

## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 6th day of May, 2023, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

### 1. CALL REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 5:30 P.M.

### 2. CALL ROLL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Councilman Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Others Present: Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. PRAYER

Mayor Pro-Tem Rodriguez led the prayer.

### 5. CITIZEN COMMENT

None

### 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TIME 5:32 P.M.

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Molina, to meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

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

### 7. OPEN SESSION: TIME 5:36 P.M.

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney to return to open session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session be considered.

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

Councilman Vasquez      for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Keeney        for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Rodriguez    for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Molina        for   against   abstain   absent  
 Mayor Powell              for   against   abstain   absent

Councilman Keeney Motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to dismiss Sid Arismendez as the Interim City Manager.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez      for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Keeney        for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Rodriguez    for   against   abstain   absent  
 Councilman Molina        for   against   abstain   absent  
 Mayor Powell              for   against   abstain   absent

The motion carried.

Councilman Vasquez asked that his statement as to why he voted “abstain” be included in the Minutes: because Mr. Arismendez and City Manager William Linn were not in attendance at this meeting and not sure if there was a thorough transition.

**8. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Councilman Vasquez: None  
 Councilman Keeney: None  
 Councilman Rodriguez: None  
 Councilman Molina: asked for an update on RFPs for street improvements to Retama Avenue and Gregory Street; an update on the fire department building improvements & the new library  
 Mayor Powell: discussion regarding the new library; more fire hydrants and to double check on the current hydrants

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Councilman Vasquez: asked if there was a regular meeting on the second Tuesday of the month (May 9<sup>th</sup>). City Secretary Topper replied that there was no agenda, the next regular meeting was scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
 Councilman Keeney: None  
 Councilman Rodriguez: None  
 Councilman Molina: None  
 Mayor Powell: None

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussions, Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Vasquez, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.

The following votes were polled:

Councilman Vasquez      for   against   abstain   absent

Councilman Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Rodriguez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Powell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

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Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper, City Secretary