

CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
March 14, 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 **14thnd day of March 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 & 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 Approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 Special Called Meeting and February 28, 2023 Regular Meeting.
5. Executive Session:

Discuss, consider and act on Resolution #_____, termination of interim city manager, Sid Arismendez, declaring Lack of Confidence, pursuant to Texas Local Government code Section 22.077 (b).

Discuss, consider and act on Resolution #_____, termination of interim city attorney, Epi Ysassi, declaring Lack of Confidence, pursuant to Texas Local Government code Section 22.077 (b).
6. 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.
7. Discuss Consider and Act on Resolution No. _____ 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.
8. Discuss, Consider and Act on Resolution No. _____ authorizing city representatives to act in matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

9. 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.
10. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution to declare an area of the designated Historic Downtown/Commercial District as a slum/blighted area.
11. Discuss, Consider and approve a resolution authorizing the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) application to the Texas Department of Agriculture.
12. 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.
13. Discuss, Consider and Act on assignment letter from Absolute Waste to Frontier Services assigning the remainder of the contract term with the City of Taft.
14. Discuss, Consider and Act on CenterPoint Energy 2023 Annual GRIP Adjustment for the South Texas Division.
15. Discuss, Consider and Act on 2023 Consumer price Index Adjustment to Municipal Telecommunication Right of Way Access Line Rates.
16. Discuss, Consider and Act to appoint member to vacant seat on the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation (TQIC).
17. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
18. Adjournment.

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

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 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.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 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.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **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.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

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.

DATED and POSTED this the **10th** day of **March 2023**, at **5:00 p.m.**

Molly Topper

City Secretary