

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 9, 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 9th day February 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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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. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
5. Discussion on street lights throughout the city and responsibilities.
6. Consider, discuss and take action on setting a date for a workshop related to a proposed housing development and a request for the creation of a Public Improvement District. *(Mayor Lopez)*
7. Consider, discuss and take action on the contracted rate for the prosecutor to increase municipal prosecutorial services from once a quarter to an as needed basis.
8. Discussion on the detailed report on what has been purchased, submitted, and reimbursed due to Covid-19. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

9. Consider, discuss, and take action to obtain a diesel mechanic for emergency repairs to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department apparatus. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
10. Consider, discuss, and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1068, an ordinance to adopt and enact a new code for the City of Taft, Texas; providing for the repeal of certain ordinances not included therein; providing a penalty for the violation thereof; providing for the manner of amending such code; and providing when such code and this ordinance shall become effective.
11. Status update on MuniCode. *(Councilman Vara)*
12. Discussion on Ordinance No. 968 and Ordinance 984. *(Councilman Vara)*
13. Discussion on process to demolish run down houses. *(Councilman Vara)*
14. Discussion on placing speed bumps on Victoria Ave. *(Mayor Lopez)*
15. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
16. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.
17. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
18. Executive Session: 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:
 1. *Sharon Watts vs City of Taft, Texas and Roberto M. Moreno*, Civil Action No. 5:20-CV-1392-JKP in the U.S. District Court or the Western District of Texas.
 2. Taft Volunteer Fire Truck
14. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider, discuss, or take action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
15. Adjournment.

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

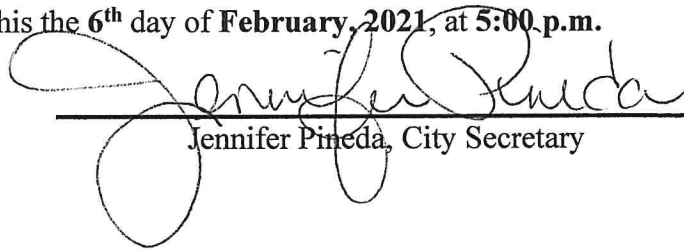
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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , 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 contract for a prospective gift or donation 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. |

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| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 | Personnel matters 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 security personnel or devices . |
| 6. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 | Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations . |

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 6th day of February, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary