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**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL**  
**TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS**  
**May 26, 2026 – 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.*

**1. Recognition of Alex Martinez for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Nationals for Powerlifting – Mayor Castillo**

**2. The MHU Clinic Coordinator for South Texas Family Planning & Health – Sarah Villarreal**

**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.*

**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. City Manager Updates – Wendy Pullin

b. Finance Report – Sandra Garcia

**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.

9.1 Discussion to get Frontier Waste Solutions to let the City of Taft know how many dumpsters and carts are active currently – Mayor Castillo

9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action for City Councils review and approval of the material list from Cheniere and possibly waiving the permits needed – Fire Chief Vasquez

9.3 Discuss, consider and possible action on the EMS building repairs – Mayor Pro-Tem Cruz-Molina

9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action on the purchase of a box truck for the Public Works Department – Mayor Castillo

9.5 Discuss, consider and possible action on the professional services of Glen Searcy – Councilwoman Lopez

9.6 Discussion on our water issue with billing and perhaps an analytical report on water usage from January – April 2026 vs the same time period for 2025 – Councilwoman Lopez

9.7 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve Resolution No. 26-011 authorizing a request to the City of Corpus Christi for modifications to its proposed ordinance setting baselines and approving curtailment percentage for water customers during a level one water emergency – Mayor Castillo

9.8 Discuss, consider and possible action on the vehicles and building repairs from the hailstorm – Mayor

Castillo

- 9.9 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding any and all information on water bill investigation – Councilwoman Moreno
- 9.10 Discuss, consider and possible action for an outside party to help handle the water bill investigation – Councilwoman Moreno
- 9.11 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding Alvarado Senior Center and any bank accounts associated to the center – Councilwoman Moreno
- 9.12 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding a ride along to ensure the number of toters is accurate to the customers and what is being paid monthly – Councilwoman Moreno
- 9.13 Discuss, consider and possible action on the estimate cost of area lighting at the wastewater treatment plant, for removal and replacement of light poles, labor and equipment to mount new light fixtures and reconnect lights – City Manager Pullin
- 9.14 Discussion on reviewing and updating the municipal zoning regulations to promote sustainable growth – Councilman Molina
- 9.15 Discussion on implementing a sustainability initiative focusing on green spaces and environmental conservation – Councilman Molina

## 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.*

10.1 Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary rules of professional conduct rule to consult with attorney concerning legal issues related to:

1. Ryan Smith vs City of Taft, Texas
2. Andrea Gomez vs City of Taft, Texas
3. City of Taft vs LeeAnn Gobon

10.2 Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, including the evaluation of Police Chief Massey

## 11. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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

## 12. 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 faces are 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.

### Certification

The above notice was posted at the City of Taft City Hall located at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on May 19, 2026, by 6:30 p.m.