

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 15th day of March, 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 6:38 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitor comments.

#4. Consider, discuss, and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1071, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 968 and rescinding Ordinance No. 984, to designate that the Chief of Police be a municipal officer appointed, hired, and removed by the City's governing body.

Councilman Vara made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1071, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 968 and rescinding Ordinance No. 984, to designate that the Chief of Police be a municipal officer appointed, hired, and removed by the City's governing body. 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 Ordinance No. 1072, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health emergency known as severe winter weather for ninety (90) calendar days from date of ordinance.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1072, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health emergency known as severe winter weather for ninety (90) calendar days from date of ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1073, 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 Vara made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1073, 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 Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action on issuing an rfp for a storage tank. (Mayor Pedro Lopez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to take action on issuing an rfp for a storage tank. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

Councilman Rodriguez made an amendment to issue an rfp for 30 days. The amendment was seconded by Councilman Hernandez

The following votes were polled for the amendment:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The following votes were polled for the motion:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action on issuing an rfp for a generator. (Mayor Pedro Lopez)

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action on issuing an rfp for a generator with maintenance package. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Executive Session: Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment and employment of the City Manager.

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None
The motion carried.

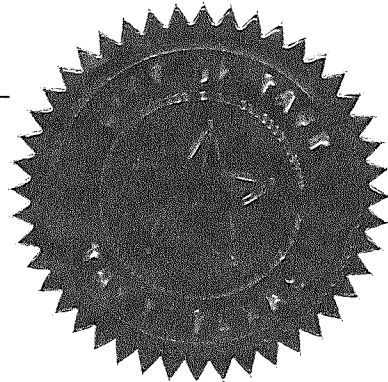
#11. Adjournment.

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

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