

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The July 16, 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 Pro Tem Orchel Krier at [5:58:58 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Whiting, followed by an invocation given by Bob Jordan.

PRESENT: 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

ABSENT: Mayor Dave Noerr

**1. PUBLIC HEARING - LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:01:19 PM](#). Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT SETTING THE ASSESSMENT FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1** (*Resolution No. 3576-19*)

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING – SB 2 PLANNING GRANTS PROGRAM**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:21:42 PM](#). Hearing none the public hearing was closed.

City Council gave direction to staff to move forward to apply for the SB 2 Planning Grant Program with the proposed Downtown Specific Plan update as the project.

**3. PROCLAMATION – BABE RUTH BASEBALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK**

Proclamation was presented to Bart McClean and Aaron Nadal.

**4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sharon Rightmer, of Shar-On Corporation, shared about the activities and programs of the non-profit and presented the Council with cookies.

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

There were none.

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Chief, Damon McMinn introduced Officer Garrett Sanford, the newest hire for the Police Department, and Oath of Office was given.

**7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones shared that in order to accommodate the renovation project for City Hall, City Hall services, and staff, will be moved to 550 Supply Row starting on August 9<sup>th</sup> and expect be located there through October.

**8. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**9. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 10-14**

➤ Item 12 was pulled due to lack of quorum

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 10, 11, 13 & 14.

**AYES:** Bryant, Krier, Eveland, Whiting,  
**PASSED:** 4-0

**10. MINUTES**

July 2, 2019 regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**11. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 062819	Check No. 90593-90601	\$ 11,602.86
Warrant# 071219A	Check No. 90602-90672	\$ 305,229.87
Warrant# 071219	Check No. 90673-90693	\$ 223,534.09

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

**12. APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLANS**

**Recommendation** –

Motion to approve resolutions entitled:

- 1) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE TAFT POLICE MANAGEMENT GROUP**
- 2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT/SUPERVISORY/CONFIDENTIAL COMPENSATION PLAN**
- 3) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT HEAD BENEFITS COMPENSATION PLAN**

**13. INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF SHOPPING CENTERS (ICSC) WESTERN DIVISION CONFERENCE & DEAL MAKING EXPO**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve and allow Staff to register for FY 2019-20 ICSC Western Division Conference & Expo in Los Angeles, California.

**14. AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION (RSTP) APPLICATION TO KERN COG FOR THE REHABILITATION OF 10TH ST. FROM A ST. TO PILGRIM AVE**

**Recommendation** – Motion to pass a resolution authorizing the City Manager to complete and execute an application with Kern COG for Regional Surface Transportation (RSTP) funding for the 10th St. Rehabilitation from A St. to Pilgrim Ave. Resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR REGIONAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (RSTP) PROGRAM FUNDING AND COMMITTING THE NECESSARY LOCAL MATCH AND STATING THE ASSURANCE TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT.** *(Resolution No. 3577-19)*

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At [6:40:08 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential case
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft
- C. 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 7:20 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor