

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 2nd day of April, 2019, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III	
Donnie Riojas	Absent
Lolo Hernandez	

Others present: Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary. City Manager Denise Hitt arrived during the executive session.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table item #4 for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution 617, a resolution regarding a finance contract for the purpose of procuring police vehicles.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution 617, a resolution regarding a finance contract for the purpose of procuring police vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a contract with the Taft Economic Development Corporation for maintenance of property.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a contract with the Taft Economic Development Corporation for maintenance of property on Toland and Green Ave. the old doctor's office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried

#7. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County Department of Health in regards to animal control.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County Department of Health in regards to animal control. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Taft will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, to include the following matters: Annexation related issues.**
- 2. The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit: City Manager Denise Hitt.**

Mayor stated that #1 will not be discussed due to the council already receiving information from the city attorney.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

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

Mayor Lopez made a motion to suspend City Manager Denise Hitt for 2 weeks with pay effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

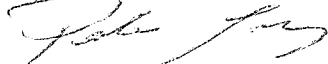
The motion carried.

#10. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Riojas
The motion carried.

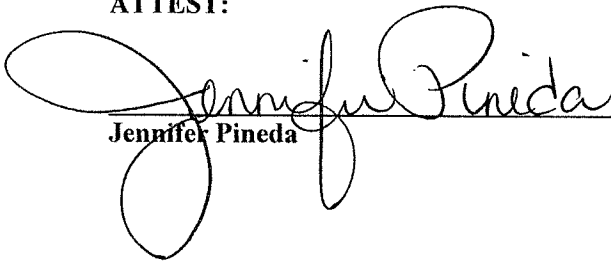
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

