

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 01, 2026**

The September 01, 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 Council Member Josh Bryant, and invocation was given by Pastor Sean Piefer.

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

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chamber of Commerce Director Stephanie Layton reported on upcoming Chamber events such as the 9/11 Mayors Breakfast, October Golf Tournament, Candidate Forum and more.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON-ACTION)

Council Member Krier had no comment.

Council Member Chavira shared two quotes regarding community involvement.

Council Member Waldrop mentioned his wife's birthday.

Mayor Pro Tem Bryant had no comment.

Mayor Noerr spoke about the Taft High School Oil Technology Program and said the repaving on 4th Street is close to being completed.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Damon McMinn gave the Taft Police Department statistics for the month of August.

4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

There was none.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There was none.

6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There was none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7-10, 12, 13

➤ Noerr pulled item 11

Motion: Moved by Bryant seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 7-10, 12, 13.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Chavira, Waldrop, Noerr
PASSED: 5-0

7. **MINUTES**

- August 18, 2026, Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Warrant # 081426A	Check No. 202555-202559	\$ 4,513.93
Warrant # 081426	Check No. 202560-202629	\$ 228,046.27

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

9. **TREASURERS REPORT**

Recommendation –

Motion to receive and file the Treasurers Report for the months April, May and June 2026.

10. **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES FOR THE ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TO HOST A FESTIVAL ON THEIR PROPERTY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

Recommendation –

Motion to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT NO. 2026-23 AND TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEES FOR ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TO HOST A FESTIVAL ON THEIR PROPERTY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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.

12. **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND WAIVER OF APPLICATION FEES FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST A PEDDLER'S FAIR ON THEIR PROPERTY ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026**

Recommendation –

Motion to approve a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT NO. 2026-24 AND TO WAIVE APPLICATION FEES FOR THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TO HOST A PEDDLER'S FAIR ON THEIR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 220 NORTH STREET ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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. **AUTHORIZING BY RESOLUTION THE USE OF AND APPLICATION FOR \$10,573 IN FY 2026-27 FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT PROJECTS**

Recommendation -

Motion to adopt a resolution entitled **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT LIST FOR THE FY 2026 - 2027 CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1-STATE OF GOOD REPAIR PROGRAM.**

2026 ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT

The 2026 Annual Military Equipment Report was presented by Lt. McClure.

Motion: Moved by Bryant seconded by Chavira to receive and file the 2026 Annual Military Equipment Report 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, Chavira, Waldrop, Noerr
PASSED: 5-0

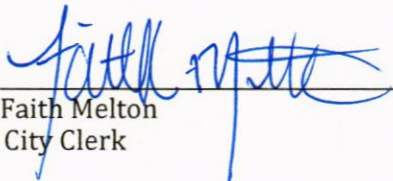
At 6:24 PM the regular meeting was recessed to closed session.

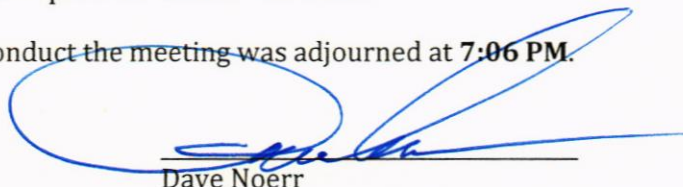
CLOSED SESSION

- 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 agendaized for closed session discussion and directions were given to negotiators and staff. No other reportable action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.


Faith Melton
City Clerk


Dave Noerr
Mayor

