

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The November 19, 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 [6:01:03 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Officer Eduardo Tellez Garcia, followed by an invocation given by Cindy Brettschneider.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Jeff Eveland

1. SWEAR IN – POLICE OFFICER, EDUARDO TELLEZ GARCIA

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Brettschneider spoke on behalf of the Salvation Army and invited elected officials and city staff to participate in their bell ringing Christmas fundraiser.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant apologized for his absence at last meeting and thanked City Manager Jones and Planning Director Staples for their work in bringing retail growth to the City.

Council Member Whiting shared that he visited City Hall and that it looks outstanding with the new renovations. He also spoke about how different it is today and how it has changed over the 34 years he has been with the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier thanked the Mayor for attending the Save the Fort Dinner and all that he does to represent the city.

Mayor Noerr spoke on the moratorium on fracking that Governor Newsom passed, sharing the realities of how deep the affects will be felt in California.

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Jerry Livingston reported that the Commission approved a CUP for an Alcoholic Beverage Control license for the new Dollar General Store at their last meeting.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Director, Mark Staples, gave a presentation on recycling facilities.

Chief of Police, Damon McMinn, spoke on the passing of Kern County Police Commander Ian Chandler.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones acknowledged all the hard work put forward by city hall staff to get the City Hall Project completed timely and within budget.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Whiting requested and item be brought back to discuss recycling center requirements. Krier and Bryant concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-14

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

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

9. MINUTES

November 5, 2019 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 110119 Check No. 91367-91435 \$ 611,368.24

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH ABATECO FOR ABATEMENT OF 308 CHURCH STREET

Recommendation – Motion to ratify signed abatement contract with Abateco for asbestos abatement of the 308 Church Street property.

12. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY BLACK HALL CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR THE INTERIOR COSMETIC WORK AT TAFT CITY HALL PROJECT

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by Black Hall Construction, Inc. for the Interior Cosmetic Work at Taft City Hall Project and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

13. PURCHASE SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TAFT AND CAPITAL RIVERS INC. REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF CITY PROPERTY APN 032-110-30

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING SELL OF A 3.06 ACRE PORTION OF APN 032-110-30 TO CAPITAL RIVERS, INC., AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ALL ESCROW AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY, AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** (Resolution No. 3995-19)

14. BUDGET REQUEST FOR OFFICE DÉCOR

Recommendation - Motion to approve a budget, not to exceed \$7,000 for the purpose of office décor for City Hall.

At [6:52:23 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 031-040-17

- The City Council discussed in closed session the item agendaized for closed session discuss and direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor