

VIA VIDEO AND TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
OCTOBER 13, 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 13th day of October 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. Proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.
5. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the April 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes, May 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes, and May 22, 2020 regular meeting minutes.
6. Consider and discuss 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 on the appointment of Mr. Rolando Rodriguez to the Board of Directors of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation.
8. Discuss, consider and act to appoint Randy Powell, Amanda Powell, Paul Trevino, Jason Keeney and Philip Martinez to the Pride of Taft.
9. Consider, discuss, and take action on Halloween on Green.
10. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve an agreement for use of subscription material with Lexipol.
11. Status update on the memorial bricks. *(Councilman Vara)*
12. Discussion of all outstanding projects due to damage caused by Hurricane Harvey. *(Mayor Lopez)*
13. Update on Taft Cemetery Situation. *(Mayor Lopez)*
14. Discussion on a forensic audit for the City of Taft financial accounts to be administered by an independent group. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
15. Consider, discuss, and take action to amend Resolution 636 by approving Resolution 637, 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)*

- 16. Discuss, consider, and act on assisting Pride of Taft city wide cleanup with containers and backhoe operator on November 21, 2020. (Councilman Vasquez)
- 17. Discuss with Pride of Taft to host a Christmas festival and a tractor pool and other events. (Councilman Vasquez)
- 18. Consider, discuss, and take action on mud pit and burn out events at Little League Park. (Councilman Vasquez)
- 19. Discuss on hiring the city attorney position. (Councilman Vasquez)
- 20. Discuss with a citizen of Taft Felipe Rodriguez with complaints and concerns within the City of Taft. (Councilman Vasquez)
- 21. Discuss monthly updates for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
- 22. 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.
- 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.

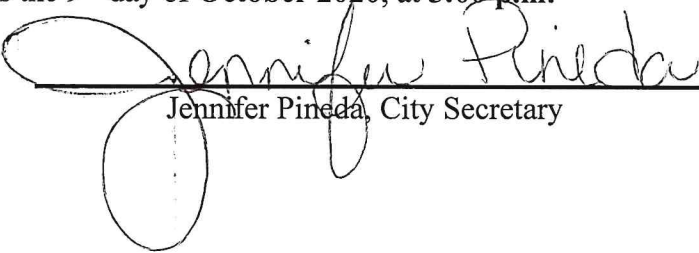
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

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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. |
| 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 9th day of October 2020, at 5:00 p.m.


Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary