

**CITY OF TAFT**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**April 11, 2023**  
**KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET**  
**6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the **11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.**

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. VISITORS - 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 they need to 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.

4. Discuss, Consider and Act to approve the March 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

5. Discuss, Consider and Act on accepting the Fiscal year 2021-2022 City of Taft Financial Audit.

6. Presentation from Paul Fritsh, GCGV President & Dr. Vincent Torres, University of Texas Associate Director, Center for Energy & Environmental Resources on air monitor program.

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on appointing a person to fill a vacant position on the City of Taft Planning and Zoning Committee.

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on the award of the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded.

9. Discuss Consider and Act on Resolution No. 668 authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Community Development Fund and adopting the following Civil Rights Policies: 1. A1003 Excessive Force Policy; 2. A1015 Fair Housing Policy; 3. A1004 Section 504 Policy and Grievance Procedures; 4. Code of Conduct Policy; and 5. Citizen Participation Plan.

10. Discuss, Consider and Act on Resolution No. 669 authorizing city representatives to act in matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

11. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution to establish boundaries of a Historic Downtown/Commercial District for the purpose of applying for financial assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture.11.

12. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution to declare an area of the designated Historic Downtown/Commercial District as a slum/blighted area.

13. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.

14. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution authorizing the signatories for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) application and future grants administered through Texas Department of Agriculture TDA Go grants online.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on Inspection Report of Water Storage Tanks within the City of Taft by U.S. Underwater.

16. Discuss Compliance of New Council Member Training Certifications on “Open Meetings Act Training and Cybersecurity Training.”

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on authorizing Interim City Attorney, Eppi Yssassi to seek a Declaratory Judgment from the Federal Order entered in Civil Action Cause No. C-84-230, before the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on \$200,000 payment from Taft EDC to the City of Taft for purchase of Street Patching Machine.

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on selecting three meeting dates to 1.) to narrow selection of City Manager Applicants; 2). Conduct Interviews; and 3.) make final selection for City Manager of those applicants interviewed.

20. City Manager Reports / Updates

21. City Council Requests and Announcements:

- Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
- Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

22. Adjournment.

**DATED** and **POSTED** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, at \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

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Molly Topper

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City Secretary

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

- 1Texas Open Meetings Act - Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.  
Section 551.071
- Texas Open Meetings Act - The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.  
Section 551.072
- Texas Open Meetings Act - A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.  
Section 551.073
- Texas Open Meetings Act - **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.  
Section 551.074
- Texas Open Meetings Act - The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.  
Section 551.076
- Texas Open Meetings Act - Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.  
Section 551.087

### NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.