

**CITY OF TAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009**

The January 13, 2009, Regular Meeting of the Taft City Planning Commission, held in the Civic Center Council Chamber, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California, was called to order at [6:31:09 PM](#). Bill LeBarron of First Congregational Church led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Curtis Walchock;
Planning Commissioners Craig Laurin, Shawn Sutherland and Robert Thompson;
Acting Community Development Director Paul Gorte, Assistant Planner Eddie Quintero,
City Attorney Kathy Gibson and Acting Secretary Alina Megerdom.

ABSENT: Chairman Barry Jameson.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 11876** [6:32:40 PM](#)
A division of 21.78 acres into 3 parcels generally located on the southwest corner of State Route 33 and Wood Street in Taft, CA
Applicant: Dewalt Corporation, 1930 22nd Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Laurin, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 11876, SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS AND THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.
(Resolution No. 2009-01)

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents.

Brent Thompson from Dewalt Corporation spoke in favor of the project. The applicant is in general acceptance of what was proposed. He thanked the Commissioners and staff for their hard work. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Being no further testimony the PH was closed.

Commissioner Thompson inquired about the sewer system. Quintero's response was that the developer would be responsible for it financially.

Commissioner Walchock inquired about traffic studies. Quintero's response was that it was sent to Cal Trans. Gorte added that this was one of the requirements for streets. Ultimately there may be some road adjustments.

AYES: Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock, Laurin
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Jameson
APPROVED: 4-0.

2. **ZONE CHANGE NO. 08-04 (TEXT AMENDMENT)** [6:40:24 PM](#)
Amending Taft Municipal Code, Title VI, Section B (Commercial Uses), Table 5.A (Uses Permitted within Commercial Zone Districts) to add truck storage yard when adjacent to industrially zoned property subject to approval of a conditional use permit
Applicant: City of Taft, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268

Motion: Moved by Laurin, seconded by Thompson, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 768-08 BY APPROVING ZONE CHANGE NO. 08-04.
(Resolution No. 2009-02)

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents. Being none, the PH was closed.

AYES: Laurin, Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Jameson
APPROVED: 4-0

**3. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 08-02 [6:45:50 PM](#)
To allow a truck storage yard at the southwest corner of Highway 33 and Hillard Street in Taft, CA
Applicant: Charles E. Beard, P.O. Box 344, Taft, CA 93268**

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 08-02 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL CONTAINED HEREIN.
(Resolution No. 2009-02)

The duly noticed PH was opened to receive testimony from proponents and opponents.

Rusty Risi, representing General Productions and Charles E. Beard, spoke in favor of the project. They agree to all the stipulations on the plan. No one spoke in opposition to the proposal. Being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Thompson had a few questions regarding Development Standards, item number 15 on Resolution No. 2009-03, which states; the private driveway providing ingress and egress to the project site shall be twenty (20) feet in width. How does it fit in development standards when the prior approval for the other one required a 40 foot road? Assistant Planner Quintero stated that it is not a legal road. It is a private driveway. The City Codes do not apply. The applicant must pave the 20-foot driveway from State Route 33 to the parcel driveway. They would need an encroachment permit from CalTrans.

Thompson also inquired about the storm drains protection and storm water? Would the disposal of water be approved by the City Engineer? Quintero stated that all storm water would be taken care of on site. The water would not leave the site.

Commissioner Sutherland stated that there is an 8 inch hole inside the block wall. Are they going to fill it? Planning Consultant Lawrence stated that yes; it's going to be filled in. The grading plans are on file with the City Engineer. They are going to do a retention basin on site.

AYES: Laurin, Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Jameson
APPROVED: 4-0

CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 12, 2008 Regular Meeting
Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

Motion: Moved by Thompson, seconded by Laurin, to approve the minutes.

AYES: Thompson, Sutherland and Laurin

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Walchock

ABSENT: Jameson

APPROVED: 3-0

MANAGEMENT REPORTS 6:59:41 PM

Gorte introduced Sara Allinder who is the Planner for PMC and invited everyone to the meetings on January 14, 2009. He announced the upcoming public meetings for February 9, 2009, and February 25, 2009. He also thanked everyone who attended the Ethics Training.

PLANNING DIRECTOR STATEMENTS

Quintero encouraged the officials to attend a meeting on January 15, 2009, at 11:00 AM and the February 5, 2009, meeting which will cover what the state is doing for climate change.

Gorte will send out packages on what the policies are in the next couple of days via e-mail.

CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS 7:03:27 PM

Attorney Gibson stated that on Tuesday before the City Council meeting there will be a Study Session at 6:00 pm, she intends to go over the Brown Act and distribute at handouts at the next meeting for anyone unable to attend.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Thompson volunteered to report to City Council at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at [7:05:33 PM](#)

Alina Megerdom, Acting Secretary

Barry M. Jameson, Chairperson