

## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 17th day of April, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 402 Park Street, Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK**

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Powell.

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Leonard Vasquez	
Chris Keeney	
Alonso Molina	

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary; Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney; (see attached list for guests present)

### **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

### **3. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At this time, 6:32, Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to convene in Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 to interview finalist for the position of City Manager.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried

### **4. RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION**

At 9:12 p.m., Councilman Vasquez motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to reconvene in Regular Session.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Keeney, Powell, Rodriguez, Molina  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
The motion carried

**5. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF TAFT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.**

Councilman Kenney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to offer the position of city manager to William Linn.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina

Noes: Vasquez, Powell

Absent: None

The motion carried

Discussion continued regarding a transition period between the Interim City Manager and Mr. Linn and to allow Mr. Arismendez to work until May 15<sup>th</sup> in order to close out some projects. The City Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Linn regarding a start date availability. Council agreed to call a special meeting on April 24, 2023, instead of the regular meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April in order to meet with Mr. Linn and discuss a hire packet.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Keeney, motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Keeney, Rodriguez, Molina, Powell

Noes: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried

CITY OF TAFT

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Randy Powell,

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper,

City Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2023  
6:30 P.M.

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- 2. *Rose Slou*
- 3. *Quinta Adams*
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