



230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas 78390

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

JULY 16, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING

230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 16th day of JULY 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call City Council meeting to order
2. Call Roll and establish quorum is present
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
4. Prayer
5. Citizen Comments: At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue it is requested that they select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.

6. Consent Agenda

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

A. CITY SECRETARY REPORT

- Approval of minutes from Regular Council Meeting on 6/11/2024
- Approval of minutes from Special Council Meeting on 6/17/2024
- Approval of minutes from Regular Council Meeting on 6/25/2024

7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPOINT AN ALDERMAN FOR THE VACANT SEAT IN WARD 1 AND SWEARING IN OF NEW ALDERMAN



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8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE TML INTERGOVERNMENTAL RISK POOL.
9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 735 IN REFERENCE TO PARKING ON UNIMPROVED SURFACES.
10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO CREATE A COMMITTEE FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT.
11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE.
12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ALLOW THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH DAVE FURZER IN REFERENCE TO SEWER PLANT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.
13. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY REPRESENTATIVES IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.
14. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE REMOTE CAPTURE FOR CHECK PROCESSING AT CITY HALL.
15. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION IN REFERENCE TO PURCHASING SUPPLIES FOR DISBURSMENT DURING HURRICANES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS.
16. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPOINT ALONZO MOLINA JR. TO THE EDC BOARD
17. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION ON ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO REPEAL THE SALES AND USE TAX CURRENTLY DEDICATED TO THE TYPE A EDC (TQIC) AND TO INCREASE THE STREET TAX.
18. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO UPDATE THE BANK SIGNATURES AND PROVIDE BANK CARDS TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY.
 - BANK CARDS
 - MICHAEL VASQUEZ – FIRE CHIEF (INTERIM)
 - GABRIAL MORALES – PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



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- JERRY PERKINS – PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARY
- RYAN SMITH – INTERIM CITY MANAGER
- SIGNATURES ON BANK
 - ISAIAH GARZA – ALDERMAN WARD 1
 - RYAN SMITH – INTERIM CITY MANAGER

EXECUTIVE SESSION

19. **Closed Session:** City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney
- Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against officer or employee
 - CITY MANAGER INTERVIEW – Shawna Burkhart

20. **Open Session:**

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21. Council and staff comments: Comments may be made by staff or council but no action will be taken.

22. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.



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23. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.

24. Adjourn.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email agomez@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89673161002?pwd=GG0p1LjEcNFug9xqdJO0DPa4eRFQSG.1>

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, Ryan Smith certify that the above notice of this Special Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 12th day of July 2024 by 5:00 p.m.



Ryan Smith – Interim City Manager