

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**CITY OF TAFT**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**MAY 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day May 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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*It is not necessary to announce yourself when you join the teleconference.*

*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. Plaque presentation to Commissioner Gary Moore.
5. Plaque presentation to Frank Gonzalez.
6. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
7. Discuss, consider, and act to approve the lease or purchase of a Dell PowerEdge T340 Server through Kyocera.
8. Discuss, consider and act to approve the lease or purchase of a security camera system for the Taft Police Station, Animal Control Shelter, Taft City Hall, and Public Works Building through Kyocera.
9. Discuss, consider and act upon approving the Site Plans for the CDBG-DR GLO Street Improvement Project Contract No. 20-065-097-C269.
10. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving the COVID-19 Response Continuity of Government/Operations Plan created by Santos McBain.
11. Discuss, consider, and act to approve a request for street closures on May 21, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for the Taft ISD 2021 Senior Graduate's Parade.
12. Discuss, consider, and act to add the utility phone payments option to services provided by The Payment Group.
13. Discuss, consider, and act to participate in an ACH payment option pilot program through The Payment Group for utility customers.

14. Discuss, consider, and act to approve a license agreement with Taft Little League for the use of the Little League Complex located at the Taft Recreational Park.
15. Discuss, consider, and act to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$19,414.49 for repairs to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department 2006 Ford F550.
16. Discuss, consider, and act on moving forward with the repairs from Hurricane Harvey to the Taft Water Park or to set up dialogue with Taft ISD. *(Councilman Vara)*
17. Discussion on the security lighting needs at the Hidalgo Park. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
18. Discuss, consider, and act on charging penalty fees on utility bills. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
19. Discuss a Fuel Farm set-up to be utilized for everyday needs and also in case of catastrophic weather. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
20. Discuss, consider, and act to restore and advertise for the Code Enforcement Officer position.
21. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
22. Discussion on implementing a COVID-19 exposure prevention, preparedness, and response plan.
23. City Council Requests and Announcements:
  - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
  - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
24. Adjournment.

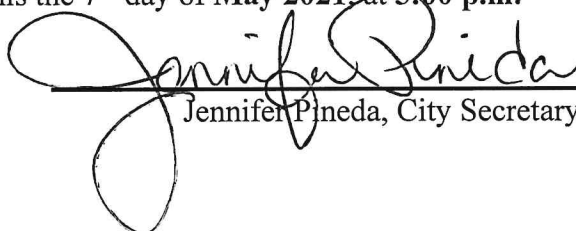
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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.
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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, at 5:00 p.m.

  
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 Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary