

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MAY 19, 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.

Ed Whiting, Lieutenant, Taft Police Department, to address the City Council re Police Department equipment and weaponry.

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation: Jim Stigall, Community Christian Fellowship
Roll Call: Mayor Noerr
 Councilmember Linder
 Councilmember Miller
 Councilmember Noble
 Councilmember Thompson

1. 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.

2. REPORT FROM CITY TREASURER

City Treasurer Bill LeBarron to provide the City Council with an update on current financial condition.

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

A. Letter dated May 8, 2009, to Kern County Auditor-Controller Ann K. Barnett re ERAF payment.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 8-13

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.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
May 5, 2009 Regular Meeting**

Recommendation - Approve as submitted.
(Item to be distributed at the meeting.)

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Cash Disbursements Warrant #66017 - #66115 - \$230,046.79
Recommendation – Consent of approved expenditures.

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

Recommendation – Motion to adopt 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.

11. RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSAL TO BORROW LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM CITIES, COUNTIES AND SPECIAL DISTRICTS

Recommendation - Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT FINDING A SEVERE FISCAL HARDSHIP WILL EXIST IF ADDITIONAL LOCAL PROPERTY TAX FUNDS ARE SEIZED AND ADDITIONAL UNFUNDED MANDATES ARE ADOPTED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

12. 2009-2010 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT

Recommendation – Motion to adopt resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR 2009-2010.

13. RESTRICTIVE PARKING AT ST. MARY’S CHURCH

Recommendation – Motion to approve two (2) additional handicapped designated parking stalls at 110 E. Woodrow Street, St. Mary’s Church.

14. FUNDING TO THE TAFT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE QUARTER OF JANUARY 2009 TO MARCH 2009

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 25% allocation of the Transit Occupancy Tax to the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the quarter of January 2009 through March 2009.

15. SANITARY SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Recommendation – Motion to approve a contract with The Wallace Group and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$75,653 out of the Sewer Reserve Fund for completion of all elements required in Order No. 2006-0003.

16. PAVING PROGRESS UPDATE / NEXT PROJECT SCOPE AND BUDGET

Recommendation – Motion to appropriate \$60,000 from Capital Reserves for 08/09 fiscal year road repairs.

17. EMERGENCY SEWER LINE REPAIR IN THE ALLEY OF THE 500 BLOCK OF NORTH STREET

Recommendation – Information only item.

18. TAFT COMMUNITY GARDENS REQUEST FOR DONATION

Recommendation – Motion to approve donation (amount to be determined) to Taft Community Gardens and to appropriate funds from Capital Reserve.

19. 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.

20. POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS

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

CLOSED SESSION

1. 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.
2. At this time the City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a) to provide instructions to the local agency's designated representative, Robert Gorson, City Manager, regarding negotiations – various units.
3. At this time the City Council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 Performance Evaluation. Position to be evaluated: City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

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(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.