

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

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The March 5, 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 [5:58:10 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Josh Bryant, followed by an invocation given by Greg Haslow with Calvary Temple Church.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and 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. PUBLIC HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTIES

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [5:58:10 PM](#). Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to adopt resolutions entitled:

- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 322 WOODROW STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-390-14-9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$379.56. (Resolution No. 3940-19)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 620 LUCARD STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-260-17-7 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$201.66. (Resolution No. 3941-19)**

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

2. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Bryant spoke about the City's transparency being questioned by some due to their lack of understanding and encouraged citizens to ask questions and educate themselves on City business.

Mayor Noerr agreed with Bryant on the transparency of City business and encouraged everyone to stay in and stay safe in the wet weather.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Damon McMinn gave a statistic report for the month of February for the Taft Police Department.

5. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There were none.

6. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

7. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 8-16

- Bryant pulled Items 11 and 14

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 8-10, 12, 13, 15 & 16

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

- Noerr abstained from Item 8

8. MINUTES

February 19, 2019

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant# 021319	Check No. 89643	\$ 182.00
Warrant# 022219	Check No. 89644-89747	\$ 265,163.25

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

10. AGREEMENT WITH NSM RECYCLING FOR THE DEMOLITION OF CITY OWNED BUILDINGS AT 308 & 312 MAIN STREET

Recommendation –

1. Motion to approve the demolition of buildings at 308 and 312 Main Street.
2. Motion to appropriate \$24,500 plus 15% contingency out of capital reserves for demolition and approve demolition agreement with NSM Recycling, Inc.

12. ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES MANUAL

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING CHAPTER 10 OF THE CALTRANS LOCAL ASSISTANCE PROCEDURES MANUAL AS THE CITY'S PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES FOR STATE AND FEDERALLY FUNDED STREETS AND ROADS PROJECTS.** (Resolution No. 3942-19)

13. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT MAKING FINDINGS REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS IN THE CITY OF TAFT.** (Resolution No. 3943-19)

15. CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR FIELDMAN, ROLAPP & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the consulting services agreement.

16. CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR HDL COREN & CONE

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the consulting services agreement with Hdl Coren & Cone.

11. AWARD OF ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 6TH STREET – CENTER TO MAIN PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS 5193 (042)

Bryant stated that he pulled both of these items in the interest of transparency to have the opportunity to share that both of these items are related to the same project, the source of funds for the project is regional transportation funds and also have confirmed that this project is ADA related and Federal funds cannot be used toward City projects until such time as these ADA projects are completed.

Noerr stated that this shows how the City works hard to identify and secure grant funds for projects to best stretch City funds and mentioned that the City only received a very small amount of SB 1 funds.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to Award contract to BHT Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$38,543 for architectural and engineering services 5193 (042) pedestrian improvement project.

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

14. 6TH STREET MAIN TO CENTER CALTRANS SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 023

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT NO. 023 TO THE ADMINISTERING AGENCY-STATE AGREEMENT NO. 06-5193F15; AND ALLOCATE \$4,655 FROM CAPITAL RESERVES AND OR HUTA FUNDS FOR THE 6TH STREET PEDESTRIAN PROJECT BETWEEN CENTER AND MAIN STREETS.** (Resolution No. 3944-19)

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

At [5:58:10 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 REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 – APN 032-110-30
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft
 - 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 8:03 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor