

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**CITY OF TAFT**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**APRIL 28, 2020**  
**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 **28<sup>th</sup> day April 2020, 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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**Access Code:** 819-320-109

*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. Consider, discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a manufactured home outside of designated zones or a mobile home park and be placed at 408 Field Ave, Taft, Tx with legal description 3RD FITE BLK 8 LOT 2 0.224 acres in Taft, Tx.
5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid between the City of Taft and Taft Independent School District related to police protection services during the Covid-19 crisis.
6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Texas General Land Office Contract No. 20-065-097-C269 Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects Non-Research

& Development, Harvey Round 1 Funding in the amount \$283,664 to repair and reconstruct certain streets located within the City.

7. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize staff to advertise for request for qualifications for grant administration services for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project.
8. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No. 633, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied.
9. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No. 634, a resolution by the City of Taft, Texas suspending the May 4, 2020 effective date of the proposal by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. to implement interim grip rate adjustments for gas utility investment in 2019.
10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a proposal for the purchase of an air conditioner unit at the Hidalgo Community Center.
11. Consider, discuss and act to approve the change of two new police vehicles from 2020 Ford Explorers to 2020 Chevy Tahoes.
12. Consider, discuss, and take action on Pride of Taft Fireworks Extravaganza policies and procedures.
13. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the Taft Fireworks Extravaganza; authorizing the in-kind and financial support and sponsorship of the event by the city; and establishing an effective date. (Councilman Vasquez)
14. Consider, discuss, and take action on the 20% penalty charge on water payments. (Councilman Rodriguez)
15. 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.
16. Discuss a more detailed financial report. (Councilman Vasquez)
17. Discuss Ordinance No. 544, an ordinance adopting and promulgating rules and regulations governing the platting of land into subdivisions in the City of Taft. (Councilman Vasquez)
18. Discussion on preparedness for Hurricane Season. (Councilman Vara)
19. Consider, discuss and take action related to City Manager positions and its applicants. (Mayor Lopez)
20. City Council Requests and Announcements:
  - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
  - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
21. 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 Emergency Ambulance Service Contract between the City and Hidalgo County Emergency Service Foundation dba South Texas Airmed.



22. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
23. Adjournment.

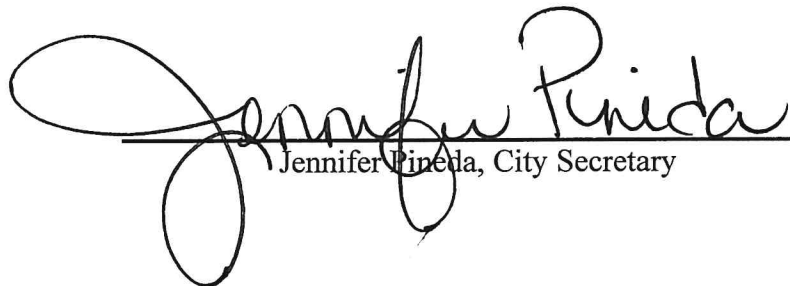
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of **April 2020**, at **5:00 p.m.**



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary