

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
MAY 19, 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 May 19, 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 [6:01:41 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Krier, followed by an invocation given by Police Chief Damon McMinn.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier
Council Members Josh Bryant and Ed Whiting
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

ABSENT: Council Member Jeff Eveland

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

The public hearing was opened at [6:05:44 PM](#) to receive comments; having received none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 110 3RD STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-010-18-4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 470.48.** (*Resolution No. 4016-20*)

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

2. PROCLAMATIONS:

- PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK
- PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant shared he was happy to see the County moving forward to the next sub-phase of COVID-19 relief, acknowledged the City public works staff for all their behind the scenes work and sent condolences to the family of Bob Hampton.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier acknowledged both the Police Department and public works staff for all that they do for the City, spoke about what a staunch supporter of Taft that Bob Hampton has always been and gave his condolences to the family.

Mayor Noerr thanked Renee Bitzer Hill for her wonderful patriotic decorations provided for the Council Chamber, talked about his work as a member of the Kern County Advisory Committee on COVID-19, and spoke about the passing of his friend, Bob Hampton.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones announced that at today's Board of Supervisor's meeting expanding capacities for some sit-down restaurants was discussed, he shared that the City will not be able to make the decisions or choices for this, as that would all come from the County.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-14

➤ Bryant removed item 14

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 8-13.

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

8. MINUTES

May 5, 2020 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 05/01/20	Check No. 92565-92571	\$ 4,429.79
Warrant# 05/15/20	Check No. 92572-92641	\$ 287,544.38

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

10. AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER OFFICE (SCO) TO PREPARE THE REQUIRED ANNUAL STREET REPORT

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the professional services agreement with California State Controller.

11. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RANEY PLANNING & MANAGEMENT, INC. TO PROVIDE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Raney Planning & Management, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$51,215, and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

12. ACCEPT THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BID AND AWARD THE 6TH ST. REHAB. FROM MAIN ST. TO CENTER ST. PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid, award the project, and to approve a construction agreement with R.C. Becker and Son, Inc. for the 6th St. Rehab. from Main St. to Center St. Project – STPL – 5193 (042), and to authorize the Mayor to execute said agreement.

13. 2020-2021 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR 2020-2021.** (*Resolution No. 4019-20*)

14. ACCEPT DONATION OF \$5,000 FROM NRG ENERGY INC. FOR COVID-19 RELIEF TO ASSIST IN PURCHASING SANITIZING EQUIPMENT TO PROTECT FIRST RESPONDERS

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ACCEPTING A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) FROM NRG ENERGY INC., FOR COVID-19 RELIEF.** (*Resolution No. 4020-20*)

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

Bryant said he pulled the item in order to publicly thank NRG Energy for the donation and thinking of our first responders.

Noerr shared that he has personally worked with this company and he believes that they are rock solid patriots and definitely a considers them a community partner.

City Manager Jones stated that the donation was needed and appreciated.

At [6:44:31 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session with adjournment of the meeting in honor and memory of Bob Hampton.

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 8:08 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, MMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor