

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

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The March 19, 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 [5:59:07 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Police Chief Daman McMinn.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and 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. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED REFUNDING OF 1998 REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (POLICE STATION AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS)

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:04:38 PM](#).

Brandon Kfoury from Fieldman, Rolapp & Associates, who is working as financial advisor to the City Successor Agency on the refunding, shared that the City should expect to see a total savings just under \$200,000 and a shortening of the term for the bond payment through this refunding.

The Public Hearing was closed at [6:11:15 PM](#).

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A SITE LEASE, LEASE AGREEMENT, AND REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE BY THE TAFT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,700,000, ACCEPTING TITLE TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS.**
(Resolution No. 3945-19)

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

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Whiting to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND THE TAFT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND THE CITY OF TAFT AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH** *(Resolution No. 3946-19)*

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

2. PUBLIC HEARING – CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING (APR) FOR 2018

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:14:02 PM](#). Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to accept the Annual Housing Element Progress Report for the 2018 calendar year.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING – GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR) GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTING (APR) FOR 2018

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:15:38 PM](#). Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to accept the General Plan Annual Progress Report for the 2018 calendar year.

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

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce, shared information on upcoming local events.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant talked on the recent activities in town.

Council Member Whiting shared his sadness on the passing of former Taft PD Officer, John Brown.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier also spoke about all the local activities and shared about meeting the new owners of the old convalescent hospital and it possibly being reopened.

Mayor Noerr reminded everyone that with all the rain there are lots of weeds sprouting up and that this is the time to take care of getting them down.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

Planning Commissioner Jerry Livingston reported that the Commission reviewed and approved the General Plan Report that was forwarded to the Council and also continued to review the sign ordinance update at their last meeting.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

8. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There were none.

9. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

10. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Bryant requested that staff plan a meeting of the Traffic and/or Safety Committee(s) to look in to the traffic safety around all the schools. Noerr concurred.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 11-19

- Item 16 was pulled to be brought back at next meeting
- Bryant pulled Item 17
- Bryant abstained from Item 14

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 11-15 and 18 & 19.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Whiting, Noerr

PASSED: 4-0

11. MINUTES

March 5, 2019

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

12. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 030119	Check No. 89748-89751	\$ 7,945.09
Warrant# 030819	Check No. 89752-89823	\$372,037.52
Warrant# 030819	Check No. 89824-89826	\$ 75,421.73

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

13. NATIONAL WALKING DAY

Recommendation – Motion to approve allowing available employees to participate in the walk on Rails to Trails as part of National Walking Day.

14. TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE OILDORADO ROOM: CHOIR SEND-OFF CONCERT FOR THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR.

Recommendation – Motion to approve waiver of fees for use of the “Oildorado Room” on April 1, 2019 for Taft Chamber of Commerce Choir Send-Off Concert.

15. SOROPTIMIST FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE OILDORADO ROOM: ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR LUNCHEON

Recommendation – Motion to approve waiver of fees for use of the “Oildorado Room” on April 27, 2019 for Taft Soroptomist Annual Garden Tour Luncheon.

16. AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF PROPERTIES – APN’S 031-040-17, 031-060-10 AND -11

Recommendation – Motion to accept the donation of properties located at 420 Main Street (APN 031-040-17) and 528 & 530 Main Street (APNs 031-060-10 and -11) Taft, California, authorizing the Mayor, City Manager, and/or Assistant City Manager to execute the agreement and all escrow and other documents necessary to complete transfer of real property.

18. FIFTH STREET PLAZA PARK RESERVATION FEE WAIVER REQUEST AND REFUND OF FEES

Recommendation – Motion to approve waiver of fees for use of the Fifth Street Plaza for March 16, 2019 for the Grub & Pub Crawl and to refund Mr. Gaither \$93.50 in fees paid.

19. DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY

Recommendation –

1. Motion for Taft City Council to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE TAFT CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY.** (*Resolution No. 3947-19*)
2. Motion for City of Taft as the “Successor Agency” to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING A DEBT MANAGEMENT POLICY.** (*Resolution No. 3948-19*)

17. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES FOR CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RETAIL RECRUITMENT SERVICES

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve a professional services agreement with Retail Strategies for “Year Two” economic development and retail recruitment services with a cost not to exceed \$45,000.

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

Bryant stated that he pulled the item to express his support for it and to be obvious and transparent in what services are being provided by Retail Strategies under the agreement.

Planning Director Staples shared a brochure and presented information detailing the services provide during the year one agreement.

At [6:49:58 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (2) potential cases
- D. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 – APN 032-110-30

- The City Council discussed in closed session the 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 8:38 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor