

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

Pursuant to the Governors Executive Order N-29-20, the Taft City Council meeting was held closed to the public and livestreamed on the City's YouTube Channel. Public Comments were received per the policy stated in the posted agenda.

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The April 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 Dave Noerr at [5:59:25 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Council Member Whiting.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr
Council Members Josh Bryant, Jeff Eveland and Ed Whiting
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

ON PHONE: Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier

- 1. PROCLAMATION - DMV/DONATE LIFE CALIFORNIA MONTH IN KERN COUNTY**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTIES**

The public hearing was opened at [6:07:37 PM](#) to hear public comment, none having been received, the hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, 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 421 LUCARD STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-150-02-2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,363.59. (Resolution No. 4010-20)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 720 KERN STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-240-20-3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,716.11. (Resolution 4011-20)**

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

3. DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Motion: Moved by Whiting, seconded by Bryant to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, DECLARING EXISTENCE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES. (Resolution No. 4012-20)**

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

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

A comment was received via email from Wes Morris and read aloud.

A comment was received via email from Taft Chamber of Commerce and read aloud.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Whiting spoke about the move of the inmates from the Taft Correctional Institution (TCI) during the pandemic and the hopes that someone is held accountable for putting so many at risk and thanked the Mayor and City Manager for stellar leadership in trying to stop the move.

Council Member Bryant said he wanted to echo Whiting's statement regarding the inmate move and the closing of the TCI, stating that he also hopes that the BOP repairs and keeps up the property after the close. He also encouraged everyone to continue to support Taft small businesses during this time in any way they can.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier asked everyone to use common sense and stay safe during this time and also encouraged the support of local businesses.

Mayor Noerr spoke about the closure of TCI and the move of the inmates after CDCR released a notice that no inmates would be moved during COVID.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones reported that he had been a part of a meeting at the Health Care District and that it was recommended that the district pass their own declaration of emergency to ensure that the west side gets priority funding if necessary and clarified why he recommended the declaration of emergency.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-14

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 9-14.

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

9. MINUTES

March 17, 2020 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 03/20/20	Check No. 92240-92333	\$ 286,837.89
Warrant# 04/03/20	Check No. 92334-92396	\$ 308,937.65

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF OCTOBER 2019 TO DECEMBER 2019

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transient Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of October 2019 through December 2019.

12. UPDATE TO THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING POLICY

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY ADDENDUM CITY OF TAFT, TAFT AREA TRANSIT.** (*Resolution No. 4013-20*)

13. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MIG, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with MIG, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$24,200, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

14. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to approve a professional services agreement with Retail Strategies for “Year Three” economic development and retail recruitment.

At [6:44:46 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES – Consultation regarding COVID-19 impacts to public facilities and services
Government Code Section 54957
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential cases
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units

➤ 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 7:22 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, MMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor