

TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY

MINUTES

AUGUST 04, 2026

The August 04, 2026, regular 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 Dave Noerr at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Dave Noerr and invocation was given by Pastor Lloyd Francis.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr
Council Members Carlos Chavira, Orchel Krier and Ron Waldrop
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Faith Melton

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem Josh Bryant

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was none.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON-ACTION)

Council Member Krier said things are moving in Taft and reminded everyone school is starting back up and to be careful and use crosswalks.

Council Member Waldrop reminded everyone to stay out of this heat.

Council Member Chavira stated it was ridiculously hot and to be safe and vigilant with school starting.

Mayor Noerr told everyone to stay hydrated and be careful with school starting, don't forget to use the crosswalks and press the crosswalk button.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Taft Police Department, Police Chief, Damon McMinn gave the month of July statistics.

4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There was none.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There was none.

6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There was none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7-11

➤ Noerr removed item 12.

Moved by Krier seconded by Chavira to approve consent calendar items 7-11.

AYES: Krier, Chavira, Waldrop, Noerr
PASSED: 4-0

7. **MINUTES**

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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant # 072226	Check No. 101533	\$ 325,000.00
Warrant # 072426	Check No. 202476	\$ 871.35

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

9. **STREET CLOSURES AND SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE SUNSET NIGHT MARKET SPECIAL EVENTS**

Recommendation –

Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND STREET CLOSURES FOR THE SUNSET NIGHT MARKET SPECIAL EVENTS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, NOVEMBER 21ST, & DECEMBER 12TH, 2026** (Resolution No. 4371-26) 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.

10. **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS ANNUAL AUDIT – FY 2022-2023**

Recommendation –

Motion to receive and file the City of Taft Transportation Development Act Funds Annual Audit for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

11. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CARDS FOR THE AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCOUNT**

Recommendation –

Motion to adopt resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL CARDS FOR THE AMERICAN EXPRESS ACCOUNT** (Resolution No. 4372-26).

12. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT- HF&H ON- CALL SB 1383 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Noerr pulled this item to explain it. He stated this bill is state mandated and we are using grant funding to pay for it.

Motion: Moved by Krier seconded by Waldrop to approve a Professional Services Agreement with HF&H Consultants, LLC (HF&H) for on-call solid waste and recycling consulting

services for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per year, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.

AYES: Krier, Chavira, Waldrop, Noerr
PASSED: 4-0

13. PRELIMINARY APPROVAL FOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED DOWNTOWN STREET CIRCUIT SUPER MOTO RACING EVENT

All council members agreed this is a great thing for our City.

Motion: Moved by Krier seconded by Chavira to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A PROPOSED DOWNTOWN STREET CIRCUIT SUPER MOTO RACING EVENT AND AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PLANNING, NEGOTIATION, AND PREPARATION OF A FINAL SPECIAL EVENT AGREEMENT** (Resolution No. 4373-26) 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, Chavira, Waldrop, Noerr
PASSED: 4-0

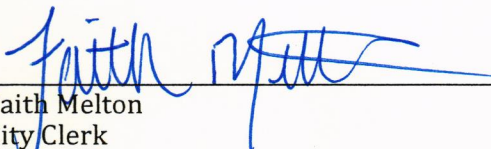
At 6:24 PM the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

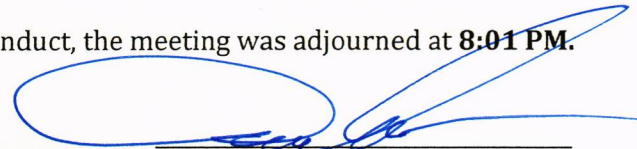
CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANAGER
Government Code 54957.6 – All units
- B. CONFERENCE WITH 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

- The City Council discussed in closed session those 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 **8:01 PM.**


Faith Melton
City Clerk


Dave Noerr
Mayor