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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
NOVEMBER 12, 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. 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.*

**6. 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 February 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, May 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 Workshop Meeting Minutes, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2025 Special Meeting Minutes, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, December 11<sup>th</sup> 2024 Special Meeting Minutes, and December 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- b. Recognition of Mr. Jerry Chien Jr. for Receiving the Texas State Board of Education's 2025 Student Heroes Award

**7. 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. Administration of the Oath of Office to the Newly Appointed City Secretary Lucia Rios
- b. Consideration and possible action to canvas the returns and declaring the results of the City of Taft General Election held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing a Mayor, one Alderperson from Ward 1, and one Alderperson from Ward 2
- c. Administration of the Oath of Office to Newly Elected Members of the Taft City Council
- d. Seat the New Council
- e. Appoint Mayor Pro-Tem
- f. Discuss, Consider, and Act on filling the vacant seat for Ward 1 Alderperson
- g. Consideration and possible action regarding the casting of votes for candidates nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the San Patricio County Appraisal District for the 2026–2027 term.
- h. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the award of a Water Tender grant to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department, including authorization to proceed with grant acceptance and local match commitment.

- i. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding the award of a Skid Unit grant to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department, including authorization to proceed with grant acceptance and local match commitment.
- j. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the creation of one (1) additional Police Officer position within the Taft Police Department and the merger of duties with the existing Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer position.
- k. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve modifying the signers on the City of Taft Bank Accounts.
- l. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve adding Lucia Rios and Sandra Garcia to positive pay.
- m. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to update the authorized card holders to include all current department heads and to include the Public Works Secretary and the Police Department Lieutenant and Admin Assistant.
- n. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to waive the city administrative portion of the permit fee for disaster/storm related permits (must prove work is storm related)

## **8. 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 551.071, 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.

## **9. 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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## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

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