

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The March 17, 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 [6:00:41 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Scott Pearson.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr, 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

**1. PUBLIC HEARING - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING (APR) FOR 2019**

The public hearing was opened at [6:15:52 PM](#) to receive comments from the public, seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Planning Director, Mark Staples, gave an overview of the report.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to accept the Annual Housing Element Progress Report for the 2019 calendar year.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting, Noerr  
PASSED: 5-0

**2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Local physician, Dr. Jasmeet Baines, gave an informational presentation about the COVID-19 virus, sharing useful information regarding how to get tested if needed, CDC guidelines and the importance of social distancing.

Pastor, Rich Johnson, shared about an upcoming *Love Your Neighborhood* event.

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

Council Member Whiting read a quote from John Wayne and spoke about citizens being prepared for disasters.

Council Member Bryant complimented local citizens for coming together and not promoting mass hysteria regarding the COVID-19 situation, encouraged all to be good neighbors and check on one another and reminded everyone to support the local businesses during this time if they can. He also announced that the schools would be offering free breakfasts and lunches to the youth while the schools are closed.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier talked about the ribbon cutting for the West Side Health Care facility, the effects of the COVID-19 virus on the economy and also the 100 year celebration for the First Baptist Church.

Mayor Noerr asked everyone to not panic and to use common sense during the COVID-19 situation and to follow the instructions Dr. Baines shared regarding practicing precautions.

**4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Commissioner, Jerry Livingston, reported that at their last meeting they received the Housing Element Report and passed a resolution to send an ordinance amendment recommendation regarding massage therapy establishments up to Council for consideration.

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Planning Director Staples gave a presentation providing an update on the progress of the work that Retail Strategies has performed under their agreement with the City.

**6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones stated that the City had sent out a release earlier in the day regarding some changes to how the City will perform daily business, per CDC recommendations, during the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

**7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-12**

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 9-12.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting, Noerr  
PASSED: 5-0

**9. MINUTES**

March 3, 2020 regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 03/06/20	Check No. 92160-92236	\$ 513,383.08
Warrant# 03/06/20	Check No. 92237-92239	\$8,253.37

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

**11. RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS 20-21) FOR JULY 2020 THROUGH JUNE 2021**

**Recommendation** –

1. Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND ADOPTING A RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 341177(j)(AB 1X 26) (Resolution No. 4009-20)**

2. Direct Staff to present the ROPS 20-21 to the Countywide Oversight Board for approval.

**12. ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVES FOR FIRE STATION DOOR REPAIRS**

**Recommendation** - Allocate \$14,045.80 from capital reserves for shop door repairs at the Fire House at 801 Center Street.

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At [6:49:05 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
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) - Case # BCV-20-100096

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

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor