



230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas 78390

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**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390**

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 17th day of SEPTEMBER 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call City Council meeting to order
2. Call Roll and establish quorum is present
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
4. Prayer
5. Citizen Comments: 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 it is requested that they 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.
6. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
7. Public Hearing regarding the City of Taft's Proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.898434 for the 2024 Tax Year. \$0.54234 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the purpose of maintenance and operation and a tax of \$0.356094 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the purpose of principal and interest on bonds and certificates of obligation (Debt services).

8. Consent Agenda

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

Code Enforcement – Report of Enforcement Activities



Ordinance/ Resolution/ Other Action Items:

9. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to Ordinance 240901, an ordinance making appropriations for the Support of the City of Taft, Texas for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2024, and Ending September 30, 2025; Adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Taft, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Funding Year Budget; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for a Repealing Clause; a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date.
10. Discuss, consider and necessary action to ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by Section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code.
11. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to Ordinance 240902, an Ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas Levying Property Taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Taft, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; Providing for a Repealing Clause; Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date.
12. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to establishing a date and time for Taft's Annual Halloween on Green and approving a road closure for the same from Kirkpatrick St. to Hoover St.
13. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to Resolution 240903 to award a contract with Trailer and Associates for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2025-2026 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.
14. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to rescheduling the city council meeting scheduled for Tuesday October 1st as to not conflict with National Night Out.
15. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to the P&Z committee's request to enter into a consulting contract with Jennifer Lopez.
16. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to assigning responsibility for billing of public works labor in reference to code enforcement violations.
17. Discuss, consider and necessary action in regards to approving the 2024-2025 FY holiday schedule.
18. Discuss, consider and necessary action to approve Administrator access for Ryan Smith to the Prosperity Bank Treasury System and to the Business Credit Card Account.



Executive Session

19. **Closed Session:** City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- *Section 551.074* (Personnel Matters) To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against officer or employee

CITY SECRETARY– Andrea Gomez

- Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other 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 Texas Open Meetings Act. Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney

20. **Open Session:** The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

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21. Council and staff comments: Comments may be made by staff or council but no action will be taken.



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22. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.
 23. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.
 24. Adjourn.
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Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email agomez@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89673161002?pwd=GG0p1LjEcnFug9xqdJ00DPa4eRFQSG.1>

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, Ryan Smith certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 11th day of August 2024 by 5:30 p.m.



Ryan Smith – City Manager