

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

On the 30th day of January 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

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

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell.

Others Present: Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager; Molly Topper, Finance Director/City Secretary/HR Director; Epi Ysassi, Interim City Attorney; Bernie Saenz, PW Director, (see attached list for guests present)

#2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilman Rodriguez led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

#3. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO ANNEX AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO THE CURRENT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF TAFT, TEXAS

Mr. Arismendez reported the need to annex properties in the contiguous areas of the City of Taft. After much discussion of some of the responsibilities in the event of annexation, Mayor Powell motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to proceed forward to annex areas contiguous to the current boundaries of the City of Taft, Texas.

The following votes were polled:

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

#4. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO GO OUT FOR RFQs TO SECURE OUTSIDE COUNSEL FOR ANNEXATION PROCEEDINGS

Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Keeney, to authorize City staff to go out for RFQs to secure outside counsel for annexation proceedings.

The following votes were polled:

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

#5. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Keeney motioned, seconded by Councilman Rodriguez, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The following votes were polled:

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

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Topper, City Secretary