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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
MARCH 18, 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. City Council Announcements
- b. City Staff Announcements

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. Monthly Department Reports (Provided in Written Form)
 - i. Library
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Municipal Court
 - iv. Animal Control
 - v. Code Enforcement
 - vi. Police Department
 - vii. Finance
- b. Update on Water issues (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- c. Update on Grants (Mayor Vasquez)
- d. City Attorney Contract- The Gwosdz Law Firm (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- e. Youth Council Initiative (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 Ordinance 2025-1305 adopting the City of Taft Personnel Policy
- b. Approve Resolution 2025-1302 declaring a unified commitment to the development of regional water supplies and expanding the Port of Corpus Christi authority to include additional representation from the Coastal Bend.
- c. Approve a letter of support for the cleanup of Veterans' resting place at Lamas Cemetery
- d. 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
 - ii. Grievance against City Manager Ryan Smith, City Secretary Jessica Gonzalez and City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz
 - iii. Police Chief John Landreth
- 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.

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, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 3:50 pm


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 for further information. Braille is not available.