

**CITY OF TAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES
MAY 26, 2009**

SPECIAL MEETING

The May 26, 2009, special meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft was opened by Chairman Jameson at [6:31:15 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Walchock, followed by a moment of silence.

PRESENT: Chairman Barry Jameson, Vice Chairman Curtis Walchock.
Planning Commissioners Shawn Sutherland and Robert Thompson.
Acting Redevelopment Director Paul Gorte; City Attorney Kathy Gibon; and
Acting Secretary (City Clerk) Louise Hudgens.

ABSENT: Craig Laurin

CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting
Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

Acting Secretary Hudgens distributed amended minutes and pointed out the corrections.

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson, to approve the minutes as amended.

AYES: Sutherland, Thompson, Jameson
ABSTAIN: Walchock (absent at April 14, 2009 Regular Meeting)
APPROVED: 3-0-1

PUBLIC HEARING (PH)

1. **TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP (TMP) NO. 11920**
A division of 15.90 acres into 2 parcels with a designated remainder parcel generally located west of Gas Company Road and south of the Taft Wastewater Treatment Plant (APN 220-040-88)
Applicant: Bruce Anderson, 1965 Airport, Bakersfield, CA 93308
Owner: Charles & Virgie Beard, P.O. Box 344, Taft, CA 93268

Mr. Gorte reminded Commissioners that several large parcels were created about two (2) years previously and now smaller parcels were being created from those same parcels.

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

Motion: Moved by Walchock, seconded by Sutherland, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP NO. 11920 SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. (*Resolution 2009-05*)

Commissioner Thompson stated that he had not seen a grading plan and inquired about water run-off into Sandy Creek. Mr. Beard responded that there would be a retaining sump for each parcel as nothing is allowed to run into Sandy Creek.

AYES: Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock, Jameson
APPROVED: 4-0

MANAGEMENT REPORTS [6:39:38 PM](#)

- SITE PLAN NO. 09-02
BIOFUEL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY
Applicant: Tom Richardson, Thomas Energy & Biological LLC, P.O. Box 126, Santa Clarita, CA 91310
Owner: Charles Beard, P.O. Box 344, Taft, CA 93268**

Mr. Gorte reminded Commissioners that this item originally came to the Commission as a temporary use permit. The temporary use permit expired and it is now coming back as a permanent facility. The facility is located on a 20 acre parcel at the end of the road shown on **TPM NO. 11920**.

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson, to approve Site Plan No. 09-02 subject to Conditions of Approval.

Commissioner Thompson inquired about Condition of Approval No. 16 – grading and drainage design certification. Would that come from the Civil Engineer? Mr. Gorte responded YES.

Chairman Jameson indicated that he had driven to the location and thought that the location was appropriate for this facility.

AYES: Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock, Jameson
APPROVED: 4-0

PLANNING DIRECTOR STATEMENTS – None.

CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS – None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS [6:42:23 PM](#)

Commissioner Sutherland gave kudos to Chairman Jameson for the Relay for Life run and announced that he would be gone for the summer, returning for the August meeting.

Commissioner Thompson stated that he was pleased to see some of the items come to a fruitful conclusion and inquired when other sites would be ready. There was a response from Mr. Beard which was inaudible to the secretary.

Commissioner Walchock expressed his appreciation for all the condolences he received in the passing of his brother.

Chairman Jameson reported that the Arbor Day event was successful and that the children had fun planting a tree.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [6:45:30 PM](#).

Louise Hudgens
Acting Secretary (City Clerk)

Barry M. Jameson, Chairman