

TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

MINUTES

JUNE 16, 2026

The June 16, 2026, special joint meeting of the Taft City Council/Taft Successor Agency, held in the Council Chamber at Taft City Hall, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Mayor Noerr at **6:00 PM**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dave Noerr and the invocation was given by Greg Mudge.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr and Mayor Pro Tem Josh Bryant
Council Members Orchel Krier and Ron Waldrop
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Kincaid

1. **SWEARING IN OF OFFICER – DAVID LAWSON**
2. **PRESENTATION BY SHARON RAHBAN WITH PRICE PAIGE COMPANY – 2026/2027 BUDGET**
3. **APPROVAL OF FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Recommendation –

Motion to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING THE CITY OF TAFT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.**

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Bryant to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT ADOPTING THE CITY OF TAFT FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027** (*Resolution No. 4361-26*) and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15060(c)(3) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Waldrop, Noerr

PASSED: 4-0

4. **CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There was none.

5. **COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON-ACTION)**

Council Member Krier reminded the community of the upcoming 4th of July events happening in Taft.

Council Member Waldrop stated he is proud to be an American citizen and proud to be a citizen of Taft.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant encouraged people to get involved in community activities. He is looking forward to the celebration of Independence Day. Happy Birthday America.

Mayor Noerr urged everyone to be a part of your government. Also stating, Happy Birthday America and hope that everyone stays safe and has a great time.

Motion to 1) receive 2026-2027 Engineer's Report for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1; and
2) adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO REVIEW THE IMPROVEMENTS AND FEES FOR LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 AND SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 21, 2026** and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

13. RESOLUTION DETERMINING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4

Recommendation -

Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT DETERMINING REASONABLE EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS PURSUANT GOVERNMENT CODE § 54953.4.**

14. COMMERCIAL WASTE DUMP WILL SERVE PROCEDURES

Recommendation -

Receive the informational item regarding Commercial Waste Dump Will Serve Procedures and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15060(c)(3) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

15. ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FY 2022-2023

Recommendation -

Motion to receive and file the Annual Audited Comprehensive Financial Reports for the year ended June 30, 2023 and find that the activity is not a project per the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15060(c)(3) and Section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines.

At 7:05 PM the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

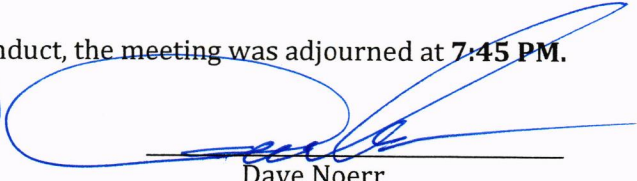
- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units
- B. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES- CITY MANAGER
Government Code Section 54956.8 – undisclosed parcels
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Taft Union High School vs. City of Taft
Kern County Superior Court Case No. S-1500-CV-283804
- D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – One (1) undisclosed case

- The City Council discussed in closed session the two items agendized for closed session discussion and directions were given to staff and negotiators. The City Council took no other reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at **7:45 PM.**



Michelle Kincaid
Deputy City Clerk



Dave Noerr
Mayor