MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

On the 13th day of September, 2022, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special budget workshop at 402 Park Street, at the Kiva Hut at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Randy Powell	Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez	Mayor Pro-Tem
Lolo Hernandez	
Jo Adrian Vara	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Others Present: Sid Arismendez, Interim City Manager; Molly Topper, City Secretary; Adolfo Ruiz, City Attorney; Bernie Saenz, PW Director; Ryan Smith; Justin Pullin; Michael Vasquez; Denise Hitt; Elisa Vasquez; Elvia Hernandez; Scott Patton

1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM CHECK

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Powell at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Powell called for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to be recited during the regular meeting to follow the special meeting.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR FY 2022-2023

Interim City Manager Sid Arismendez announced the award of GLO funds to the City. He identified capital projects for water, wastewater and streets. He reviewed the proposed tax rate; 3% COLA for all employees; and announced capital outlay items of police department vehicles, quote for infrastructure, a track-hoe, and mower.

Councilman Rodriguez requested a maintenance report for the next meeting.

Anthony Hernandez approached Council regarding financial assistance to do work in the parks.

Mike Vasquez requested funding for the volunteer fire department and requested a meeting the following week to discuss the department budget.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

After a brief discussion, Councilman Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Randy Powell Mayor

ATTEST:

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Molly Topper, City Secretary