



**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
AUGUST 15, 2023 – 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 Special Meeting of the City Council on the 15th day of August, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

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**Opening Agenda**

1. Call Regular City Council meeting to order.
2. Call Roll and establish a quorum is present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Prayer.
5. Citizen comment.
6. City Manager Report.
  - Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.

**7. 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. Consideration and approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.



**Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:**

*This section shall provide for all other official discussion and action items provided for consideration by the Council.*

8. Consideration and possible action regarding approving a Taft Economic Development Corporation (EDC) annual expenditure of \$36,000.00 (payable in twelve equal installments) for the purpose of hiring an EDC Director and paying the City of Taft for administrative services; and making the payment(s) retroactive to July 1, 2023. **(Presenters: Mayor Powell, EDC President Mr. Smith, & Councilman Rodriguez)**
9. Consideration and possible action regarding the calculated No New Revenue (NNR), Voter Approved Rate (VAR), and De Minimis Property Tax Rates for the 2023 Tax Year. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
10. Consideration and possible action regarding Ordinance 23-01, an ordinance of the city of Taft, Texas ordering the November 7, 2023 General Election for the office of Mayor, one (1) Council Member Ward 1, and one (1) Council Member Ward 2; Providing for Early Voting; Providing for other matters relating to the election; Providing a Repealing Clause; Providing for Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
11. Consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 23-04 Establishing, Adopting, and Implementing the City of Taft Social Media and Communications Policy; providing a repealing clause; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**
12. Consideration and possible action regarding establishing, revising, or amending the City of Taft's COVID-19 procedures and/or policies. **(Presenters: Mayor Powell and City Manager Linn)**
13. Consideration and possible action regarding the processes followed by the VFD pertaining to the controlled burn on Toland. **(Presenters: Councilman Rodriguez and VFD Chief Smith)**
14. Consideration and possible action regarding the design, placement, and dedication of a war memorial honoring City of Taft residents that fought in various wars throughout our Nation's history. **(Presenters: Councilman Keeney, City Manager Linn, & Ms. Moreno)**
15. Items to consider for placement on future agendas. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Attorney)**



16. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Secretary)**

17. Adjourn.

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**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 mtopper@cityoftaft.net for further information. Braille is not available.

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, William Linn, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 11th day of August, 2023 by 6:00 p.m.

*/s/ William Linn*

William Linn, City Manager