

**RESOLUTION NO. 4096-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT  
DECLARING A FISCAL EMERGENCY AS DEFINED AND USED BY ARTICLE  
X111 C SECTION 2(b) OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION**

**WHEREAS**, with the two local prisons closing, extreme state regulations on the oil and gas industry, and the economic downturn caused by the coronavirus, the City is facing a financial crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last several years, Taft has lost nearly \$3,000,000 due to Sacramento's burdensome regulations and state money grabs; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the City's contract with Kern County Fire Department will double within five years, which is a significant concern for the City's current fiscal crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, unless we address this challenge, the City may have no choice but to reduce fire protection and paramedic services, increase 911 response times, and jeopardize residents in need of life saving emergency medical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, additional locally controlled funding is needed to address community identified service priorities including retaining local businesses and jobs, maintaining 911 response and preventing property crimes, maintaining firefighting and paramedic services, maintaining the number of police officers, keeping public areas such as Veteran's Park and Rails to Trails safe and clean, and preventing and preparing for wildfires and structure fires, and

**WHEREAS**, local control over taxpayer dollars will help to ensure more money stays in Taft for essential local services and help to maintain the level of service residents expect and deserve, and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing the proposed FY2021-2022 Budget, and certain changes that have occurred, the City Council wishes to declare an emergency as that term is used in Article XIII C, section 2(b) of the California State Constitution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Taft, California as follows:

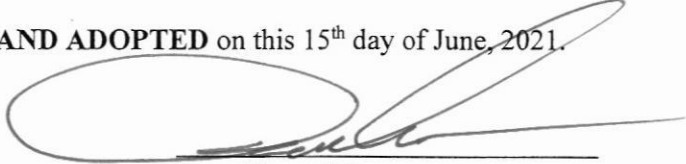
**Section 1.** That the City Council hereby unanimously finds and declares that a fiscal emergency, as the term "emergency" is used in Article XIII C, Section 2(b) of the California Constitution, now exists in the City of Taft which justifies calling for an election in order that the City may propose, and the City voters may consider, adoption of the general tax measure intended to address that emergency by ensuring that the City has the resources necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare.

**Section 2.** The City Council hereby makes the following written findings supporting the declaration of said fiscal emergency:

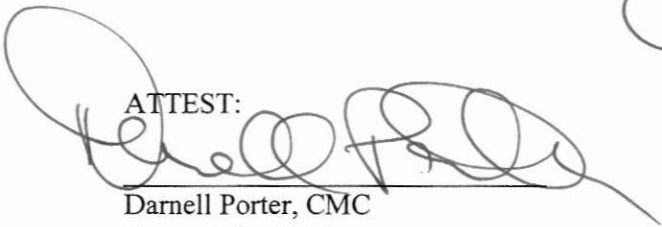
- A. The FY 2021-22 Budget adopted for the General Fund includes a net deficit of \$1,139,686, and

- B. The City Council has taken action to eliminate all vacant positions and in doing so has verified that this action will not affect services to the community but will reduce personal expenditures. However, to sustain the current level of service, the City must consider reorganizing to ensure coverage of service.
- C. The FY 2021-22 Budget reflects the decrease of \$2,200,000 revenue from the closure of the Modified Community Correction Facility. The State of CA cancelled the contract as of May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021. This facility and its service fee and overhead charges supported the City of Taft and services to the community.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

  
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Dave Noerr, Mayor

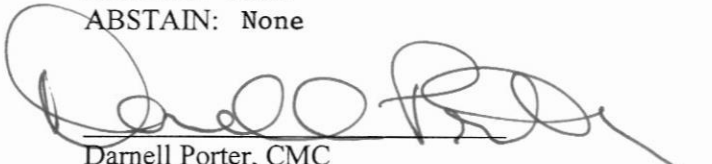
ATTEST:

  
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Darnell Porter, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }  
COUNTY OF KERN }SS  
CITY OF TAFT }

I, Darnell Porter, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Taft, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Taft at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland, Whiting, Noerr  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Darnell Porter, CMC  
Deputy City Clerk