VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 29, 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 Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the **29th day September 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: 666-582-613

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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, discuss, and take action to approve the March 21, 2020 emergency meeting minutes, March 24, 2020 regular meeting minutes, April 7, 2020 emergency meeting minutes, and April 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

5. Consider, discuss and take action upon accepting Santos McBain's amended contract for grant administration services for the GLO Contract No. 20-065-097-C269, Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects, Non-Research & Development, Harvey Round 1 Funding.

6. Consider, discuss, and take action upon accepting Santos McBain's amended proposal for Professional Services related to Emergency Management.

7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 639 designating authorized signatories for contractual document and documents requesting funds pertaining to the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG-DR), Contract No. 20-065-097-C269.

8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 641 regarding civil rights for compliance with the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program from the Texas General Land Office. Said resolution includes: 1. Citizen Participation Plan and Grievance Procedures; 2. Section 3 Policy; 3.Excessive Force Policy; 4. Limited English Proficiency Standards Plan; 5. Section 504 Policy Grievance Procedures; 6. Code of Conduct Policy; 7. Fair Housing Policy; and 8. Procurement Policy and Procedures for Federal Grants.

9. Consider, discuss, and take action upon appointing a Section 3 Coordinator for the GLO Contract No. 20-065-097-C269, Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects, Non-Research & Development, Harvey Round 1 Funding.

10. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a Labor Standards Officer for the GLO Contract No. 20-065-097-C269, Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects, Non-Research & Development, Harvey Round 1 Funding.

11. Consider, discuss, and take action upon appointing a Civil Rights Officer for the GLO Contract No. 20-065-097-C269, Community Development Block Grant, Disaster Recovery Program Infrastructure Projects, Non-Research & Development, Harvey Round 1 Funding.

12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 642, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas approving entering into an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program project number 0916-28-081.

13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contractual agreement for professional legal services with Roxann Pais Cotroneo for city prosecutor.

14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1064 to adopt: 2018 International Building Code; ICC A117.1-2017 Standards for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilites; 2018 International Energy Code; 2018 International Existing Building Code; 2018 International Fire Code; 2018 International Fuel Gas Code; 2018 International Mechanical Code; 2018 International Plumbing Code; 2018 International Property Maintenance Code; 2018 International Residential Code, Including Appendices D and J; 2018 International Swimming Pools and Spa Code; 2018 International Zoning Code; 2017 NFPA 70; and 2017 National Electrical Code; Providng a penalty for violation of the ordinance; Providing for publication; Providing a savings clause; Providing a severability clause; and ordianing other matters pertaining to the foregoing.

15. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint a City of Taft Fire Marshall and approve a professional services contract with Nathan Kelley for fire marshall services.

16. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 640, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas adopting TCAP's professional services agreement and Gexa Energy's commercial electric service agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023.

17. Consider, discuss and take action on naming (1) member to the advisory board for the Hidalgo Community Center operations.

18. Discussion on awareness plan for National Night Out 2020.

19. Update on Taft Cemetary Situation. *(Mayor Lopez)*

20. Status update on the sidewalk project. *(Mayor Lopez)*

21. Discuss the status of the siren for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. *(Councilman Hernandez)*

22. Discussion on a forensic audit for the City of Taft financial accounts to be administered by an independent group. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*

23. 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)*

24. 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)*

25. 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. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

26. Consider, discuss, and take action on delinquent water accounts due to Covid-19 waivers. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

27. Discuss with Pride of Taft to host a Christmas festival and a tractor pool and other events. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

28. Discuss findings on mud pit and burn out events at Little League Park. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

29. Discuss on hiring the city attorney position. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

30. Discuss with a citizen of Taft Felipe Rodriguez with complaints and concerns within the City of Taft. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

31. 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.

32. Discussion on the October 13, 2020 regular council meeting.

33. City Council Requests and Announcements:
    - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
    - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers

34. 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 **24th** day of **September 2020**, at **5:00 p.m.**

Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary