

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2020**

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**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 May 5, 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 [6:00:11 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Eveland, 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. PROCLAMATIONS:**

- **BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**
- **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONAL EMPLOYEES WEEK**
- **MUNICIPAL CLERKS WEEK**
- **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

**2. CONSIDERATION OF TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF SEWER AND/OR REFUSE FEES FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19**

The full Council unanimously agreed to direct staff to move forward with implementation and offering this assistance to local businesses affected by COVID-19.

**3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

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

Council Member Bryant stated that he hopes Taft is not forced to cancel our Independence Day celebration, encouraged community members to shop local and shared about how proud he is of Mayor and staff as they continue to push to get more answers and get more businesses open.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier shared his belief that there are no non-essential businesses and spoke about concerns for our food resources and expected huge price increases.

Mayor Noerr talked about all the confusing information regarding COVID-19 and the opening of businesses, reiterating that at this time the Governor's Executive Order still rules. He also shared about all the work that is being done to move encourage being able to move forward safely soon.

**5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones read a release from the Kern County Treasurer Tax Collector regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> installment property tax payments.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-14**

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to approve consent calendar items 8-14.

**AYES:** Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting, Noerr

**PASSED:** 5-0

**8. MINUTES**

April 21, 2020 regular

April 27, 2020 special

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant#05/01/20                      Check No. 92482                      \$ 442,074.65

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

**10. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to receive and file Treasurer's Reports for the Months of July 2019 through February 2020.

**11. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2019-16, THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code 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.** (*Ordinance No. 835-20*)

**12. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2020-02, RESTAURANTS AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENT GRADING**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve and amend the City of Taft Municipal Code 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.** (*Ordinance No. 836-20*)

**13. PURCHASE OF 15 OUTER VEST CARRIER'S TO BE ISSUED TO ALL SWORN TAFT POLICE PERSONNEL**

**Recommendation** – Motion to accept the bid from Pro Force Law Enforcement for the Safari land Oregon City Carrier Vest in the amount of \$4,102.50, and authorize the Mayor to sign and accept the quote.

**14. LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATION PROGRAM (LCTOP) FY2019-20 CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT BUSES AND RELATED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT**

**Recommendation** –\_Motion to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES AND AUTHORIZED AGENT FORMS FOR THE LOW CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM (LCTOP) FY2019-20 FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT: PURCHASE OF TWO (2) ZERO-EMISSION TRANSIT BUSES AND RELATED SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT USING \$22,537 IN LCTOP FUNDS.** (*Resolution No. 4015-20*)

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At [6:46:38 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) – two (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 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 7:18 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, MMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr