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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
AUGUST 5, 2025 – 6:30 P.M.**

**\*\*\* AMENDED AGENDA \*\*\***

- 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. Academic Recognition of Kiara L. Robinson- Wichita State University Dean's Honor Roll Spring 2025 (Congressman Michael Cloud, Texas 27<sup>th</sup> District)
- b. City Council Announcements
- c. 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. CONSENT AGENDA**

*No discussion is anticipated on any of the items in this section because they are routine business, were included in the budget adoption process, or have been previously discussed as a staff report or discussion item. These items will be considered collectively by a single vote, unless a council member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda.*

- a. Approval of October 24, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, December 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 26, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes, and May 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

**8. 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. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Preview (City Manager and Interim Finance Director)
- b. Reducing the number of council meetings from 2 per month to one per month (City Manager)

**9. 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. Convert the Library Board into a Library Board 501c organization (City Manager)
- b. Approve to remove Karen Ivey from the City of Taft Library Board and appoint Linda Watson for the remainder of the term. (City Manager)
- c. Approve Resolution 2025-1308 ordering an Election to be held in the City of Taft on November 4, 2025 for the election of Mayor, Alderman Place 1 and Alderman Place 2; Authorizing and Election Services Contract with San Patricio County Elections Administrator for the Conduct of the Election; Providing for Procedures for holding such Election; Providing for Notice of Election and Publication; Providing for designating Election Day Polling Place Location; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an effective date. (City Secretary)

- d. Approve the removal of City Secretary Jessica Gonzalez and adding Mayor Leonard Vasquez, Mayor Pro Tem Elida Castillo and Alderman Alonzo Molina, Isaiah Garza and Chris Keeney as signers to the City of Taft bank account. (City Manager)

## 10. 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. City Manager Ryan Smith
  - ii. Resignation of City Secretary Jessica Gonzalez
  - iii. Appointment of Interim City Secretary
  - iv. Police Chief

## 11. 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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## 12. 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: August 2, 2025

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Jessica Gonzalez

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.

A quorum of the city council will be present at 230 Green Ave., Taft, Texas ("City Council Chambers"), and the city intends to have a quorum present at that location. The Presiding officer of the meeting will be present at City Council chambers, and that location will be open to the public. Other city council members may participate in this meeting by video conference, so long as their face is visible, and their voice audible to members of the public in attendance at City Council Chambers while that member is speaking.

### 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.