

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
AUGUST 10, 2021
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 10th day August 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
5. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving a request for proposals for Administration Services of the American Rescue Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.
6. Discuss, consider and act upon authorizing the City Manager, City Attorney and Santos McBain to engage the City of Sinton regarding an interlocal agreement for monthly street sweeping in the City of Taft.
7. Discuss, consider and act upon approving an agreement and executing documents with Santos McBain for:

- a) Professional Management Support Services
 - b) Plan Writing Services and
 - c) Grant Writing Services.
8. Discuss and update status from Santos McBain Management & Planning of the sidewalk project, the First, Second, and Third Street project.
 9. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 2, 2021.
 10. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1076, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a general election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing one Mayor at Large, one Alderman for Ward One, and one Alderman for Ward Two.
 11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1077, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the purpose of the reauthorization of the local sales and use tax in the City of Taft at the rate of one-quarter of one percent to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets.
 12. Discuss, consider and take action on updating the City of Taft's Organizational Chart.
 13. Discuss, consider and take action adopting **ORDINANCE NO. 1078, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, SUPPORTING A PROCLAMATION BY GREG ABBOTT, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, RENEWING THE BORDER SECURITY DISASTER DECLARATION.**
 14. Discuss, consider and take action adopting **ORDINANCE NO. 1079, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT, SUPPORTING A PROCLAMATION BY GREG ABBOTT, THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, RENEWING THE COVID-19 DISASTER DECLARATION FOR AUGUST 2021.**
 15. Discuss, consider and take action 2021 Governing Body's Summary of the Comparison of this year's Tax Levy with Last Year's Tax Levy, City of Taft and City of Taft Deannexed SW.
 16. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an expense for Lift Station 1 Pump.
 17. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an expense for Lift Station 3 Pump.
 18. Discussion on update of the status of fire hydrants
 19. Discuss and take action, if necessary, on the proper storage location for sprayer, chemicals and other solutions for COVID-19 and current location of property. (*Councilman Vasquez*)
 20. Discussion on analysis regarding cost savings for past and current waste management services. (*Mayor Pedro Lopez*)
 21. Discussion on implementing a Volunteer Fire Department under the direction of the City of Taft (*Mayor Pedro Lopez*)
 22. Discuss, consider and take action on entering into a contract with ELCO Auctions and the City of Taft for the sale of vehicles impounded by the City of Taft Police Department.

23. Discuss monthly reports for city manager, police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
24. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
25. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding: Any pending or potential litigations
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding T-Mobile contract.
 3. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding agreement with Taft Volunteer Fire Department.
26. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive session.
27. Adjournment

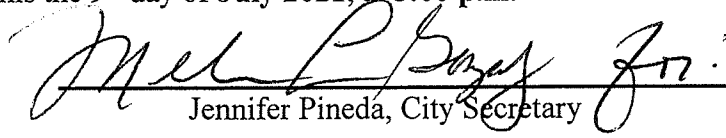
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where <i>legal advice</i> is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The <i>purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property</i> , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A <i>contract for a prospective gift or donation</i> to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. |
| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 | <i>Personnel matters</i> involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. |
| 5. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 | The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of <i>security personnel or devices</i> . |
| 6. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 | Deliberations regarding <i>economic development negotiations</i> . |

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 9th day of July 2021, at 5:00 p.m.


Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary