

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The June 18, 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 [6:00:24PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Michael Chiamonte.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier  
Council Members Josh Bryant and Jeff Eveland  
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson  
Deputy City Clerk Darnell Porter

ABSENT: Council Member Ed Whiting

**1. STUDY SESSION WITH ROB HILTON – OVERVIEW OF SB-1383 REQUIREMENTS**

Rob Hilton with HF&H Consultants gave a presentation on SB-1383 requirements.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT REFUSE CHARGES AND STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:27:14 PM](#). Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to:

1. Adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3969-19*)
2. Adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY REFUSE CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3970-19*)

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Noerr  
PASSED: 4/0

**3. PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING KERN COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT SEWER CHARGES AND STANDBY SEWER CHARGES FOR VACANT COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:29:36 PM](#). Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to:

3. Adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE** (*Resolution No. 3971-19*)
4. Adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF STANDBY SEWER**

**CHARGES BY THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION 5473 ET. SEQ., HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE (Resolution No. 3972-19)**

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Noerr  
PASSED: 4/0

**4. PRESENTATION BY TERESA BINKLEY FINANCE DIRECTOR - 2019/2020 BUDGET**

**5. APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to adopt resolution entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING THE CITY OF TAFT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 (Resolution No. 3973-19)**

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Noerr  
PASSED: 4/0

**6. APPOINT TWO (2) MEMBERS TO THE CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION TO FILL SCHEDULED VACANCIES**

Three candidates spoke briefly: Deanna Jacobs, Robert Leikam and John Dowden. Candidate Ron Orrin was absent and submitted a letter to be read on his behalf.

Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to appoint Ronald Orrin and Robert Leikam to serve on the City of Taft Planning Commission for terms from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Noerr  
PASSED: 4/0

**7. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike and Debbie Perry spoke about their desire to relocate their restaurant, Roots Eatery, to 420 Center Street.

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

Council Member Bryant thanked the Planning Commission Candidates for showing interest in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier thanked the Planning Commission Candidates and encouraged them to apply again in the future.

Mayor Noerr also thanked the Planning Commission Candidates for their interest and encouraged everyone to go out and enjoy the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks show.

**9. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Planning Commissioner Leikam reported that at their last Planning Commission meeting they rescheduled the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup> and stated they would be updating the Down Town Specific Plan.

**10. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There were none.

**11. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones thanked the Finance Director, Finance Committee and Staff for their hard work.

**12. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**13. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Krier requested an item be put on the next agenda regarding adding "In God We Trust" on City of Taft Police Cars. Bryant Concurred.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 14-21**

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 14-21.

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

**14. MINUTES**

June 4, 2019

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**15. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 053119	Check No. 90398-90400	\$ 3,149.10
Warrant# 061419	Check No. 90401-90493	\$ 384,176.59

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

**16. TREASURERS REPORT FOR APRIL 2019**

**Recommendation** – Motion to receive and file the Treasurer's Report dated June 11, 2019 for the Month of April 2019.

**17. TRIENNIAL PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF CITY OF TAFT TRANSIT SERVICES**

**Recommendation** – Motion to receive and file the Triennial Performance Audit of City of Taft Transit Services for FY 2015/16 – 2017/18.

**18. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY LEE WILSON ELECTRICAL COMPANY FOR THE KERN ST. SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – HSIPL 5193 (040)**

**Recommendation** – Motion to accept the completed work by Lee Wilson Electrical for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project along Kern St. (SR 33) between 1st St. and Hillard

St. - HSIPL 5193 (040), and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

**19. CHANGE OF PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1**

**Recommendation** – Motion 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 JULY 16, 2019.** (*Resolution No. 3974-19*)

**20. AWARD AUDIT CONTRACT FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, WITH OPTIONS OF 2021-2022 & 2022-2023**

**Recommendation** – Motion to award audit contract per Finance Committee recommendation and authorize Mayor to execute the agreement.

**21. QUESTICA SOFTWARE SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT FOR BUDGETING SOFTWARE**

**Recommendation** – Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute Questica Software Subscription Agreement.

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At [7:50:19 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code Section 54957 – City Attorney
  - 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
  - E. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER  
Government Code 54957.6 – All units
- The Council discussed all 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 9:20 PM.

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Darnell Porter  
Deputy City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor