

**CITY OF TAFT
PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING Minutes
OCTOBER 14, 2008**

The October 14, 2008, 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 6:29 PM. Commissioner Walchock led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Bill LaBarron of First Congregational Church gave the invocation.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS 6:30:27

1. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-03 - AN AMENDMENT TO A PORTION OF THE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL/BIKE PATH OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S 2004 GENERAL PLAN

Motion: Moved by Laurin, seconded by Sutherland, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. 08-02 RELATED TO LIBERTY PLAZA PROJECT.
(Resolution No. 2008-15)

AYES: Laurin, Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock, Jameson

**2. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-04 – AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3.14 - AIRPORTS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN
6:34:39**

Council Member Dave Noerr spoke for the project. He stated that there had been a great deal of work put together for this project. He thanked the City staff for all their hard work.

Motion: Moved by Laurin, seconded by Thompson, to adopt a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 08-04 AMENDING SECTION 3.14-AIRPORTS OF THE CIRCULATION ELEMENT.
(Resolution No. 2008-16)

Commissioners all agreed that City Staff have been very busy trying to push this forward and they were pleased.

AYES: Laurin, Sutherland, Thompson, Walchock, Jameson

CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 9, 2008, Regular Meeting
September 30, 2008, Special Meeting

Motion: Moved by Thompson, seconded by Sutherland, and approved unanimously, to approve the minutes.

MANAGEMENT REPORTS

There were none.

PLANNING DIRECTOR STATEMENTS

The following upcoming events were announced by Mr. Gorte:

- Thursday, October 16, 2008, Ad hoc Steering Committee meeting at Chevron Valley Credit Union.
- Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., Public Meeting at The Historic Fort regarding General Plan Update and Environmental Impact Report.
- Tuesday, October 28, 2008, Expansion of the Redevelopment Area.
- The Planning Commission Meeting date was changed to Wednesday, November 12, 2008, due to November 11, 2008, being a Holiday.

Eddie Quintero stated that he and Bud Rice would be attending a meeting on Monday, October 21, 2008, in Sacramento regarding the Housing Element.

CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS 6:44:32

There were no comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS 6:45:21

Chairman Jameson announced that on October 24, 2008, Taft High School Cross Country Team has a fundraiser called Wildcat Black Gold Rush which would start at 8:00 a.m. from "A" Street Park. They are looking for sponsors and everyone is welcome to come out to cheer them on.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved by Sutherland, seconded by Thompson, and unanimously approved, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57:33 PM.

Alina Megerdom, Acting Secretary

Barry M. Jameson, Chairperson