

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
AUGUST 20, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The August 20, 2019, regular joint meeting of the Taft City Council/Taft Successor Agency, held at the Taft Transit Center, 550 Supply Row, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Mayor Dave Noerr at [6:00:08 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Josh Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Cindy Brettschneider.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr, 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**

Reverend, Angelo Frazier, spoke regarding *In God We Trust* motto being placed on patrol vehicles.

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

Council Member Eveland shared that the County adopted the *In God We Trust* motto for placement on their patrol vehicles and he totally supported it.

Council Member Bryant stated the he too supports the placement of *In God We Trust* on Taft Police Vehicles.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier thanked Reverend Frazier for attending the meeting and speaking on the *In God We Trust* motto and reminded everyone that school is back in session and to drive carefully.

Mayor Noerr also thanked Reverend Frazier, shared a story about a Shannon Grove request and spoke on the need to push the button to activate the lights for sidewalk safety on Kern Street.

**3. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

Planning Commissioner, Jerry Livingston, reported that the Commission is currently beginning the review for a zoning code update. They are currently just reviewing and no action has been taken as of yet.

**4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There were none.

**5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

Krier requested an agenda item for placing "*In God We Trust*" on Taft Police vehicles be brought back to Council. Bryant concurred.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-14**

- Krier pulled Item 9
- Eveland abstained from Items 8 & 14

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 8 & 10 - 14.

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

**8. MINUTES**  
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**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**10. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH ABATECO FOR ABATEMENT AT CITY HALL**

**Recommendation** – Motion to ratify signed abatement contract with Abateco for asbestos abatement on City Hall Project.

**11. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH WEST KERN OIL MUSEUM FOR PLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Taft and the West Kern Oil Museum and authorize the Mayor to sign.

**12. RATIFICATION OF RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to ratify the approval and execution of the Reciprocal Easement Agreement with Covenants and Restrictions between the City of Taft, DGCALI, LLC and Capital Rivers, Inc.

**13. ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT DEDICATIONS FOR PURPOSE OF THE CDBG INFILL SIDEWALK PROJECT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to accept the easement dedications for properties receiving sidewalk through the CDBG Infill Sidewalk Project and authorize Mayor to sign Certificates of Acceptance.

**14. MOU BETWEEN CITY TAFT POLICE DEPARTMENT AND KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve MOU with the Kern County Sheriff's Office for investigations of officer involved shootings and to authorize the Mayor to sign.

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**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 080219A Check No. 90827 \$ 32,004.66  
Warrant# 080219 Check No. 90828 \$ 12,245.88

Krier stated he pulled the item because this is the smallest total for bills he has ever seen brought to Council for approval. Jones stated that the accounts payable clerk recently left and to expect a much bigger total next meeting.

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve payment of the bills.

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

At [6:36:19 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – two (2) potential cases
- 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 and negotiators.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor