

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
APRIL 21, 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 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 [6:01:48 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Whiting followed by an invocation given by Police Chief, Damon McMinn.

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. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2019-16, THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

The public hearing was opened at [6:06:06 PM](#), with no comments having been received the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code adopting and Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2019-16, AN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 20 OF TITLE 4 OF THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.**

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2020-02, RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENT GRADING

The public hearing was opened at [6:07:33 PM](#), with no comments having been received the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Whiting, seconded by Bryant to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code adopting and Ordinance entitled **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, APPROVING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2020-02, AN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTERS 1 AND 1.5 OF TITLE 3 OF THE TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENT GRADING for first reading by title only and reading of such be waived.**

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

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Whiting spoke about freedom.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier stated he agreed with Whiting's talk on freedom and hopes that everyone stays healthy during this time.

Mayor Noerr talked about the oil industry being in peril, shared that Chevron have given him 100, \$100 gift cards to distribute to Taft's first responders and spoke about his recent conversations with local healthcare providers regarding the current COVID-19 crisis not quite materializing to the extent first reported.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There were none.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Krier requested a proclamation to proclaim a "Small Business Support Month", Council concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-11

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

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

8. MINUTES

April 7, 2020 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#04/03/20	Check No. 92397	\$ 3,400.00
Warrant#04/03/20	Check No. 92398	\$ 1,559.03
Warrant#04/17/20	Check No. 92399-92480	\$ 733,518.18
Warrant#04/17/20	Check No. 92481	\$ 882.74

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

10. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY HOUSLEY DEMOLITION COMPANY, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 308 CHURCH STREET

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by Housley Demolition Company, Inc. for the demolition of the structure located at 308 Church Street and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

11. AWARD FOUR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORK STANDS FOR 4TH OF JULY, 2020

Recommendation – Motion to award four Safe and Sane Firework stands for July 4, 2020 to the Taft Motorcycle Club, Taft Midway Sunset Foundation, Taft Sportsmen’s Club & Junior Division and West Side Recreation and Park District.

12. DISABILITY RETIREMENT – POLICE OFFICER

➤ Council Member Eveland recused himself and left the room.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT MAKING THE DETERMINATION THAT ADRIENNE EVELAND IS DISABLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT LAW. (Resolution No. 4014-20)**

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

At [6:33:26 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 (2) 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 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 7:43 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, MMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor