

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 20, 2009
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 E. KERN ST., TAFT, CA 93268**

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REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation Rodney Wikoff, Nazarene Church
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. (Item to be distributed at the meeting)

3. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

4. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

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

September 15, 2009 Regular Meeting
September 15, 2009 Special Meeting
September 22, 2009 Special Meeting
September 30, 2009 Special Meeting (Item to be distributed at meeting)
October 6, 2009 Regular Meeting
Recommendation - Approve as submitted.

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Cash Disbursements Warrant # 66490-\$ 66491 - \$109,134.19
Cash Disbursements Warrant # 67005-# 67083 - \$292,374.20
Cash Disbursements Warrant # 67084-# 67085 - \$5,843.52
Cash Disbursements Warrant # 67086-# 67182 - \$433,231.96
Recommendation – Consent of approved expenditures.

10. SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT NO. 09-02 (SEP 09-02) ; TO PERMIT THE OPERATION OF A CARNIVAL BY AMERICAN TRAVELING SHOWS FROM OCTOBER 21-25, 2009, AT THE K-MART SHOPPING CENTER

Recommendation – Motion to approve a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT NO. 09-02, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.

11. EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION/RECOGNITION DINNER

Recommendation – “The City Council of the city of Taft hereby finds that it is in the best interest of the City to recruit and retain qualified and competent employees in a competitive job market in order to provide consistent, superior service in all aspects of the City’s business. Accordingly, the City Council hereby approves an “Employee Appreciation/Recognition Dinner” to acknowledge and recognize the accomplishments of city staff.”

12. REQUEST FUNDS FOR COUNCIL CHAMBER CHAIRS

Recommendation – Motion to approve purchase of four (4) chairs for staff and to appropriate \$1,060.85 from Capital Reserves.

13. PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT CENTENNIAL BADGES

Recommendation – Motion to approve funding for purchase of Police Department Centennial badges and to appropriate \$2,000 from City Capital Reserves.

14. ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3 OF THE TAFT CITY CODE, AND ADOPT A NEW SECTION 3-3-3a, “FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) CONTROL

Recommendation – Motion to introduce an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF TAFT, AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 3-3-3a, “FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) CONTROL”

15. BIOLOGICAL CONSTRAINTS ANALYSIS PROPOSED LAND LEASE VISTA GRANDE OIL COMPANY

Recommendation – Motion to approve a \$6,000 budget out of the Federal Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Reserve Fund to perform a Professional Biological Constraints Analysis for proposed land lease of 150 acres.

16. PROPOSED LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT BY WHICH THE CITY GIVES UP CERTAIN RIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR THE WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AGREEING NOT TO OPPOSE THE CITY’S EFFORTS TO EXPAND ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE.

Recommendation – Motion to approve proposed letter agreement with the Buena Vista Water Storage District by which the city gives up certain rights in exchange for the water storage district agreeing not to oppose the city’s efforts to expand its sphere of influence.

17. CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT AND AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES REGARDING REVISION TO SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

Recommendation – 1) Motion to approve Consultant Services Agreement between the City of Taft and Lawrence Tomasello, Planning Consultant; and 2) Motion to approve agreement for Professional Consulting services regarding revision to Subdivision Ordinance and to appropriate \$5,800 from Capital Reserves.

18. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION PAGE, EMPLOYEE CALENDAR, EMPLOYEE LOG-ON, ANNEXATION, AND SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) PAGE TO BE ADDED ONTO THE CITY OF TAFT WEBSITE CONTRACT WITH SABA AGENCY.

Recommendation – Motion to appropriate funds in the amount of \$880 to implement an employee information page, employee calendar, employee log-on, annexation, and Sphere of Influence frequently asked questions (FAQ) page to be added onto the City of Taft website contract with Saba Agency.

19. CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY PROPOSALS

Recommendation – Council to discuss and direct staff.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. The council will hold a closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) regarding potential litigation against the city – property abatement.
- b. 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 – 400 Hillard Street.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

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That I am the _____ of the City of Taft; that an agenda/public hearing notice was posted on a public information bulletin board located near the door of the Civic Center Council Chamber on _____, 2009, at _____ a.m./p.m., pursuant to 1987 Brown Act Requirements.

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

Executed on _____, 2009, at Taft, California.