

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAY 5, 2009
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 E. KERN ST., TAFT, CA 93268**

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STUDY SESSION

6:00 P.M.

The City Council Study Session is open to the public. However, public participation shall be at the discretion of the Mayor, and no official action shall be taken at the Study Session.

George Bonnin, Account Manager, HdL to provide Code Enforcement Software Demonstration.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Roll Call: Mayor Noerr

Councilmember Linder

Councilmember Miller

Councilmember Noble

Councilmember Thompson

1. LOTTERY DRAWING FOR SAFE AND SANE FIREWORK STANDS 4TH OF JULY

Recommendation - Conduct lottery drawing for four Safe and Sane Firework stands and one alternate for July 4th celebrations.

2. SPECIAL ITEM – PROCLAMATION

Presentation of proclamation declaring May 16-17, 2009, as Relay For Life Days in Taft.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – AND APPROVAL TO SUBMIT AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA) FTA NON-URBAN SECTION 5311 CAPITAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Recommendation – 1) Conduct Public Hearing; 2) Motion to adopt a resolution titled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) PROGRAM, AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT (ARRA), NON-URBAN SECTION 5311, AND IDENTIFYING THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION.

4. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE COUNCIL FROM ADDRESSING ANY ISSUE NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. COUNCIL MAY RECEIVE COMMENT AND SET THE MATTER FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES.

5. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Acting Public Works Director Craig Jones to present Safety Awards.

7. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

A. Letter from Bright House Networks dated April 24, 2009, re video programming services.

8. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-13

All items listed on the Consent Calendar shall be considered routine and will be enacted by one roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the City Council requests specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Any item removed from the Consent Calendar will be considered after the regular business items.

- 9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
April 21, 2009 Regular Meeting
Recommendation - Approve as submitted.
(Item to be distributed at the meeting.)

- 10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**
Cash Disbursements Warrant #65929 - #66013 - \$296,367.74
Cash Disbursements Warrant #66014 - #66016 - \$1,679.03
Recommendation – Consent of approved expenditures.

- 11. ADOPTING THE POLICY CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE**
Recommendation – Motion to adopt Personnel Policy and Procedure entitled CELLULAR TELEPHONE USE.

- 12. TRANSMIT UNMET NEEDS**
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.

- 13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION – VETERAN’S MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATIONS**
Recommendation – Motion to approve the Notice of Completion for the Veteran’s Memorial Park Renovation Project and direct City Clerk to record same.

- 14. TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOT REPORT , 1ST QUARTER 2009**
Recommendation – Information only.

- 15. POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS**
Recommendation – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES.

- 16. HIRE A TEMPORARY GIS INTERN TO ASSIST IN PLANNING**
Recommendation – Approve funds to hire a temporary GIS Intern to assist in Planning Department, with his time not exceeding more than 1, 040 hours.

17. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVEL EXPENSES – 2009 LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Recommendation - Motion to authorize expenses for registration, lodging, meals, transportation, and other incidental expenses for the Council Members who wish to attend the 2009 League of California Cities Annual Conference in San Jose.

18. ORDINANCE RE PERTAINING TO REGULATION OF MOBILE HOMES, RECREATIONAL AND SIMILAR VEHICLES

Recommendation – Motion to introduce ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE VI OF CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF TAFT, AS CONTAINED HEREIN by title only and reading be waived.

19. CONSIDERATION OF CONTINUATION OF GRANT WRITING SERVICES BY CALIFORNIA CONSULTING LLC AT \$3,000 PER MONTH PLUS MINOR EXPENSES: YEARLY TOTAL \$36,000

Recommendation – Council to authorize signature of new contract. Staff to evaluate performance every six months and update Council.

20. OILWORKER MONUMENT IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION LAND VALUE APPRAISAL AND PLAQUE DISCUSSION

Recommendation - Direction to staff on how to proceed with the information requested by Council concerning: **OILWORKER MONUMENT IN KIND CONTRIBUTION LAND VALUE APPRAISAL AND PLAQUE DISCUSSION.**

CLOSED SESSION

At this time the City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 for the Council to give instructions to its negotiator, Robert Gorson, regarding negotiation for real property-Union Pacific Railroad property-various parcels.

ADJOURNMENT

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
(Government Code Section 54943.2)**

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, 2009, at Taft, California.