

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JUNE 2, 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 [6:00:02 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Council Member Whiting.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier
Council Members Josh Bryant, Jeff Eveland and Ed Whiting
Assistant City Manager Lonn Boyer and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

1. PUBLIC HEARING - LOCAL EARLY ACTION PLANNING (LEAP) GRANTS PROGRAM

The public hearing was opened at [6:07:32 PM](#) to hear from proponents and opponents, receiving no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS.**
(Resolution No. 4021-20)

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

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Mayor Noerr talked about the madness going on throughout the country right now and reminded everyone that frustration is not a defense for committing a criminal act. He also shared that the City will be having fireworks this year, just a little differently, and spoke about current fundraising efforts for the fireworks.

4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There were none.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7-14

➤ Eveland abstained from Item 7

Motion: Moved by Whiting, seconded by Bryant to approve consent calendar items 7-14.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Whiting, Noerr

PASSED: 5-0

7. MINUTES
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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS
Warrant# 05/29/20 Check No. 92642-92722 \$ 397,303.17

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

9. RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND REQUEST THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO APPROVE CONSOLIDATION WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

Recommendation –

1. Motion to adopt a resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020, FOR THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AS REQUIRED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RELATING TO GENERAL LAW CITIES.** *(Resolution No. 4022-20)*
2. Motion to adopt a resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, CALIFORNIA, REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN TO CONSOLIDATE A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020, WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE DATE PURSUANT TO SECTION 10403 OF THE ELECTION CODE.** *(Resolution No. 4023-20)*

10. APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, INC., FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES

Recommendation – Approval of professional services agreement with California Consulting, Inc. for grant writing services on a task order, as needed, basis and authorize the Mayor to sign.

11. TITLE VI PLAN UPDATE

Recommendation – Motion to approve the Cost Proposal with Moore & Associates in the amount of \$6,500 and to extend the Professional Services Agreement for the Title VI Plan update for 2020.

12. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY NSM RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 157 CENTER STREET

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by NSM Recycling, Inc. for the demolition of building located at 157 Center Street and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

13. ANALYZE AND UPDATE CITY STANDING AD HOC COMMITTEES

Recommendation – Direction to staff to analyze committees, consider need and best policies, and bring back to Council for consideration.

14. COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING “MOU” WITH WEST SIDE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN MOU WITH WEST SIDE HEALTH CARE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE COVID-19 SEROLOGY ANTIBODY TESTING FOR DEFINED RESIDENTS OF TAFT, AND TO MAKE FINDINGS THAT THE EXPENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO COVID-19, NOT PROVIDED IN THE CITY’S CURRENT BUDGET AND THEREFORE QUALIFIES AS A CARES ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND EXPENSE.** (*Resolution No. 4024-20*)

15. PRELIMINARY BUDGET BASED ON THE 2019-2020 LEVEL OF APPROPRIATIONS

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING A PRELIMINARY BUDGET BASED ON THE 2019-2020 LEVEL OF APPROPRIATIONS.** (*Resolution No. 4025-20*)

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

Noerr shared he has been speaking with Finance Director Binkley and that this item is being brought forth because information is coming in and changing daily about the different revenue sources and at this point they don’t feel they could pass a budget that wouldn’t require changes before the ink is even dry. By passing this resolution they are committing to a spending plan and giving time to get things cleaned up and clarified before a budget is considered for adoption.

At [6:25:39 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.

Yvette Mayfield, MMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor