



**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
JULY 25, 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 Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 25th day of July, 2023 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 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. Departmental Reports.
 - Public Works Report
 - o Water/Wastewater
7. City Manager Report.
 - Current Projects, Future Projects, Current Operations, and/or Future Operations.
 - Presentation of the Financials.

8. 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. No Minutes for consideration.
- B. Consideration and approval on Financials.



Ordinance / Resolution / Other Action Items:

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

9. Consideration and possible action regarding removing TQIC members: Summer Garcia (conflict of interest), Jayson Miller (availability change) and Manuel Banda (excessive absences). **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

10. 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. **(Presenter: EDC President Mr. Smith, Councilman Rodriguez)**

11. Consideration and possible action regarding authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Accurate Meter & Supply for the purchase and installation of new cellular water meters; and further authorize the City Manager to expend the previously dedicated ARPA funds at the June 23, 2023 regular city council meeting. **(Presenter: City Manager Linn)**

12. 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)**

13. **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:
 - *Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)* A governmental body may conduct a private consultation with its attorney when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about pending or contemplated litigation:
 - Jo Ellen Perez v. City of Taft
 - Marcus Adams v. City of Taft, et al



- *Section 551.073 (Prospective Gift or Donation)* A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate a negotiated contract for a prospective gift or donation to the state or the governmental body if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

- Ritchie Library Donation

- *Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)* to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

- Municipal Court Judge

14. **Open Session:** The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

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15. Consideration, discussion, and possible action in regard to non-human relation city matters with the City Manager. **(Presenter City Manager Linn, Governing Body)**
16. Items to consider for placement on future agendas. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Attorney)**
17. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events. **(Governing Body, City Manager, City Secretary)**
18. 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 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, Molly Topper, 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 21st day of July, 2023 by 5:00 p.m.



Molly Topper, City Secretary