

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The January 15, 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 [6:00:23 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Noerr, followed by an invocation given by Pastor Scott Pearson of the First Baptist 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

The Council recessed in to Closed Session for the following item at [6:03:15 PM](#).

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – one (1) potential case

The Council returned to Open Session at [6:45:26 PM](#) and the City Attorney gave the following report:

- The City Council discussed in closed session the item that was agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTIES**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:47:05 PM](#). Seeing none the public hearing was closed.

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting 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 CENTER STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-030-22-4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,125.67. (Resolution No. 3934-19)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 609 WOODROW STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-350-08-5 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,303.72. (Resolution No. 3935-19)**

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

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **This item was unnumbered on the agenda**

Dr. Kathy Orrin from the Taft Chamber of Commerce requested that in her absence Mayor Noerr read a statement provided by her giving and update on Chamber events and thanking the Council for their support of the Chamber.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Krier invited everyone to attend the upcoming Fort Preservation Membership Drive Dinner.

**3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

There was none.

**4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS**

City Manager Jones wished everyone a Happy New Year.

**5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS**

There was none.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS**

There was none.

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**CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 7-14**

**Motion:** Moved by Bryant, seconded by Whiting to approve consent calendar items 7-14.

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

**7. MINUTES**

December 18, 2018

**Recommendation** – Approve as submitted.

**8. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant#122818	Check No. 89199-89259	\$ 326,017.88
Warrant#122818	Check No. 89260-89279	\$ 32,112.32
Warrant#122818	Check No. 89280-89288	\$ 19,271.70
Warrant#011119	Check No. 89289-89358	\$ 238,912.68

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

**9. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY CEN-CAL CONSTRUCTION FOR THE MAIN ST. /5TH ST. AND RAILS TO TRAILS CONNECTION PROJECT – TDA ARTICLE 3.**

**Recommendation** – Motion to accept the completed work by Cen-Cal Construction for the Main St. /5th St. and Rails to Trails Connection Project – TDA Article 3, and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the Kern County Recorder. Staff further recommends the release of the 5% retention to the Contractor after 30 days pending claims or liens filed during this period.

**10. TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE OILDORADO ROOM: INSTALLATION AND COMMUNITY AWARDS**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve waiver of fees for use of the “Oildorado Room” on January 31, 2019 for Taft Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Community Awards Celebration.

**11. RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE (ROPS 19-20) FOR JULY 2019 THROUGH JUNE 2020**

**Recommendation** –

1. Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE TAFT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND ADOPTING A RECOGNIZED OBLIGATION PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 34180(g)(AB 1X 26)** (Resolution No. 3936-19)
2. Direct Staff to present the ROPS 19-20 to the Countywide Oversight Board for approval.

**12. INCREASE TO STATE MINIMUM WAGE**

**Recommendation** – Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AUTOMATIC INCREASE TO THE HOURLY WAGE OF CITY POSITIONS SO THAT THE HOURLY WAGE DOES NOT FALL BELOW THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE.** (Resolution No. 3937-19)

**13. AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT/MATERIALS TESTING FOR KERN STREET HSIP 5193 (040) PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Recommendation** – Award contract to BHT Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$42,777.80 for construction management and materials testing for Kern Street HSIP 5193 (040) pedestrian improvement project.

**14. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JULY 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Recommendation** – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the transient occupancy tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of July 2018 through September 2018.

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At [6:59:08 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

- The City Council discussed in closed session the items that were agendized for closed session discussion, except for that item discussed in the first

closed session held at the beginning of tonight's meeting, and direction was given to staff.

**ADJOURNMENT** - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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Yvette Mayfield, CMC  
City Clerk

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Dave Noerr  
Mayor