

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JULY 2, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The July 2, 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 [5:59:38 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Manager Jones followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan.

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. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Terra O'Neil, from the West Side Recreation and Park District, spoke about the upcoming Regional Babe Ruth Championship Tournament that they will be hosting.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Eveland wished everyone a happy 4th of July sharing that he expects the high school bands accompaniment music for the fireworks show to be amazing.

Council Member Bryant wished everyone a happy 4th of July, shared that he enjoys how the community comes together to celebrate and thanked the Chamber for their hard work bringing the fireworks show.

Council Member Whiting thanked the Chamber for their work in bringing the fireworks show and mentioned the importance of celebrating those who keep us free.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier talked about the history of the proclamation making Americans free and stated he is proud that we continue the tradition of fireworks and celebration.

Mayor Noerr shared his love for fireworks and spoke on a recent study covered in the paper on seeking ways to cut oil and gas demand.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Director, Mark Staples, gave a report to provide information on ADA accessibility issues that are being experienced by those wanting to open businesses in the older existing buildings in Taft.

Police Lieutenant, Pete Aranda, gave a report on Police Department activity for June.

Local Battalion Chief for the Kern County Fire Department, Danny Thomas, talked about safety regulations for fireworks and a website that is available to help educate people on current local regulations.

4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones wished everyone a happy 4th of July holiday.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There was none.

6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There was none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7-10

- Whiting abstained from Items 7 and 10
- Eveland abstained from Item 10

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 7-10.

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

7. MINUTES

June 18, 2019 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 061419	Check No. 90494-90496	\$ 915.82
Warrant# 061419	Check No. 90497	\$ 148,991.36
Warrant# 062819	Check No. 90498-90592	\$ 459,043.36

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

9. TREASURERS REPORT FOR MAY 2019

Recommendation – Motion to receive and file the Treasurer’s Report dated June 17, 2019 for the Month of May 2019.

10. TAFT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION/COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA AFL-CIO LOCAL 9110 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt the resolution entitled a **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE TAFT POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION/COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA AFL-CIO LOCAL 9110.** (Resolution No. 3975-19)

11. APPROVE TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND SELECT A VOTING DELEGATE

Motion: Moved by Whiting, seconded by Eveland to approve and appropriate funds from General Funds for registration, meals, transportation, and other

incidental expenses for Council Member Bryant and Mayor Pro Tem Krier, who wish to attend the 2019 League of California Cities Annual Conference and the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting in Long Beach.

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

Motion: Moved by Eveland, seconded by Whiting to select Council Member Bryant as the Voting Delegate and Mayor Pro Tem Krier as the Alternate Voting Delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Business Meeting.

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

12. CITY OF TAFT POLICE VEHICLE DECALS

Mayor Pro Tem Krier stated that he asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion because the county and several other cities have been taking this action to add "In God We Trust" decals to their law enforcement vehicles.

Eveland stated that the Sheriff is actually allowing individual officers to choose whether they want the decal on their vehicle and stated his support for the item.

Whiting stated he is not opposed to a policy allowing the decal.

Bryant also stated his support and officers should have the choice.

Noerr stated his support and agreed to the approach of letting the individual officers choose if they want the decal on their vehicle.

Direction was given to staff to come back with a policy, sample decals and expected costs.

At [6:53:08 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code Section 54957 – City Manager
- 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 City Council discussed in closed session those items agendaized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff and negotiators.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor