

VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
JULY 14, 2020
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 14th day July 2020, at 6:30 p.m., **VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**

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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. Discuss, consider and take action to enter into contract with Santos McBain Management & Planning for Professional Services: Emergency Management Proposal.
6. Presentation by Brian Keeney, Attorney at Law, who opened an office in Taft. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
7. Consider, discuss and take action to enter into interlocal agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the City's shooting range for training purposes. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

8. Consider, discuss, and take action to amend Resolution 635 by approving Resolution 636 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.
9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a one-day waiver on Ordinance No. 779, Section V, to allow the sell of alcohol by an approved Pride of Taft vendor provided that said vendor obtains a valid city permit to sell alcohol at the Fireworks Extravaganza on July 4, 2020.
10. Discussion on status of getting new street signs installed. *(Councilman Vara)*
11. Discussion on Hidalgo Center renovations. *(Councilman Vara)*
12. Discuss, consider and take action to hire contractor for remaining work at the Hidalgo Center. *(Mayor Pedro Lopez)*
13. Consider, discuss and take action on whether to require all city boards and committees to post on their respective agendas that a quorum of the City Council may participate in their open meetings. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
14. Discuss, consider and take action on renewing the search for the city manager position for City of Taft *(Councilman Rodriguez)* or remain as is with current directors until further notice. *(Mayor Pedro Lopez)*
15. Discussion on options for the Lamas Memorial Park Cemetery. *(Mayor Pedro Lopez)*
16. Discuss monthly updates for animal control, code enforcement, police department, and public works.
17. 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.
18. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
19. Discussion of City of Taft Fiscal Year 18-19 Financial Audit. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
20. 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 the City's Emergency Ambulance Service Contract.
21. Adjournment.

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

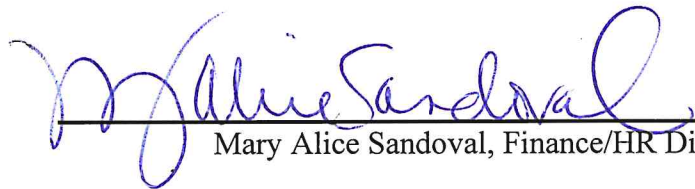
1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.

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| 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 10th day of July 2020, at 5:00 p.m.



Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance/HR Director