

## MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor  
Lolo Hernandez Mayor Pro-tem  
Rolando Rodriguez  
JoAdrian Vara  
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.**

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

**#3. Visitors.**

There were no visitor items.

**#4. Discussion and action on an agreement with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.**

Council discussed this item. The city attorney will be meeting with the fire department and the council to see what the agreement needs to contain.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table Item #4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 647, a resolution regarding a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring a fire truck.**

Councilman Vara made a motion to approve Resolution 647, a resolution regarding a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring a fire truck with 10 annual payments and having an agreement with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#6. Discuss, consider, and act on Gexa Energy Ancillary Services costs increase due to the severe winter storm.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to pick option of paying \$1,945.92 to Gexa Energy Ancillary Services costs increase due to the severe winter storm that happened this past February 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1074, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 for ninety (90) calendar days from date of ordinance.**

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1074, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 for ninety (90) calendar days from date of ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#8. City Council Requests and Announcements.**

Councilman Vara wants an update or status on the hurricane plan and the possible mold in the fire department building.

**#9. Executive Session:**

1. **Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Finance Director/HR Director Mary Alice Sandoval.**
2. **Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Secretary/Court Clerk Jennifer Pineda.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#10. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.**

On Item #2 Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to increase the salary of Jennifer Pineda by \$800.00 a month to the base salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

On Item #1 Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to increase the salary of Mary Alice Sandoval by \$800.00 a month to the base salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**#11. Adjournment.**

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Vasquez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

**CITY OF TAFT**

Randy Powell  
Randy Powell Mayor



**ATTEST:**

Jennifer Pineda  
Jennifer Pineda City Secretary