

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The June 4, 2019, 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 City Manager Craig Jones, followed by an invocation given by Pastor Rodney Wikoff.

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

1. STUDY SESSION - COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSISTANCE TEAM (CPAT) FINAL REPORT

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cassie Fernandez, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Golden Empire, addressed the Council and gave an update on the 308 Church Street project.

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce, shared about upcoming local events.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant shared his best wishes for the upcoming graduates and also gave information pertaining to a free summer meal program for local children.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier spoke about local signage needs and praised the Chamber of Commerce's efforts in all they do for the City.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There were none.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

See below under item 10.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 8-13

➤ Bryant pulled Item 10

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Eveland to approve consent calendar items 8 & 9, 11-13.

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

8. MINUTES

May 21, 2019 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

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| Warrant#051719 | Check No.90319-90321 | \$ 16,063.37 |
| Warrant#051719 | Check No.90322-90323 | \$ 17,158.90 |
| Warrant#053119 | Check No.90324-90397 | \$ 287,045.20 |

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JANUARY 2019 TO MARCH 2019.

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the transient occupancy tax to the Taft chamber of commerce for the quarter of January 2019 through March 2019.

12. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY NSM RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 308 & 312 MAIN STREET

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by NSM Recycling, Inc. for the demolition of buildings located at 308 & 312 Main Street and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

13. CONTRACT FOR GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Recommendation – Motion to approve amended agreement with BHT Engineering, Inc. for general engineering services.

10. LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to receive 2019-2020 Engineer's Report for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

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

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Noerr to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE IMPROVEMENTS AND FEES FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 18, 2019.** (Resolution No. 3968-19)

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

Bryant stated that he pulled this item because looking at the report it is obvious that the amount being collected per parcel is well below the cost needed to cover the district and

this is a detriment to the City, as it must cover this additional cost. He requested that the City look in to the necessary process to take this to the citizens to raise the cost to the amount needed to cover and fund itself. Noerr concurred.

At [7:13:44 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential case
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft
- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 – APN 032-110-30 and 032-110-70 & 71
 - The City Council discussed in closed session those items agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor