

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The November 5, 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 [6:00:41 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Mayor, Randy Miller, followed by an invocation given by Rich Johnson.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Josh Bryant

**1. PRESENTATION - GERALD STARR - HEALTH CARE FACILITY PROGRESS**

Presentation rescheduled to a future meeting.

**2. PRESENTATION - MATT TATE - RETAIL STRATEGIES**

Matt Tate, from Retail Strategies, gave an update as to the progress that has been made marketing Taft and shared a list of retailers that have already committed.

**3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Deb Daniels, President of Taft College, thanked the Mayor for kicking off the Cougar Cookout, introduced Susan Groveman, the new Executive Director of Marketing and Community Relations and gave an update on their student center building project.

Janice Varner, representing Honor Flight Kern County, spoke to honor 17 Taft Vietnam Veterans killed in action and presented the Council with a flag flown over the Nation's Capital to be used at the Veteran's Day Celebration.

Former Mayor, Randy Miller, shared that he was honored to be asked to MC the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration and encouraged local Vets to come out and receive a challenge coin.

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

Council Member Whiting spoke to thank Honor Flight for all that they do to help Veterans see their memorials and mentioned that both his older and younger brothers have participated in the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier, thanked City Manager Jones and Planning Director Staples for all their hard work to bring all the new retail to Taft, shared about upcoming activities and thanked Vets for our freedoms.

Mayor Noerr spoke on concerns he's been receiving from citizens regarding vagrancy issues and talked about ways to address them.

**5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief of Police, Damon McMinn, presented the October patrol statistics for the police department.

**6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones gave a reminder of the upcoming Veterans Day Celebration and thanked Krier for his kind words on the effort going in to recruiting the new retailers for Taft.

**7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There were none.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There were none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-14**

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 9-14.

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

**9. MINUTES**

October 15, 2019 regular

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant# 101119	Check No. 91276	\$ 244.00
Warrant# 101619	Check No. 91277	\$ 1,844.46
Warrant# 101819	Check No. 91278-91364	\$ 574,445.00
Warrant# 102119	Check No. 91365-91366	\$ 856.84

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

**11. LETTER AND RESOLUTION CONCERNING CALTRAN'S PROPOSAL TO DELETE FUNDING FOR SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY PROJECTS IN THE INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ITIP)**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT RE-AFFIRMING THE CITY COUNCIL'S POSITION SUPPORTING FINISHING THE FINAL GAP SEGMENTS ON STATE ROUTE'S 46 AND 99 IDENTIFIED FOR DELETION IN THE DRAFT 2020 INTERREGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ITIP)** (Resolution No. 3992-19) and authorizing the Mayor to sign and send letter of concern.

**12. UPDATE TO THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG TESTING POLICY**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY ADDENDUM CITY OF TAFT, TAFT AREA TRANSIT** (Resolution No. 3993-19)

**13. APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA VOLKSWAGEN MITIGATION TRUST FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT BUS REPLACEMENT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN APPLICATION TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT CALIFORNIA VW MITIGATION TRUST FUND TO PURCHASE A ZERO EMISSION TRANSIT BUS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS** (*Resolution No. 3994-19*)

**14. DISPOSAL OF CITY OBSOLETE, UNSAFE AND UNECONOMICAL TO REPAIR EQUIPMENT**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve disposing of listed equipment through online auction.

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At [7:13:01 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER  
Government Code Section 54956.8 – APN 032-110-30, 032-110-70 & 71, 031-040-17-00-8 and 308 Church Street.

- 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 7:57 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor