



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
MARCH 4, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**

**4. INVOCATION**

**5. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*This item will also include any announcements of community interest and/or upcoming events.*

- a. REAL Transportation assistance during recent winter storm
  - i. Proclamation
  - ii. Presentation (Pam Hernandez, REAL Transportation)

**6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

*The public is invited to address the City Council on any matter of City business. Please note that all comments should be made at this time. Unless an agenda item is listed as a "public hearing," comments will not be taken elsewhere. Also, Council members cannot respond to comments if the topic is not on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. If you wish to speak, please sign up with the City Secretary before the meeting begins. 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.*

**7. STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Items in this section are not expected to require action by City council and are generally for information only. However, all items in this section may become action items on request of any Council Member, and City Council may take action on any item listed in this section without further notice.*

- a. City Attorney Contract- The Gwosdz Law Firm (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- b. City of Taft Budget (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
  - i. Attorney's Fees
  - ii. Public Works Personnel
- c. Water Conservation Efforts and update Drought Contingency Plan (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- d. Lamas Cemetery (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

*City council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution or an ordinance.*

- a. Approve the appointment of Rolando Rodriguez to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation
- b. Approve to name Filaberto Rivera as President of the Planning & Zoning Commission
- c. Approve to tear down fence along Highway 181
- d. Authorize the City Manager to enter a finance agreement with Government Capital on the purchase of water meters
- e. Authorize the City Manager to renew a one year agreement with Infiniti Communications Technologies, Inc for computer network maintenance and support.
- f. Approve Ordinance 2025-1305 adopting the City of Taft Personnel Policy
- g. Approve Ordinance 2025-1306 creating the Building & Standards Commission
- h. Approve the use of the Alvarado Senior Center for private events

## 9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor; however, City Council will not take any action in closed session*

- a. 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, including but not limited to:
  - i. Evaluation of City Manager, Ryan Smith
- b. Section 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.
- c. Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.087: To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations. (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)

## 10. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

*Council will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session action of this agenda.*

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## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### Certification

I, Jessica Gonzalez, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.tafttx.gov](http://www.tafttx.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date: Feb-28, 2025

Time: 4:30pm

  
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Jessica Gonzalez, City Secretary

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.

**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 [jgonzalez@tafttx.gov](mailto:jgonzalez@tafttx.gov) for further information. Braille is not available.