, Inc. and approve entering in to an agreement for same.

**14. FY 2019-2020 FTA SECTION 5311 APPLICATION**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE FEDERAL FUNDING UNDER FTA SECTION 5311 (49 U.S.C. SECTION 5311) WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** (*Resolution No. 4006-20*)

**15. TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE OILDORADO ROOM: INSTALLATION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve waiver of fees for use of the “Oildorado Room” on February 29, 2020 for Taft Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Community Awards Celebration.

**16. FINANCE STAFF TO ATTEND TYLER MUNIS 2020 ANNUAL TRAINING IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, HELD ON APRIL 25 – 29, 2020**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the out of state travel for Finance staff to attend Tyler Connect 2020 training in Orlando, Florida.

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At [7:18:07 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential case

C. 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 8:01 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor